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DATE: April 21, 2017

TO: Office of Commission Clerk (Stauffer)

FROM: Division of Economics (Rome) *CR* *ESD PD*
Office of the General Counsel (Mapp) *KLM JSC*

RE: Docket No. 170073-EI – Petition for approval of revised underground residential distribution tariffs, by Tampa Electric Company.

AGENDA: 05/04/17 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Filing – Interested Persons May Participate

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

PREHEARING OFFICER: Administrative

CRITICAL DATES: 05/30/17 (60-Day Suspension Date)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

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Case Background

On March 31, 2017, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a petition for approval of its revised underground residential distribution (URD) tariffs. URD tariffs reflect the additional costs TECO incurs to provide underground distribution service in place of overhead service, and are paid by the customer as a contribution-in-aid-of-construction. TECO's current charges were approved in Order No. PSC-15-0273A-TRF-EI.¹ The following is staff's recommendation to suspend the proposed tariff revisions. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

¹ Order No. PSC-15-0273A-TRF-EI, issued July 6, 2015, in Docket No. 150103-EI, *In re: Petition for approval of revised underground residential distribution tariff, by Tampa Electric Company.*

Discussion of Issues

Issue 1: Should TECO's proposed URD tariff revisions be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. (Rome)

Staff Analysis: Staff recommends that the tariffs be suspended to allow staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present the Commission with an informed recommendation on the tariff proposals.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., the Commission may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such increase a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. Staff believes that the reason stated above is good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's decision on the proposed tariff revisions. (Mapp)

Staff Analysis: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's decision on the proposed tariff revisions.