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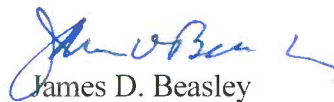
Re: Load Research Sampling Report – Tampa Electric Company

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

In compliance with Rule 25-6.0437, attached is Tampa Electric Company's Load Research Sampling Plan report.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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Attachment

cc: Paula K. Brown (w/o attachment)



LOAD RESEARCH

SAMPLING PLAN

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APPLICABLE RATE CLASSES

Tampa Electric Company's retail rate classes and the respective annual MWH sales for each rate class are shown in the table below. Additionally, the third column provides the percent of total annual sales for each rate class and demonstrates the company's compliance with Rule 25-6.0437, Florida Administrative Code, which requires sampling of all rate classes that account for more than one percent of a utility's annual sales. The annual sales reported are for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2016.

PERCENTAGE OF ANNUAL MWH SALES BY RATE

Rate	Annual Sales (MWH)	Percent of Total Sales
Residential (RS,RSVP)	9,173,040	47.7%
General Service Non-Demand (GS, GST,TS)	990,482	5.1%
General Service Demand (GSD, GSDT, SBFT)	7,952,619	41.3%
Interruptible Service (IS, IST, SBIT)	903,405	4.7%
Lighting Service (LS)	214,979	1.1%
Total	19,234,525	100.0%

EXISTING SAMPLE METHODOLOGY

During 2016, each of the rate classes listed in the table above were monitored as part of Tampa Electric Company's load research program. Samples for the Residential and General Service Demand classes were randomly selected and installed in late 2014 and data was collected during 2015 and 2016. Samples for the General Service Non-Demand rate class were randomly selected and installed in late 2015 and data was collected during 2016. The sample for the Interruptible Service class is not necessary because recorders are installed on all of these meters for billing purposes. Therefore, the data collected by the recorders are used for load research purposes as well. The lighting services rate class sampled circuits were chosen based on their ability to be metered and will remain in place on an ongoing basis.

On an ongoing basis, random samples for one or two rate classes will be selected and installed every year and data will be collected from the samples for 24 months. Once the new sample is fully installed and data collection has begun, the previously selected sample for the class(es) will be retired and removed.

EXISTING SAMPLE DESIGN

The Residential Service (RS) class sample was pre-stratified by three categories of housing type: single family detached, multi-family and mobile home. The stratification is needed because the load patterns for the three housing types are dissimilar and the percentage of mobile homes in the population changes with the seasons. Because the sample is stratified by housing type and the inter-strata migration is insignificant, the stratum weights are varied on a month-by-month basis when estimating class demands. Thus, the estimated demands reflect the seasonal changes in the housing type mix.

The sample points were allocated to the strata using Neyman allocation with stratum means and variances estimated from previous sample results. A minimum sample size of 50 was used in the multi-family and mobile home categories to ensure greater accuracy of data for those sub-populations. The resulting allocation is shown below.

The RS class sample did not require any changes. Proposed sample allocations for this class remain the same and are shown in the table below.

RS SAMPLE

Stratum	Sample Size
Single Family Detached	175
Multi-family	50
Mobile Home	50
Total	275

The stratification variable used for the General Service Non-Demand (GS) sample was the annual kilowatt-hour (kWh) consumption at the time of sample selection. The stratum boundary was set at 15,000 kWh of annual usage. The sample points were allocated to the strata using Neyman allocation with stratum variances estimated from previous sample results. The sample also includes additional strata for customers metered or served at primary voltage levels to perform cost of service analysis. The 100 percent sampled strata sizes are as of December 2016. The allocation is shown below.

GS SAMPLE

Stratum	Sample Size
Secondary: 0 – 14,999 kWh	257
Secondary: 15,000 – infinity kWh	243
Secondary Metered/Primary Served	0 ⁽¹⁾
Primary Metered/Secondary Served	10 ⁽¹⁾
Primary Metered/Primary Served	25 ⁽¹⁾
Primary Metered/Subtransmission Served	0 ⁽¹⁾
Total	535

(1) 100 percent sampled stratum; therefore, size will vary depending upon the number of customers meeting the criteria.

The stratification variable used for the General Service Demand (GSD) sample was the highest billed demand in the 12 months prior to sample selection. To facilitate cost of service analysis, class demands are separated by the voltage levels at which they are metered and serviced. For secondary voltage customers, the stratum boundaries were 200 kW and 500 kW. All customers over 500 kW were included in a 100 percent sampled stratum. For any customer subsequently exceeding this threshold, recorders were installed and they were included in the sample as well. The sample points in the two sampled strata were allocated using Neyman allocation. The 100 percent sampled strata sizes are as of December 2016. The allocation is shown below.

GSD SAMPLE

Stratum	Sample Size
Secondary 0 – 199 kW	70
Secondary 200 – 499 kW	70
Secondary over 499 kW (100%)	718 ⁽¹⁾
Secondary Metered/Primary Served (100%)	0 ⁽¹⁾
Primary Metered/Secondary Served (100%)	39 ⁽¹⁾
Primary Metered/Primary Served (100%)	113 ⁽¹⁾
Primary Metered/Subtransmission Served (100%)	1 ⁽¹⁾
Subtransmission Metered/Primary Served (100%)	1 ⁽¹⁾
Subtransmission Metered/Subtrans.Served (100%)	5 ⁽¹⁾
Total	1,017

(1) 100 percent sampled stratum; therefore, size will vary depending upon the number of customers meeting the criteria.

A sample for the Interruptible Service (IS) class is not necessary because recorders are installed on all of these meters for billing purposes. The data collected by the recorders is also used for load research purposes. Under this plan, the collection of load data for the IS class will continue in this manner.

The lighting sample consists of four circuits of 84 total lights with varying types of fixtures and wattage.

EXISTING SAMPLE ACCURACY

The 2016 accuracy achieved for the three classes randomly sampled were calculated for each month's coincident peak, the aggregate of the 12 monthly coincident peaks and the summer and winter non-coincident (rate class) peaks. The accuracy for each class was calculated in the conventional manner for combined ratio analysis.

The 2016 accuracy achieved for each rate class's aggregated 12 coincident peaks was better than the required ± 10 percent accuracy at the 90 percent confidence limit. The results are shown below.

**2016 COINCIDENT PEAK PERCENTAGE ACCURACIES
AT 90 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL
USING COMBINED RATIO ESTIMATION**

Month	RS	GS	GSD
January	8.12	9.92	5.34
February	7.31	8.51	4.86
March	5.95	6.05	3.69
April	5.09	5.63	3.85
May	4.56	5.09	3.59
June	4.00	4.92	3.50
July	3.62	4.90	2.99
August	3.59	4.20	3.12
September	4.38	5.29	2.72
October	3.99	4.52	2.89
November	5.10	5.93	3.06
December	5.99	6.85	3.74
12 Coincident Peaks Accuracy	5.0	5.8	3.5

The 2016 winter and summer non-coincident (rate class) peak accuracy achieved for the RS and GSD samples was better than the target of ± 10 percent accuracy at the 90 percent confidence limit. The accuracy achieved for the GS sample was also better than the target of ± 15 percent accuracy at the 90 percent confidence limit for the winter and summer peaks. The results are shown below.

**2016 NON-COINCIDENT (RATE CLASS) PEAK PERCENTAGE ACCURACIES
AT 90 PERCENT CONFIDENCE LEVEL
USING COMBINED RATIO ESTIMATION**

Month	RS	GS	GSD
Winter Peak	8.12	8.72	3.20
Summer Peak	3.36	13.47	2.89

PROPOSED SAMPLING PLAN FOR 2019 LOAD RESEARCH STUDY

The Residential Service (RS) class sample met the required levels of accuracy for 2016; therefore, no changes are required in this sample design. Proposed sample allocations for this class remain the same and are shown in the table below.

PROPOSED RS SAMPLE

Stratum	Sample Size
Single Family Detached	175
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Total	275

The General Service Non-Demand (GS) class sample also met the required levels of accuracy for the 2016 winter non-coincident peak, summer non-coincident peak and 12 coincident peaks; therefore, no changes are required in the sample design. Proposed sample allocations for this class are shown in the table below.

PROPOSED GS SAMPLE

Stratum	Sample Size
Secondary: 0 – 14,999 kWh	257
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(1) 100 percent sampled stratum; therefore, size will vary depending upon the number of customers meeting the criteria.

The General Service Demand (GSD) class sample also met the required winter non-coincident peak, summer non-coincident peak and 12 coincident peaks levels of accuracy for 2016; therefore, no changes are required in the sample design. The proposed GSD sample allocation is shown below and the totals for the 100 percent sampled strata are as of December 2016.

PROPOSED GSD SAMPLE

Stratum	Sample Size
Secondary 0 – 199 kW	70
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The lighting services rate class sample will remain the same. Data collection on the four circuits with 84 lights will continue through 2019.

SAMPLE SELECTION

Once sample sizes, stratum definitions, and sample allocations are determined, sample selection begins. Random numbers are assigned to each customer in the class; then, the list of customers is sorted in ascending order by the assigned random number. The first group of customers on the list is the prime sample, while the following group is used, if necessary, as a source of replacement customers. The replacement list is maintained in random order and used in order, as needed. For customers selected, the standard billing watt-hour meter is replaced with a pulse-initiating meter. In addition, a recording device is installed to collect and retain pulse information in 15 minute intervals. The recorded information is collected and processed on a monthly basis.

SAMPLE REMOVALS AND REPLACEMENTS

Tampa Electric proposes to allow a specific number of removals per class that will not require replacements. Therefore, the RS class will be allowed five removals per stratum, before installation of replacements begins. The GS class and the GSD class will be allowed fifteen and five removals per stratum, respectively. There is no expectation that accuracy levels will be impacted by this change. Sample sizes are well above the computed sample size levels for meeting accuracy requirements.