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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20170097-EI

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW
DEPRECIATION CLASS AND RATE
FOR ENERGY STORAGE EQUIPMENT,
BY FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT
COMPANY.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 10

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN

DATE: Thursday, September 7, 2017

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Item 10.

3 **MR. HIGGINS:** Good morning, Commissioners.
4 Devlin Higgins with Commission staff.

5 Item 10 addresses Florida Power & Light's
6 petition for establishment of a depreciation rate
7 associated with energy storage equipment.

8 Staff's recommendation, as detailed in its
9 memorandum before you today, are based on Commission
10 rules and formulated through review and analysis of
11 FPL's petition as well as responses to staff's data
12 requests. Staff notes that it is not aware of any
13 public concerns on this matter.

14 Thank you, Commissioners, and we're prepared
15 to answer any questions.

16 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Thank you, Mr. Higgins.

17 Commissioners? Commissioner Brisé.

18 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Thank you, Madam Chair.
19 I appreciate staff's work on, on this recommendation,
20 recognizing that this is sort of nascent technology.
21 And establishing the depreciation period and rate is --
22 it's something that we're trying to figure out. And
23 also recognition that at any time this Commission can
24 take a second look at it to make sure that the rate is
25 set at the appropriate level.

1 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Thank you.

2 Commissioner Polmann.

3 **COMMISSIONER POLMANN:** Thank you, Madam
4 Chairman.

5 Question or request. Could you please
6 elaborate for us briefly what's included in the
7 description, not necessarily account specifics but a
8 description of the terminology "energy storage
9 equipment" just so we are clear in this context here
10 what's being referred to generally?

11 **MR. HIGGINS:** Yes. There was inverters,
12 equipment to attach the batteries to the grid wires,
13 cabling, that, that type of stuff. We do have an exact
14 listing. Excuse me. Equipment to integrate the solar
15 facilities; moreover, basic -- basically hardware, wires
16 and such is mostly --

17 **COMMISSIONER POLMANN:** Okay. So if I could
18 just reflect on that. This is associated with battery
19 storage and the appurtenances principally derived with
20 their solar energy efforts; is that a fair statement?

21 **MR. HIGGINS:** That is a -- it seems to be what
22 they're looking at, just going through data requests.
23 But there's also onsite facility, reliable backup
24 electric -- electricity as well as some small
25 transmission conditioning functions.

1 **COMMISSIONER POLMANN:** Okay, okay. Well,
2 thank you.

3 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Can I get a motion?

4 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Move staff.

5 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Is there any further
6 discussion?

7 All those in favor --

8 **COMMISSIONER POLMANN:** Second.

9 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Second. Trying to get y'all
10 out of here.

11 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

12 (Vote taken.)

13 Thank you. The motion passes.

14 (Agenda item concluded.)

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18 DATED THIS 18th day of September, 2017.

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