

BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20180038-EI

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE  
IN RATE USED TO CAPITALIZE ALLOWANCE  
FOR FUNDS USED DURING CONSTRUCTION  
(AFUDC) FROM 6.16% TO 5.97%, EFFECTIVE  
JANUARY 1, 2018, BY FLORIDA POWER &  
LIGHT COMPANY.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 6

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN  
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN  
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK  
COMMISSIONER ANDREW G. FAY

DATE: Friday, April 20, 2018

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Staff, Item No. 6.

3 MR. BUYS: Good morning, Commissioners. I am  
4 Dale Buys with Commission staff.

5 If I may, Mr. Chairman, I would like to  
6 introduce to you our newest staff member, Mr. John  
7 Hightower. He joined the Commission staff in  
8 January of this year. He is our newest member of  
9 the finance and tax team in the Division of  
10 Accounting and Finance. And with that, he is going  
11 to introduce Item 6.

12 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Mr. Hightower.

13 MR. HIGHTOWER: Good morning, Commissioners.  
14 I am John Hightower with Commission staff.

15 Item No. 6 addresses Florida Power & Light's  
16 request for approval to change its AFUDC rate from  
17 6.16 percent to 5.97 percent effective January 1st,  
18 2018, in Docket No. 20180038-EI.

19 Staff has reviewed the company's filing and  
20 believes that FP&L's requested rate is appropriate,  
21 consistent with Rule 25-60141, Florida  
22 Administrative Code, and recommends that it be  
23 approved.

24 Staff is prepared to answer any questions the  
25 Commission may have on this matter.

1 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you.

2 Commissioners, any questions of Mr. Hightower?

3 Commissioner Polmann.

4 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr.

5 Chairman.

6 Mr. Hightower, is this your first opportunity

7 before the Commission?

8 MR. HIGHTOWER: Yes, sir.

9 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I have had occasion in  
10 my readings of various items in a field such as  
11 yours, not being very familiar with certain items  
12 in your field, that percentages sometimes are  
13 counterintuitive, where a percentage that goes down  
14 is not necessarily a decrease in the cost to the  
15 customer. And, in fact, I think I have seen cases  
16 where a decrease has actually caused an increase,  
17 so I may be wrong on that. But could you explain  
18 to me whether this decrease in percentage is  
19 actually a decrease in the cost?

20 MR. HIGHTOWER: A decrease in the percentage  
21 is actually a decrease in the cost. Yeah, I would  
22 say it is in this matter. They will collect  
23 less -- less for the -- less of the AFUDC, you  
24 know, from the customer.

25 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: So it's affirmative --

1 MR. HIGHTOWER: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: -- it's a lesser cost  
3 to the customer?

4 MR. HIGHTOWER: Yes, sir. It's less.

5 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay. Well, thank you  
6 very.

7 MR. HIGHTOWER: You're welcome.

8 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Mr. Chairman, I would  
9 move staff recommendation.

10 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and seconded  
11 staff recommendation on Item No. 6.

12 Any further discussion?

13 Seeing none, all in favor say aye.

14 (Chorus of ayes.)

15 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: By your action, you have  
18 approved the staff recommendation on Item No. 6.

19 Thank you, staff.

20 (Agenda item concluded.)

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