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Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
Office of Electric and Gas  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

RE: West Florida Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. Storm Recovery Tariff

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

This letter and attached filings are submitted on behalf of West Florida Electric Cooperative Association, Inc. (WFEC) pursuant to Rules 25-9.051 through 25-9.071 of the Florida Administrative Code.

Hurricane Michael made landfall in the Florida Panhandle on October 10, 2018 as a Category 5 storm, leaving at least 45 people dead in the United States. The cyclone caused significant wind and coastal storm surge damage in Florida as winds gusted beyond 120 mph (195 kph) and storm surge neared 9.0 feet (2.7 meters) in height.

When Hurricane Michael made landfall, the eye of this Category 5 hurricane passed directly over WFEC's service area. Immediately after the storm, the entire electrical distribution system was inoperable, and only 230 of the meters were reporting power. WFEC had to move quickly to begin to restore power. As a result, through mutual aid agreements, contracts secured under exigent circumstances, state and federal resources, over 1,600 utility workers began the emergency restoration of power to the distribution system. Florida Governor Rick Scott delivered a mandate to all utility companies to have services restored within 30 days of landfall. WFEC had service restored to every customer who could receive power within this deadline.

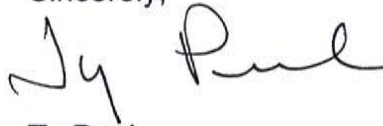
The costs incurred by WFEC associated with Hurricane Michael are estimated to exceed \$70 million. At their regular board meeting held April 23, 2019, WFEC's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve a Rate Rider Storm Restoration Recovery Surcharge to recover incremental storm-related costs incurred by the Cooperative as the direct result of Hurricane Michael. This surcharge will become effective June 1, 2019 and will continue for a period of 5 years/60 months.

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Attached is our Rate Rider Storm Restoration Recovery identifying those rate schedules affected by this surcharge. This rate rider has also been submitted electronically at this link: <https://secure.floridapsc.com/ClerkOffice/EfilingPublic>.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 850.263.3231 or by email [tpeel@westflorida.coop](mailto:tpeel@westflorida.coop).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ty Peel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "P".

Ty Peel  
Executive Vice President and CEO

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Attachment

RATE RIDER STORM RESTORATION RECOVERY

HURRICANE MICHAEL

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to each rate schedule under which a member receives service.

STORM RESTORATION RECOVERY SURCHARGE

The Interim Storm Restoration Recovery Surcharge is designed to recover incremental storm-related costs incurred by the Cooperative related to Hurricane Michael. The factor is applicable to the Energy Charge under the Cooperative's various rate schedules.

Interim Storm Cost Recovery Surcharge factors are shown below:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>Dollars/kWh</u>
<u>RS, RS-T</u>	<u>\$.0091</u>
<u>GS</u>	<u>\$.0118</u>
<u>GSD, GSD-T</u>	<u>\$.0051</u>
<u>IS</u>	<u>\$.0007</u>
<u>LP, LP-T</u>	<u>\$.0020</u>

Issued by: Ty Peel  
Executive Vice President and CEO

Effective: June 1, 2019