

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 11

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October 3, 2019

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Docket No. 20190056-GU – Petition for approval of 2019 consolidated depreciation study by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Public Utilities Company-Indiantown Division, Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade, and Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Issue 1: Should the currently prescribed depreciation rates for FPUC be revised?

Recommendation: Yes. The review of FPUC’s plant and depreciation-related information indicates a need to revise the Company’s currently prescribed depreciation rates.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: What are staff's recommended depreciation parameters and resulting rates?

Recommendation: Staff recommends the Commission approve the lives, reserve percentages, net salvage percentages, and resulting depreciation rates applicable to FPUC's investments shown on Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated September 20, 2019. As shown on Attachment B of staff's memorandum dated September 20, 2019, the relevant corresponding total depreciation expense effect of staff's rate recommendations is a decrease of \$893,899 or approximately 7.2 percent, from current depreciation expense levels at December 31, 2018.

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Issue 3: What should be the implementation date for newly authorized depreciation rates?

Recommendation: For the depreciation rates approved by the Commission in Issue 2, staff recommends an implementation date of January 1, 2019.

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Issue 4: Should the current amortization of investment tax credits (ITCs) and flow back of excess deferred income taxes (EDITs) be revised to reflect the approved depreciation rates and amortization schedules?

Recommendation: Yes. The current amortization of ITCs should be revised to match the actual recovery periods for the related property. The Company should file detailed calculations of the revised ITC amortization at the same time it files its earnings surveillance report covering the period ending December 31, 2019, as specified in Rule 27-7.1352, F.A.C.

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Issue 5: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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