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**DATE:** June 19, 2020  
**TO:** Dorothy E. Menasco, Commission Deputy Clerk II, Office of Commission Clerk  
**FROM:** Corey Hampson, Public Utility Analyst I, Division of Economics  
**RE:** Staff Response to Customer Correspondence

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Please file the following response letter as a customer correspondence in Docket 20200106-EI. This letter is a response to the customer correspondence of Mr. Greg Merchant (Document No. 01969-2020).

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## Public Service Commission

June 19, 2020

Greg Merchant  
14970 SE 73<sup>rd</sup> Lane  
Morrison, Florida 32668

Dear Mr. Merchant:

The Florida Public Service Commission has received and reviewed your letter regarding the proposed territorial agreement between Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO) and Duke Energy Florida (Duke), which the Commission is addressing in Docket 20200106-EI. Your letter was filed in this Docket as consumer correspondence (Document No. 01969-2020). To assist in our review of your concerns, staff contacted Duke for an explanation regarding your concerns. In response to staff, Duke stated it would be able to attach its distribution lines to SECO's existing underground facilities. Furthermore, Duke stated that the pictured trees are scheduled for trimming in the second quarter of 2020. With respect to the SECO lightning protector you had purchased, surge protection service is an optional and unregulated service. Therefore, staff can not address issues regarding surge protection and warranty amounts.

Finally, you stated that you object to the transfer from SECO to Duke because your electric bill would go up. As of February 2020, the rate comparison for residential customers using 1,000 kilowatt-hours is \$123.99 for Duke and \$119.89 for SECO. Please keep in mind that the utilities' rates will likely change in the future and, therefore, the bill comparison may change too.

The Commission is scheduled to vote on the proposed territorial agreement at the July 9, 2020 Agenda Conference. You can view that Agenda Conference from the Commission's website at [www.floridapsc.com](http://www.floridapsc.com). You may also review all the information filed for Commission consideration by accessing the Commission's website. Under the Clerk's Office tab at the top of the page, click on Dockets. Type in the docket number 20200106 and click the search button. Then select Document Filings Index for a list of all filings in the docket. This procedure allows you to view all of the information filed by the utilities and other parties in this matter. If you wish to address the Commission at the July 9, 2020 Commission Conference, please contact Walt Trierweiler, Senior Attorney, at 850-413-6584.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Corey Hampson".

Corey Hampson  
Public Utility Analyst

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