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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

Docket No. 20200110-EI

Petition for approval of  
revised underground  
residential distribution  
tariffs, by Duke Energy  
Florida, Inc.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 12

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

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
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4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Item No. 12, Mr. Futrell.

3 MR. FUTRELL: Item 12 is staff's  
4 recommendation on Duke Energy Florida's petition  
5 for approval of its -- of revisions to its  
6 underground residential distribution tariffs.

7 These tariffs apply to new residential  
8 subdivisions and represent the additional costs, if  
9 any, Duke incurs to provide underground  
10 distribution service in place of overhead service.

11 Duke's proposed underground cost differentials  
12 remain zero dollars per lot for the load density  
13 and gained meter subdivisions. For the high  
14 density subdivision, the proposed differential  
15 decrease from the current \$34 to zero dollars per  
16 lot.

17 The decrease in the differentials is primarily  
18 attributable to changes in Duke's labor, material  
19 and operational costs.

20 In addition, Duke is proposing two additional  
21 undergrounding cost options in its tariffs, these  
22 changes would allow developers the option to  
23 purchase and install primary and secondary conduit  
24 in the subdivision.

25 Mr. David, with the Office of Public Counsel,

1 would like to address the Commission, and  
2 representatives of the utility are available to  
3 reply to his comments in and your questions.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Mr. David, you  
5 are recognized.

6 MR.. DAVID: Yes, sir. This is Tad David for  
7 the Office of Public Counsel, appearing on behalf  
8 of J.R. Kelly and the citizens of the State of  
9 Florida.

10 I would request the comments I am making made  
11 part of the record of both Docket 20200110, which  
12 is the Duke docket, and -- and also Docket  
13 20200113, which is Item 13, the Gulf docket. And I  
14 was just -- I was just going to make the comment  
15 one time, and then request that they be inserted  
16 into the records of each of those dockets so that I  
17 didn't -- I was not redundant in any commentary  
18 unnecessarily.

19 I am not here also to oppose Duke's or Gulf's  
20 request, or staff's recommendation necessarily in  
21 these dockets. However, OPC wants to ensure that  
22 Duke's and Gulf's customers do not pay for  
23 undergrounding which these utilities were otherwise  
24 compensated.

25 I would like assurances that the rates charged

1 for Duke's or Gulf's proposed revisions to their  
2 residential -- residential tariffs not only --  
3 excuse me, are not also included in any request for  
4 recovery under the Storm Protection Plan Cost  
5 Recovery Clause.

6 Further, since the rule expressly requires the  
7 cost estimate to reflect the requirements of  
8 25-6.0342 the Florida Administrative Code for the  
9 storm hardening, that that rule has been repealed  
10 in light of the adoption of the storm protection  
11 plan rules. I would request the Commission  
12 consider all costs these companies might recover  
13 through the SPP mechanism under Section 366.96  
14 Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-6.030 and 25-6.031  
15 of the Florida Administrative Code, and request  
16 this recovery be reflected in any charge under any  
17 of the proposed tariffs in these dockets.

18 At a minimum, OPC requests that the  
19 Commission, in approving any change under the URD  
20 tariff in these dockets -- proposed in either  
21 docket, expressly include a requirement that the  
22 company verify in writing that any project paid  
23 through the URD tariff would not also be included  
24 in any program in the can company's SPPs or  
25 requests recovery under the SPP CR3. We would

1 request that that requirement be explicitly  
2 included in the order in each of these dockets.

3 This can be done by requiring a report within  
4 30 days of the Commission's approval of any  
5 recovery requested through the SPP CR3, with such  
6 report clearly demonstrating that no project paid  
7 through the URD tariff is or will be included in  
8 any of the program in the company's SPPs or request  
9 for recovery under its SPP.

10 This will simply ensure that the spirit of  
11 Rule 25-6.078, and Section 366.96(8) of Florida  
12 Statutes will be upheld and will provide protection  
13 to Duke's and Gulf's customers, and assure that  
14 there will not be a double recovery either under  
15 either the SPP CR3 or the URD tariffs proposed  
16 herein.

17 Thank you for the time this morning -- or this  
18 afternoon now, and I am here for any questions that  
19 the Commissioners may have.

20 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you.

21 MR. FUTRELL: Mr. Chairman, if I may, I am  
22 sorry --

23 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Mr. Futrell.

24 MR. FUTRELL: -- but we were not -- the staff  
25 was not aware that Mr. David's comments went to

1 both Items 12 and 13. So perhaps if you -- if you  
2 wish to -- to take these up simultaneously, since  
3 his comments went to both dockets, that way that  
4 will give both companies an opportunity to respond,  
5 and for the Commission to entertain both at the  
6 same time.

7 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Yeah, I have no objection.  
8 Any of Commissioner object?

9 We have no objections from the Commissioners.  
10 Ms. Helton, is that good with you?

11 MS. HELTON: Mr. Futrell checked with me  
12 first, and I am all good.

13 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. We are going to  
14 take both of these items up simultaneously to keep  
15 Mr. David from having to repeat his comments again.

16 MR. DAVID: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. First of all, Mr.  
18 Bernier, any response?

19 MR. BERNIER: Just very briefly, Mr. Chairman.

20 I -- I will verify right now on the record  
21 that Duke Energy will not be double recovering any  
22 costs through SPP and through the URD. That's our  
23 intention, and we take appropriate steps to make  
24 sure that that does not occur.

25 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you very much.

1           Mr. Badders, can you swear and affirm the  
2           same?

3           MR. RUBIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, this is  
4           Ken Rubin. I am appearing on behalf of Gulf.

5           Certainly, we will not be double recovering,  
6           or seek to make any kind of double recovery. This  
7           is the first we have heard of Public Counsel's  
8           additional requests, which were not part of the  
9           staff recommendation, were not part of the docket,  
10          and so I was a little bit taken aback by the  
11          comments, but we fully support the staff  
12          recommendation and would oppose any additional  
13          conditions that Public Counsel had suggested.

14          Thank you, sir.

15          CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you Mr. Rubin.

16          All right. Commissioners, any questions?

17          Commissioner Graham?

18          COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

19          I move staff recommendation on Items 12 and  
20          13.

21          CHAIRMAN CLARK: Can I have a second?

22          COMMISSIONER BROWN: Second.

23          CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second  
24          to approve Items 12 and 13, staff recommendation.

25          Any discussion on any of the items?

1           Commissioner Fay, I am sorry, your green light  
2           came on. You are good? Okay. It was on for half  
3           a second.

4           All right. Any -- any other Commissioner, any  
5           comments?

6           All right. On the motion, all in favor, say  
7           aye.

8           (Chorus of ayes.)

9           CHAIRMAN CLARK: Opposed?

10          (No response.)

11          CHAIRMAN CLARK: The motion is approved.

12          All right. That concludes all of our items  
13          for this particular Agenda Conference. So we are  
14          going to take a 50-minute break. We are going  
15          to -- excuse me, we are going to take a one-hour  
16          break. We are going to come back at exactly 1:40,  
17          and begin with our hearing.

18          Just a special note, we do need those of you  
19          that will be joining us for the Duke hearing to  
20          please plan to log in at 10 after 1:00, at 10  
21          minutes after 1:00, we need you to log in so that  
22          we can test all the system. It's going to take  
23          about 20 minutes to go through and test everyone  
24          and make sure they are ready. So please log in at  
25          1:10 p.m. for the hearing this afternoon.



1                   Okay. We will return and begin at exactly  
2           1:40 p.m. Enjoy your lunch.

3                   Thank you.

4                   (Agenda item concluded.)

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