

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricane Michael, by Gulf Power Company.

DOCKET NO. 20190038-EI

DATED: August 10, 2020

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2020-0013-PCO-EI, filed January 7, 2020, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.<sup>1</sup>

1. All Known Witnesses

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Subject Matter</b>	<b>Issues #</b>
<b>Direct</b>		
Debra M. Dobiac	Staff Audit Report	1-6
Carl Vinson	Staff Operational Audit Report	1-6

2. All Known Exhibits

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Exhibit #</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Direct</b>		
Debra M. Dobiac	DMD-1	Auditor's Report For Storm Cost Recovery
Carl Vinson	CV-1	Auditor's Report on Storm Cost Management and Payment Practices

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

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<sup>1</sup>Order No. PSC-2020-0013-PCO-EI was subsequently modified by Order No. PSC-2020-0050-PCO-EI, issued on February 6, 2020, and Order No. PSC-2020-0204-PCO-EI, issued on June 24, 2020.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

**ISSUE 1:** In undertaking storm-recovery activities, was the total payroll expense Gulf Power Company ("Gulf") has requested to include for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 2:** In undertaking storm-recovery activities, were the contractor costs Gulf has included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 3:** In connection with the restoration of service associated with storm-related electric power outages affecting customers, were the line clearing costs Gulf included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 4:** In connection with the restoration of service associated with storm-related electric power outages affecting customers, were the vehicle and fuel costs Gulf included for storm reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 5:** In connection with restoration of service associated with storm-related electric power outages affecting customers, were the materials and supplies costs Gulf included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 6:** In connection with the restoration of service associated with storm-related electric power outages affecting customers, were the logistic costs Gulf included for storm recovery reasonable and prudent, in incurrence and amount? If not, what amount should be approved?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 7:** What is the correct amount to be included in storm recovery to replenish the level of Gulf's storm reserve?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 8:** What is the appropriate carrying charge, if any, on the unamortized balance in the storm reserve?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 9:** What is the total amount of storm-related costs and storm reserve replenishment Gulf is entitled to recover?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 10:** Should the Commission approve Gulf Power Company's proposed tariff and associated charge?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 11:** If applicable, how should any under-recovery or over-recovery be handled?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

**ISSUE 12:** Should the docket be closed?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality requests at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff does not object to the expertise of any witness in this case.

9. Compliance with Order Nos. PSC-2020-0013-PCO-EI, PSC-2020-0050-PCO-EI and PSC-2020-0204-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Orders Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 10th day of August, 2020.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this 10th day of August, 2020:

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