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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST VIA E-MAIL

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Re: Docket No. 20210018-EU Joint petition for approval of modification to territorial agreement in Sumter, Lake, Marion, Levy, and Citrus Counties, by Sumter electric Cooperative, Inc. and Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Dear Mr. Floyd, Mr. Gerken, and Mr. Bernier:

By this letter, Commission staff requests that Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO) and Duke Energy Florida, LLC (DEF) provide responses to the requests below:

By Order No. PSC-2020-0252-PAA-EU, issued on July 23, 2020, the Commission approved SECO and DEF's currently effective territorial agreement in Sumter, Lake, Marion, Levy, and Citrus counties. The joint petitioners stated the agreement was designed to gain further operational efficiencies, customer service improvements in respective service territories, avoid uneconomic duplication of facilities and hazardous conditions.

In response to Staff's First Data Request in Docket No. 20200106-EU, the joint petitioners further assured that:

“SECO and DEF have worked collaboratively to construct the proposed agreement and believe the agreement is in the public interest as it furthers the goals of avoiding duplication of services and wasteful expenditures, achieving operational efficiency, as well as protecting the public health and safety from potentially hazardous conditions. A crucial part of the process in constructing and reviewing the proposed amended territorial agreement is an engineering review. SECO and DEF would not have entered into an agreement they believed, based on the results of their reviews, would negatively impact the reliability of service to customers”.¹

Considering the above information, please respond to the following questions:

- 1) Please provide a descriptive timeline of the events resulting in the decision to modify the existing territorial agreement as it relates to the “Quarters Apartments” and the “Lady Lakes Square Apartment Complex”.
- 2) Order No. PSC-2020-0252-PAA-EU authorized the transfer of 379 DEF customers to SECO in Docket No. 20200106-EU. However, in Docket No. 20210018-EU, these customers would not be transferred to SECO. Please describe how and when these 379 customers will be notified that they will not be transferred to SECO.
- 3) What is the cost to notify the 379 DEF customers that they will not be transferred as contemplated in Docket No. 20200106-EU? How will the notification costs be recorded?
- 4) Response No. 1 to Staff’s First Data Request in Docket No. 20200106-EU stated that “Customer data for customers to be transferred to each utility is obtained and provided to the other utility in order to build the new customer accounts for the receiving utility.” Please state if this process has been completed, and if so, what costs have been incurred to date? How would the costs, if any, be recorded and, if customer information has been shared between the utilities, how will the utilities ensure the privacy of this information?
- 5) Did SECO purchase any assets from DEF to serve the 379 customers who were to be transferred? If yes, will those assets be transferred back to DEF? Please discuss.

Please file all responses electronically no later than February 19, 2021, via the Commission’s website at www.floridapsc.com by selecting the Clerk’s Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. please contact me at sguffey@psc.state.fl.us or at 850.413.6204 if you have any questions.

Sincerely

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cc: Office of the Commission Clerk

¹ Response No. 5 in Staff’s First Data Request in Docket No. 20200106-EU, Document No. 02398-2020