

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 11

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20200242-EI -- Petition for approval of regulatory assets related to the retirements of the coal generation assets at Plant Crist Units 4, 5, 6, and 7, by Gulf Power Company.
Docket No. 20210007-EI – Environmental cost recovery clause.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Gulf's Petition for Waiver of a portion of Rule 25-6.0436(7)(a), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)?

Recommendation: Yes. The portion of Rule 25-6.0436(7)(a), F.A.C., from which Gulf requests a waiver requires that a utility obtain Commission approval for authority to make adjustments for unrecovered investments associated with the retirement of major installations prior to the date of such retirement. Staff recommends that Gulf has demonstrated that applying the rule in this docket and making the Company's Petition subject to denial solely because of timing would impose a substantial hardship on the Company. Gulf has also demonstrated that the purposes of the statutes underlying the portion of the Rule being waived will be served by other means during the upcoming base rate proceeding.

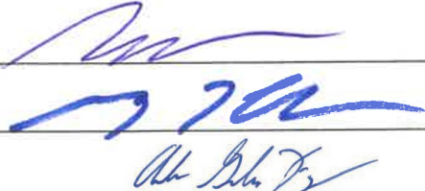
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Clark, Fay, La Rosa (20200242-EI)
All Commissioners (20210007-EI)

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING



REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve Gulf’s request to create two regulatory assets related to the retirement of Plant Crist Units 4, 5, 6 and 7 and defer the recovery of the regulatory assets to a future proceeding?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should approve Gulf’s request to create two regulatory assets related to the early retirement of coal generation assets and capability at Plant Crist Units 4, 5, 6 and 7 and defer the recovery of the regulatory assets to a future proceeding. Further, the Commission should find that the approval to record the regulatory assets for accounting purposes does not limit the Commission’s ability to review the amounts and recovery period for reasonableness in a future proceeding in which the regulatory assets are included.

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Issue 3: Should the Commission approve Gulf’s petition to reduce its currently-approved 2021 Environmental Cost Recovery Clause (ECRC) factors and tariff for the period March through December 2021 to reflect the early retirement of the coal generation assets and capability at Plant Crist Units 4-7?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should approve Gulf’s petition to revise the currently-approved 2021 ECRC factors and tariff for the period March through December 2021, to reflect the early retirement of the coal generation assets and capability at Plant Crist Units 4-7. The proposed tariff, as shown in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated February 18, 2021, should go into effect March 2, 2021.

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Issue 4: 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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