

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20210034-EI

In re: Petition for approval of 2020 depreciation and dismantlement study and capital recovery schedules, by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20200264-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0147-PCO-EI
ISSUED: April 22, 2021

ORDER CONSOLIDATING DOCKET NOS. 20200264-EI AND 20210034-EI

On December 30, 2020, Tampa Electric Company (Tampa Electric or Company) filed a Petition for Approval of its 2020 Depreciation and Dismantlement Study and Capital Recovery Schedules in Docket No. 20200264-EI. On April 9, 2021, Tampa Electric filed its Petition for Rate Increase and minimum filing requirement (MFR) schedules in Docket No. 20210034-EI.

Motion to Consolidate

On April 9, 2021, Tampa Electric filed a motion to consolidate for hearing Docket Nos. 20200264-EI and 20210034-EI (Motion). In the Motion, Tampa Electric argues that consolidation of the two dockets is administratively efficient as the dockets are interrelated and contain many overlapping issues of fact and law. The Company adds that the requested consolidation will provide for a consistent and unified record for the two interrelated dockets. Finally, Tampa Electric asserts that consolidating the two dockets will conserve the costs and labor borne by the affected parties and the Commission, and will otherwise be prudent and just. Tampa Electric has conferred with the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) and Florida Industrial Powers Users Group (FIPUG) and is authorized to represent that each supports the Motion.

Analysis and Decision

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.108, F.A.C., matters may be consolidated when separate proceedings involve similar issues of law or fact, it appears that consolidation would promote the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of the proceedings, and consolidation would not unduly prejudice the rights of a party. Docket Nos. 20200264-EI and 20210034-EI involve similar issues of law or fact, and OPC and FIPUG agree to consolidation; therefore, the dockets shall be consolidated, including for purposes of hearing. Accordingly, 20210034-EI shall be the primary docket, and all future filings for both dockets shall be filed in 20210034-EI. Consolidation promotes the just, speedy, and inexpensive resolution of the proceedings in accordance with Rule 28-106.108, F.A.C.

Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, that Docket Nos. 20200264-EI and 20210034-EI are hereby consolidated for purposes of administrative efficiency, including hearing, as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 20210034-EI shall be the primary docket. It is further

ORDERED that all future filings for both dockets shall be filed in Docket No. 20210034-EI.

By ORDER of Commissioner Art Graham, as Prehearing Officer, this 22nd day of April, 2021.



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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.