

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of a regulatory asset to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Gulf Power Company.	DOCKET NO. 20200151-EI
In re: Petition for approval of a regulatory asset to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida.	DOCKET NO. 20200189-WS
In re: Petition for approval of regulatory assets to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Public Utilities Company - Indiantown Division, Florida Public Utilities Company - Fort Meade, Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.	DOCKET NO. 20200194-PU DATED: May 21, 2021

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2021-0104-PCO-PU, filed March 12, 2021, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

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.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve the Companies' requests to establish regulatory assets to defer, track, and record COVID-19 related costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: If the Commission approves the requests, when should the recording of costs included in the regulatory assets commence?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: If the Commission approves the requests, what type of costs should be eligible for inclusion in the regulatory assets?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: If the Commission approves the requests, should the Companies be required to file reports detailing the status of their respective regulatory asset? If so, what information should be included in these reports, and how frequently should the reports be filed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Should these dockets be closed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

GULF CONTESTED ISSUE

ISSUE A: If the Commission approves the requests, what are the total costs eligible for recovery?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

OPC CONTESTED ISSUE

ISSUE A: What criteria should the Commission apply in determining whether to establish a Covid-19 regulatory asset?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

There are no pending motions at this time.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Commission staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Commission staff has no objections to witness qualifications at this time.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2021-0104-PCO-PU

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

Respectfully submitted this 21st day of May, 2021.

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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 21st day of May, 2021:

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