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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20220049-EI

Review of Storm Protection Plan,
pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,
Florida Public Utilities Company.
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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 5

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 2022

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Okay. Item No. 5.

3 MR. LEWIS: Good morning again, Commissioners.

4 Item 5 is staff's recommendation for Docket
5 No. 20220049-EI, review of Florida Public Utility
6 Company's Storm Protection Plan.

7 FPUC's proposed plan covers the period of 2022
8 to 2031, and includes eight programs. The majority
9 of the eight programs are a continuation of its
10 previously approved storm hardening plan. This is
11 FPUC's first SPP plan.

12 Staff recommending -- recommends that FPUC's
13 SPP is in the public interest with the following
14 modifications:

15 One, remove the future T&D enhancement
16 program.

17 And, two, remove the transmission and
18 substation resiliency program.

19 FPUC should file an amendment -- amended SPP
20 within 30 days of the final order for
21 administrative approval for Commission staff.

22 If staff's recommendation -- recommendations
23 are approved, FPUC's projected costs should result
24 in a \$50.6 million reduction over the next three
25 years.

1 No customer comments were filed in the docket.
2 Staff is available for your questions.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

4 Commissioners -- Commissioner Clark, I am
5 picking on you again.

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 I -- just a quick question for staff. Did
9 you -- I don't remember, did you do a proposed
10 reduction in their undergrounding?

11 MS. LEWIS: No, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No proposed changes to
13 their undergrounding, you are going as requested.

14 In that case, the only two problems I have are
15 the future system enhancement program, the 1.5
16 million in 2025, and the transmission and
17 substation resiliency 9.4 and 39.7. I am okay with
18 the recommendation other than those two items.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Commissioner Passidomo,
20 questions, comments?

21 MS. PASSIDOMO: Question for staff.

22 So for the future T&D program, you know, if
23 the Commission were to go with staff's rec about
24 removing it, that doesn't preclude the company from
25 continues for the benefits of distribution

1 automation systems, or any systems like that for
2 future programs, right?

3 MS. RAMOS: That's correct. We are just
4 saying it's not a hardening program. They are
5 eligible to come in through -- for cost recovery
6 through another --

7 MS. PASSIDOMO: Okay, through regular base
8 rates?

9 MS. RAMOS: Correct.

10 MS. PASSIDOMO: Okay. The -- I guess if I
11 have this mic right now I will still keep talking.

12 I do also have -- I have kind of -- again,
13 wherever we are going with this, with the
14 substation resiliency, my only concern is staff's
15 blanket statement that all redundant
16 infrastructure, like -- like the looping of
17 substations that should not be characterized as
18 storm protection. I am afraid that if we -- if we
19 make such a blanket statement here, we are going to
20 tie our hands in the future about those kind of --
21 those sort of redundant infrastructure programs
22 being characterized as such for -- in the future
23 for future SPPs. So, you know, if we do, I, you
24 know, I am still kind of getting my thoughts
25 together, but I would -- I would want to remove

1 that language in particular just from the rec so
2 that we are not hamstrung in the future.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Commissioner La Rosa.

4 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you, Chairman.

5 All good, great comments. When -- when
6 reviewing this program, I see the benefit for the
7 transmission and substation resiliency, and I am
8 sure -- I know, from what they've said, it would do
9 benefits to their system. I just don't believe it
10 belongs here in the SPP. So I agree with staff's
11 recommendation on that.

12 But I do have a question for staff just on the
13 financials. So that means the '23 numbers would be
14 unchanged as projected. The '24 and '25 numbers
15 would be the years that, if we went with staff's
16 recommendation, that the spending would change?

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Speak into the mic,
18 please.

19 MR. LEWIS: You mean as in removing the
20 transmission?

21 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Correct. If we
22 remove --

23 MS. LEWIS: Yes. Yes, that would be correct.

24 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: I am sorry?

25 MS. LEWIS: Yes, then you would be correct.

1 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Okay. So -- okay.

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So it's reduction of 10
3 million in 2024 and a reduction of 40.3 million in
4 2025, am I correct?

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Staff?

6 MS. RAMOS: Correct. And just -- and just to
7 be clear, staff is not making any rate mitigation
8 recommendations in FPUC, just to strictly exclude
9 those two programs in Issue 10A -- 10B, I am sorry.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: And I am good with that
11 staff recommendation.

12 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: I am as well.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Was that a motion?

14 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: I am ready to make a
15 motion.

16 I move to accept staff's recommendation on
17 Item 5.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: On all issues?

19 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: On all issues.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Any further discussion?
22 Comments?

23 Okay. There is a motion duly seconded. All
24 in favor say aye.

25 (Chorus of ayes.)

1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Any opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: By your action of that

4 motion carries.

5 (Agenda item concluded.)

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DATED this 10th day of October, 2022.



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