

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for recovery of costs associated with named tropical systems during the 2018-2022 hurricane seasons and replenishment of storm reserve, by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20230019-EI

DATED: April 16, 2024

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2023-0309-PCO-EI, filed October 17, 2023, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues #
Direct		
Ron Mavrides	Staff Audit Report	As needed
Carl Vinson	Compliance with 2019 Storm Cost Settlement	2

2. All Known Exhibits

Witness	Proffered By	Exhibit #	Description
Direct			
Ron Mavrides	Commission Staff	RM-1	Auditor's Report

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 incremental cost and capitalization approach (ICCA) found in Rule 25-6.0143, F.A.C., be used to determine the reasonable and prudent amounts to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Have the terms of TECO's 2019 Stipulation and Settlement, approved by Order No. PSC-2019-0234-AS-EI, issued June 14, 2019, been complied with? If not, why not?

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POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of regular payroll expense to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of overtime payroll expense to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of contractor costs to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of vegetation and line clearing costs to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of employee expenses to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 8: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of materials and supplies expense to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 9: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of logistics costs to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 10: What is the reasonable and prudent total amount of costs to be included in the restoration costs?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 11: What is the reasonable and prudent amount of storm-related costs that should be capitalized?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What is the appropriate accounting treatment associated with any storm costs found to have been imprudently incurred?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 13: Should the Commission approve TECO's proposed tariffs and associated charges?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 14: If applicable, how should any under-recovery or over-recovery be handled?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

ISSUE 15: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

CONTESTED ISSUES

ISSUE: Should any cost recovery approved in this docket be recovered from demand-metered customers through the demand charge?

POSITION: Staff has no position at this time.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

Commission staff has no pending motions.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Commission staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Commission staff has no objections to witness qualifications as an expert.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2023-0309-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of April, 2024.

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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 16th day of April, 2024:

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