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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20240172-EI

Petition for recovery of costs associated
with named tropical systems during the 2023
and 2024 hurricane seasons and replenishment
of storm reserve, by Tampa Electric Company.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 3

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PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY
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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Let's go back now to the
3 items for discussion. Let's start with Item No. 3.

4 Ms. Gatlin, you are recognized.

5 MS. GATLIN: Good morning, Commissioners. I
6 am Cassie Gatlin with the Division of Accounting
7 and Finance.

8 Item 3 is staff's recommendation on Tampa
9 Electric Company's request for approval to
10 implement an interim storm restoration recovery
11 charge.

12 On December 27th, 2024, TECO filed its
13 petition for a limited proceeding seeking authority
14 to implement an interim storm restoration recovery
15 charge to recover an estimated 463.6 million for
16 incremental storm restoration costs related to
17 Hurricanes Idalia, Debby, Helene and Milton, as
18 well as to replenish its storm reserve.

19 The approval of an interim storm restoration
20 recovery charge is preliminary in nature and is
21 subject to refund pending further review once the
22 total storm restoration costs are known.

23 Based on a review of the information provided
24 by TECO in its petition, staff recommends the
25 Commission to authorize TECO to implement the

1 interim storm restoration recovery charge subject
2 to refund once the total actual storm costs are
3 known. TECO shall be required to file
4 documentation of the storm costs for Commission
5 review.

6 Representatives from Florida Rising/LULAC are
7 in attendance today to address the Commission on
8 this issue. The Office of Public Counsel has
9 intervened in this docket. There are currently
10 five consumer comments in the correspondence file.
11 Representatives from TECO are in attendance to
12 answer any questions, in addition to staff.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you. My notes show
15 the same.

16 Is someone from Florida Rising or LULAC here
17 that would like to address? Mr. Marshall, you are
18 recognized, my friend, when you are ready.

19 MR. MARSHALL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
20 morning. Bradley Marshall on behalf of Florida
21 Rising and the League of United Latin American
22 Citizens of Florida.

23 First a brief comment. Tampa Electric Company
24 just had its return on equity increased, a decision
25 that was justified, at least in part, due to the

1 investment risks that if TECO suffers major losses
2 from storms, its investors could lose money. It is
3 time to actually that risk and not require that
4 Floridians face 100 percent of the costs of storm
5 recovery on their own. Emera's shareholders should
6 contribute too.

7 But second, as you all know, Tampa Electric
8 Company has some of the highest residential
9 electricity bills in the nation. Based on TECO's
10 projections of residential usage, which we believe
11 are an understatement of actual usage, TECO's
12 request today amounts to over \$400 on average per
13 residential customer over the next 12 months over
14 and above what residential customers already pay.
15 Simply put, this is unaffordable to many
16 hard-working Floridians.

17 Your staff, in their first data request in
18 this docket, requested TECO to provide recovery
19 factors if recovery was extended from February of
20 2026 through December of 2026. I am not going to
21 say that the factors TECO provided in response are
22 affordable, but they certainly are more affordable.

23 Knowing the risk that the Tampa region may
24 face additional storms this coming hurricane
25 season, our clients still request that you extend

1 the recovery period as outlined in staff's first
2 data request. If not, we really do feel that
3 TECO's residential electricity bills will become
4 the highest in the nation this year. Therefore, we
5 ask that you extend the recovery period for the
6 last billing cycle of December 2026.

7 Thank you for your consideration.

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you for your
9 comments.

10 And representative from TECO, Mr. Means, would
11 you like to comment?

12 MR. MEANS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and good
13 morning, Commissioners. Malcolm Means with the
14 Ausley McMullen Law Firm appearing on behalf of
15 Tampa Electric, and I also have Penelope Rusk,
16 Vice-President of Regulatory, here with me from
17 Tampa Electric, and thank you for the chance to
18 provide some comments.

19 Tampa Electric understands that an additional
20 charge is always difficult for customers. We think
21 that your staff performed the appropriate analysis
22 in their staff recommendation, and we support it.
23 And other than that, I will just say that we are
24 available to answer any questions that you may
25 have.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

3 Staff, do you mind if I go back to you, just
4 any additional comments or thoughts on what was
5 just laid out?

6 MR. THOMPSON: No additional comments from
7 staff.

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Great. Thank you.

9 All right. Commissioners, bring this kind of
10 into our hands. Staff, I understand that on page
11 five, you laid out what looks like also a 22-month
12 recovery, which my understanding would be a
13 16-dollar impact per month to customers; is that
14 accurate?

15 MS. McCLELLAND: That is correct.

16 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Would any additional costs
17 associated with a longer recovery -- I guess, what
18 would the costs be for a longer recovery in
19 consideration of what was initially proposed by the
20 company?

21 MS. GATLIN: The additional -- for the
22 interest cost for --

23 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yes, I am sorry. Yeah, I
24 should have clarified. I meant interest rates --
25 interest cost.

1 MS. GATLIN: For a 22-month period, it would
2 be an increase of around 4.5 million, and would
3 bring the total up to 19 million in interest for a
4 total amount for 22 months.

5 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Any additional risks
6 associated with the extending it to that time
7 period?

8 MS. GATLIN: There is. There is the risk of
9 it having a pancaking effect with additional storms
10 in the next storm season, which you still run that
11 risk either way. And the interest, there is a
12 higher interest cost.

13 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay.

14 MS. GATLIN: And at interest volatility is a
15 possibility as well.

16 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Sure. Okay. And thank
17 you. I know we spent a lot of time briefing on
18 that yesterday, and kind of dissecting what that
19 means and, of course, you know, how to understand
20 and predict the future.

21 Is it in the Commission's discretion to set
22 recovery periods any longer than 12 months?

23 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, Mr. Chair.

24 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Commissioners, those
25 are my questions. I appreciate staff laying out

1 what they have done on the 22-month side, and it's
2 a tough thought for me to kind of grasp and
3 understand, you know, what's in the best interest
4 of the customer. And although I hate to push off
5 costs, we have got to consider how impactful this
6 is to the customer. And that's really what's
7 sticking in my brain every time I break down and
8 digest this, but I am open for any other questions,
9 of course, or thoughts, Commissioners.

10 Commissioner Graham, you are recognized.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

12 I just have a quick question to staff. I was
13 under the impression that the 12 months was agreed
14 upon in a settlement. Is it our discretion, or do
15 they have to chime in and agree to it?

16 MR. THOMPSON: The 12 months was agreed to in
17 settlement, assuming that costs did not exceed \$4
18 per one thousand kilowatt hours. The costs have
19 exceeded that. I am not sure what the exact
20 numbers are. They are listed in staff's rec but
21 because of that, that triggers the second part of
22 the agreement, which allows the Commission to
23 extend it year by year after that to the
24 Commission's discretion.

25 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioner Fay, you are
2 recognized.

3 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 I just want to check with staff. So we have
5 the 22-month billing period that was requested
6 during the discovery in this docket. Did you
7 consider looking at any another numbers? How did
8 you -- how did you get to 22 instead of 18 months,
9 16 months, 20 months?

10 MS. GATLIN: The 22, because it runs to the
11 end of 2026, was how it came up to 22 months.

12 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. And then the idea
13 would be that whatever that fee is, depending on --
14 I have heard the pancaking argument. So assuming
15 that doesn't apply, the idea would be that would
16 run off, and then starting in January, if there is
17 any other fees or adjustments, those would then hit
18 the bill as this roll-off, is that part the
19 reasoning?

20 MS. GATLIN: Yeah, because -- yes. Yes
21 Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. And then if the
23 Commission chose to hypothetically, you know,
24 stretch this out to a certain number of months that
25 isn't 22 months, is staff able to make those

1 adjustments? Is that something that you would be
2 able to somewhat easily work through? Just
3 hypothetically, if the Commission said 18 months to
4 keep the fee under \$20, it would run then at the
5 end of August, going into storm season, is that a
6 viable option still?

7 MS. McCLELLAND: The company would need to
8 file a new tariff administratively, but, yes, that
9 would be possible.

10 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. All right. Mr.
11 Chairman, go ahead. Thanks.

12 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioner Passidomo
13 Smith.

14 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Thank you. I
15 am sorry, I didn't mean to jump in front of you,
16 Commissioner Clark.

17 I -- my question was, I mean kind of
18 piggy-tailing off of Commissioner Fay's about, you
19 know, the extended recovery instead of just the 12.
20 I remember going through in the data request, there
21 was a 15-month option. I know staff had followed
22 up with my office about that would, I believe, add
23 an additional one-and-a-half million dollars of
24 interest cost, but would lower the rate impact --
25 if this is correct, please jump in if I am -- lower

1 the rate impact to \$24.87, which -- you are nodding
2 your head, Ms. McClelland.

3 MS. McCLELLAND: That is correct.

4 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Thank
5 you.

6 I mean, I -- it's not that significant, but I
7 can -- I mean, with all other costs, I understand
8 this was just -- I mean, with all other costs that
9 these customers had to go through from this storm,
10 an additional \$30 surcharge, which we -- you know,
11 these are prudently incurred storm restoration
12 costs, we are statutorily obligated to -- the
13 company is -- can recover those prudently incurred
14 costs, but potentially --

15 I mean, I will just say, at least for myself.
16 I am open to discussing extending. I think adding
17 an additional -- going to the 22 months and adding
18 an additional four-and-a-half million seems like we
19 are kicking the can a little bit too much, and it
20 will ultimately be more expensive. But maybe
21 finding a little bit of a middle ground in that
22 15-month, where it's not a \$30 surcharge, because
23 that just seems really painful.

24 That's just -- I am open to that. I don't
25 know if my colleagues are as well, but I understand

1 that that is still adding additional interest
2 costs. So we have to recognize that that might not
3 be the most prudent decision, but it might be a
4 little less painful.

5 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioner Clark.

6 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess I need to opine
7 something on this as well.

8 I can certainly live with whatever the
9 Commission thinks is the best direction. I am --
10 typically lean toward spreading those costs out as
11 much as possible. I often advocated for longer
12 recovery times. I have gotten a little more
13 concerned in the last couple of years as we have
14 seen the number of storms that we have had. We
15 went through a long stretch we didn't have any
16 storms, and we didn't have to deal with those
17 costs. But here in the last few years, we seem to
18 have a lot more coming in on us at one time.

19 My biggest concern is potential recovery for
20 the next ones that are available. And if we have
21 this extended period of time, that is going to
22 possibly double up, if we had another severe storm
23 in the next 12 months, would possibly double up the
24 last portion of that. And I do know that Mr. Moyle
25 and his client base is always advocating for that

1 shorter recovery time for budgeting purposes for
2 typically your industrial and your commercial
3 customers.

4 So this is not an easy decision. It's a tough
5 balance. The residential customers are the ones
6 that typically struggle the most, and they are the
7 ones that are typically most impacted by the higher
8 costs, so we certainly have to take that into
9 consideration.

10 If anybody has a magic wand that can waive it
11 and tell me the right solution, I am certainly
12 interested in hearing it, but I just don't know
13 that there is a magic number. Is it 22? Is it 12?
14 Is it somewhere in between?

15 I just say that to say I can support any
16 reasonable conclusion that any Commissioner can
17 come up and provide. But right now, based on
18 interest cost and potential impacts, I kind of lean
19 towards sticking with the 12 for right now, but I
20 am certainly open to suggestions.

21 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Well, I would definitely
22 double down on your understanding and how you laid
23 it out, that it is concerning long-term, because we
24 are susceptible, obviously, to storms.

25 Maybe a clarification question to staff, and

1 we will obviously dig a little further into our
2 discussion. Whether it's 12, 15 or 22, is there
3 any concern from the company's ability to secure
4 any potential refunds by a corporate undertaking if
5 we decide that -- extending it past 12 months?

6 MS. GATLIN: No, there isn't.

7 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. That's what I
8 thought. That's what I thought you were going to
9 say.

10 And I will just add another element, and maybe
11 this is -- I will put this in the form of a
12 question as I read through my notes.

13 The request is for one, two, three, four
14 storms. Three of the storms were significant, but
15 maybe not as significant as Hurricane Milton. That
16 was \$358 million. So those other -- if we were --
17 if the territory was hit by future storms, I am not
18 asking you to give me an exact answer on this,
19 because obviously we do not know, but it is --
20 there is a possibility that a storm may hit but may
21 not be as impactful as Milton.

22 MS. GATLIN: Yes, that's a possi -- it's
23 possible.

24 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioner Clark is
25 asking for -- what were you asking for, a magic

1 wand? I would lose like to have a -- yeah, I would
2 also like to have one as well.

3 Commissioners, any other thoughts or
4 questions?

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do want to add.

6 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yeah, please.

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to add one more
8 comment that I was not going to make, but I am
9 really going to go on the record with an issue. I
10 am going to get out here in a little bit.

11 Again, the longer recovery period used to make
12 more sense to me than it does today. Storm cost
13 recovery used to be a lot cheaper than it is today.
14 And one of the things that has changed is the
15 expectation of the consumers. A power outage that
16 lasts more than two hours is a severe
17 inconvenience. So we have decided collectively
18 that we are going to devote and enormous amount of
19 resources to make sure that storm outages don't
20 last as long as they used to.

21 I have said this many times. When I first
22 began in this industry, when a storm hit, the
23 expectation was seven days without power. Nobody
24 even batted an eye at having the idea that you were
25 going to be out of power for five or six days.

1 Now we have to throw so many resources to make
2 certain that we recover in such a short period of
3 time, that this stuff is getting expensive, and we
4 just don't limit or constrict the amount resources
5 that we are putting to it. And we have got to find
6 a happy medium somewhere in here in an up-front
7 decision-making process that says, look, let's
8 figure this thing out. We may not need 50,000
9 people in here to work a storm. Maybe 10,000 is
10 enough. I am just throwing numbers out.

11 But it is a concern that I just want to put
12 out there. And I want folks to understand why
13 these storm costs have gotten so expensive. And a
14 lot of that just merely has to do with expectations
15 of consumers and us trying to meet that
16 expectation.

17 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you, Commissioner,
19 and you are spot on. I think I -- in this process,
20 we see this -- we kind of get starstruck, or maybe,
21 you know, window sticker shock is probably maybe a
22 better way of saying that.

23 We will look and true these up later down the
24 road, and we will dig into this, right? And I will
25 be certainly asking questions, I know we I will all

1 will in regards to that. But sticker shock always
2 is a little hesitant. Of course, it's massive rate
3 impact to customers. That's my concern.

4 Commissioners, are there any further
5 discussions or thoughts or any questions based on
6 what we are deliberating?

7 Commissioner Fay.

8 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

9 Just before we maybe go into a motion on this,
10 I just -- I want to make sure I have clarity on my
11 colleagues positions. So I think we have
12 discussions of potentially moving off the 12, and
13 Commissioner Passidomo Smith mentioned 15 months.
14 I know I mentioned 18 months. We have 22 months
15 here from the recommendation with additional
16 information included in the recommendation.

17 Commissioner Clark, I think you were saying
18 maybe 12. I wasn't sure exactly where you landed
19 on it, but maybe 12 months would be the
20 preferred --

21 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I certainly would support
22 12 months. I am not opposed to a little bit longer
23 period, but I don't think 22 months is a very good
24 idea.

25 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. Great.

1 You know, Mr. Chairman, I think the rate
2 impact, the number of this is -- it's pretty
3 daunting to me. I mean, at 12 months, that number
4 adjustment for customers is significant. And I
5 recognize that the way this settlement was done for
6 TECO, it does allow us some ability to adjust those
7 numbers and what they look like.

8 I would probably look towards an 18-month
9 spread, because that at least gets you under \$20
10 for a rate impact for customers, and then obviously
11 does incur some additional interest charge, but not
12 the same or equivalent that it would be at 22
13 months.

14 I recognize that's still going to be hard
15 either way. I mean, it's -- there isn't a good
16 answer to it, but I do think it does adjust that
17 impact significantly, and then we will know when we
18 get into the next storm season what we are facing,
19 and probably some of us who vote to extend it will
20 either be wrong or right at that point, and, you
21 know, we are really trying to predict the future
22 here.

23 But for me, just the main driver is the
24 recognition that these customers have -- already
25 have rate impact, and now we are adding to that

1 from a storm perspective at a number that's
2 extremely high. I just -- I think we need to be
3 very thoughtful about, you know, what we approve.

4 So I would support any deviation beyond the
5 12-month, 15 would be fine with me also. I think
6 18 is something I threw out, so I maybe I don't
7 want that, because then I will get credit for 18,
8 and so if I am wrong, then, you know, it will come
9 back to me at some point. But I do think we need
10 some significant adjustment for what would impact
11 customers here, because otherwise -- and I
12 recognize it was a tough storm season, but
13 otherwise I think the impact is too significant for
14 some of these customers.

15 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: I would -- I agree with,
16 again, where you are going philosophically. I do
17 believe this impact is massive, and I think it has
18 to be extended past the 12 months.

19 I do want to ask staff a question. I am
20 looking through my notes, and maybe I have got it
21 here, maybe I don't. So I have got a 12-month, 15,
22 and a 22-month breakdown. Is there an 18-month
23 number as far what that interest rate impact is?

24 MS. McCLELLAND: We did some rough
25 calculations, but we would need more information

1 from the company.

2 And as to the sub 20-dollar objective, we
3 would recommend consulting with the company to make
4 sure that all those numbers check out. We don't
5 have everything. We don't have all the numbers and
6 variables on our end.

7 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yes, sir, Commissioner
8 Clark, you are recognized.

9 COMMISSIONER CLARK: There was one more issue,
10 and I recall this because we discussed it in my
11 briefings over the Duke settlement as well.

12 What about the storm reserve, the replenishing
13 the storm reserves, is that an issue? And I guess
14 maybe we could ask TECO to elaborate on what this
15 does to the replenishing their storm reserves.

16 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. We can -- is TECO
17 fair to ask that -- or answer that question? But I
18 do want to -- I am not trying to jump ahead or jump
19 back -- actually I am. Let me do that.

20 If we took a few -- I don't know the
21 information you need from staff on the 18-month
22 question. Is it something that could be done in a
23 short amount of time, or is it something that's
24 significant?

25 MS. McCLELLAND: We would have to defer to the

1 company.

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Now I will go back
3 to the company. I will pile my question to
4 Commissioner Clark's question.

5 MS. RUSK: Your question first. Yes, it could
6 be calculated fairly quickly, but the expectation
7 would be that your rough calculations are
8 approximately right, and that the bill impact on
9 residential customers would drop by another \$5 or
10 so by extending it to 18 months, but we would just
11 need to run the numbers. We have not run that
12 scenario yet.

13 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay.

14 MS. RUSK: And then on the storm reserve
15 question, it -- extending the time period does
16 extend the time that it takes for us to then start
17 to build back up that storm reserve. However, the
18 dollars are included in this amount that we are
19 proposing to recover.

20 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioners, any other --
21 yeah, Commissioner Passidomo Smith, yes.

22 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: I think the
23 only -- I am open to this -- to a little bit
24 further than the -- to the 18 months. I kind of
25 was thinking the only concern that I have about

1 that is that when we are looking about looking
2 at -- so if it was 15 months, recovery would end in
3 May 2026. If we extend to 18, we are looking at
4 August 2026, then we are in another storm season,
5 like, in the height of another storm season. Is
6 that something that we want -- is that a factor,
7 you know?

8 Like, I mean, obviously, those restoration
9 costs aren't going to be calculated for months
10 after that, but that might give customers --
11 hopefully not. I mean, obviously we all want a
12 very, you know, the next decade of calm storms, but
13 if that's not the case, that might only give
14 customers about two or three months of reprieve
15 before they have -- they get -- they might get hit
16 again. So I don't know. It's just -- it's
17 something to consider.

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yep, very valid.

19 Any other thoughts?

20 Commissioner Fay, you are recognized.

21 COMMISSIONER FAY: Yeah, I would just say it's
22 a great point by Commissioner Passidomo. I mean, I
23 thought the same thing when I was kind of running
24 through, okay, what -- what timeline would make
25 sense? Like, what stopping point would potentially

1 be better for customers? And the dilemma I ran
2 into is what you -- exactly what you mentioned.
3 You have the storm at a certain date, but then you
4 have the whole recovery process, which when that's
5 filed, basically what we are doing today, we have
6 the interim, and then eventually the true-up. That
7 would likely be months down the road anyway.

8 And so I don't -- I think it's a valid point.
9 I don't know if it would be something that would
10 outweigh kind of the adjustments that -- or the
11 reprieve that could occur from customers just in
12 the long-term.

13 But I think you make a very valid point as to,
14 once again, what date we pick, is it real -- you
15 know, in the future, is it really the best option
16 for customers? And it sounds like that's what we
17 are all trying to figure out, is maybe what that
18 best option would be. And I am not married to 18.
19 I realize it creates some more work for our staff I
20 think, and for the utility to move forward. I
21 just -- I am trying to get it at least in a range
22 that I think would be more manageable for
23 customers, but also not extend that risk for that
24 pancaking beyond a level that we would be concerned
25 with. I don't think any of us know what future

1 storm seasons are going to hold.

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yeah, I know. I mean, well
3 said. Listen, that's a concern I have, and part of
4 my process, as I was thinking through this, and I
5 won't even try to pretend to throw out dates, but I
6 think we are right in the thought process as far as
7 when storms hit us, and when we recover, and when
8 we start to calculate and get into the process that
9 we are in today. And the truth is, is that it's
10 almost next to impossible to say expect when have a
11 storm hit us specifically in this area, which we
12 are talking obviously about a little smaller
13 territory than maybe we would have in some of the
14 other companies that service our state.

15 Commissioners, if there is no further
16 questions, I am leaning on giving staff a few
17 minutes to run these calculations that we were
18 talking about. I would like to have a better
19 understanding on the 18-month side. That's the
20 direction I am leaning, just to be clear and be
21 open about it. I would like to know with a little
22 more confidence of what that looks like, if that's
23 possible.

24 If we have any other thoughts or questions,
25 now would be a great time to do that. Otherwise I

1 am going to call for a five-minute break.

2 Is that fair, staff? Is that enough time? I
3 am just pulling it out of the air. It looks good?
4 Okay.

5 Let's go ahead and take a five-minute break,
6 and then we will resume where we are at. Thank
7 you.

8 (Brief recess.)

9 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: All right. If we could
10 start to come together a little bit. I am getting
11 the indication that we might be all right,
12 understanding where we are at in the request. So
13 maybe can I kick it to staff and we can push the
14 ball around if we need to, or not.

15 Let's go to TECO.

16 MR. THOMPSON: I defer to the company for any
17 costs.

18 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Perfect. Yeah, let's do
19 that.

20 MS. RUSK: Thank you. Yes, we were able to
21 calculate that. The additional interest impact
22 compared to the 12-month period is \$3 million, for
23 a total of 13 million projected interest for 18
24 months. And the bill impact for the residential
25 1,000 kilowatt hour bill would be \$19.95.

1 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Commissioner Fay, you were
2 pretty accurate.

3 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
4 You know, I think we are all just trying to get to
5 some result on this docket today that maybe we can
6 digest a little bit better. It's important, I
7 think, to have those numbers.

8 I also recognize that there -- this is an
9 interim process. There will be a true-up process.
10 Those numbers might move a little bit, depending on
11 rates and all that kind of thing. But in general,
12 I think that does move us into maybe a more
13 manageable impact for customers under -- at least
14 under this settlement that we are taking these
15 storm adjustments under, and I think, as a whole,
16 maybe move us in the right direction for an
17 extension that hopefully will not be a pancaking
18 scenario. Hopefully we will not have that on the
19 end.

20 But, Mr. Chairman, I just make one comment. I
21 mean, I think the utility responding to us
22 requesting now on the fly, our staff working with
23 them, and as a commission being open to -- I mean,
24 I think we are seeing -- we are seeing so many
25 struggles that the fires in California, rolling

1 blackouts. I mean, there are issues within our
2 energy grid all over the country, and I just
3 appreciate that we all have this common goal to try
4 to make the best decision we can on what's a very
5 difficult decision. None of us want to be up here
6 doing this. But it's part of storms, and it's part
7 of the impact that we have in our state. And so I
8 am appreciative of at least getting us to this
9 point.

10 I am not saying it's perfect. I recognize
11 there are other options, but I do think, from a
12 regulatory perspective, this is probably how things
13 should work when we have a difficult decision. So
14 thank you to the utility and our staff for working
15 on this.

16 And I am prepared, Mr. Chairman, to make a
17 motion, but I obviously would defer to you if my
18 colleagues want to add anything.

19 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Any additional thoughts or
20 comments?

21 Let's move to a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: It looks like we are in a
24 posture.

25 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. With that, Mr.

1 Chairman, then, we would be moving to approve the
2 storm cost adjustments with an adjusted tariff
3 sheet from the utility that would set the recovery
4 period at 18 months.

5 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Hearing a motion, is
6 there a second?

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Second the motion, Mr.
8 Chairman.

9 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Hearing a motion and
10 hearing a second.

11 All those in favor signify by saying yay.

12 (Chorus of yays.)

13 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Yay.

14 Opposed no?

15 (No response.)

16 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Show that the motion
17 passes.

18 I am going to go to staff. Was that okay the
19 way we framed that out? I know that we are on the
20 fly. Okay. Thank you. So it looks like Item No.
21 3 passes under the alteration that we have just
22 made.

23 Thank you to staff. Thank you to the company.
24 I appreciate it. I know we are asking for a lot
25 and moving -- the ball is moving all the way around

1 and we are all trying to catch it. Thank you very
2 much.

3 (Agenda item concluded.)

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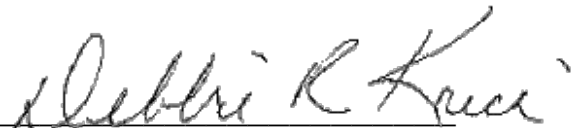
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