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Florida Public Service Commission  
Adam Teitzman, Commission Clerk  
Office of the Commission Clerk  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

***Re: City of Fort Meade, Florida, Revised Tariff Sheets***

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the City of Fort Meade, Florida, pursuant to Rules 25-9.05 through 25-9.071 of the *Florida Administrative Code*.

Filed in legislative and filing formats is a revision to the following Fort Meade tariff sheet:

- a) Second Revised Sheet No. 3.500 – *Rate Schedule GSD-1 – General Service-Demand*.

In reviewing our in-house tariff book, it was determined that a reduction in the monthly demand charge had been made to the GSD-1 tariff some years back but had not been corrected with the PSC. The energy charge for GSD-1 was revised in a filing made on Fort Meade's behalf effective May 1, 2025, and it is correct.

Also included is a copy of the city's Ordinance Number 17-01 which approved the revision to the monthly demand charge.

Please contact our office if there are any questions.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Jody Lamar Finklea  
General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer

**RATE SCHEDULE GSD-1  
GENERAL SERVICE – DEMAND**

**Availability:**

Available throughout the entire territory served by the city.

**Applicable:**

General service demand shall be applied to all customers where the average monthly use is 20,000 kWh or greater. A general service customer qualified for this rate upon consumption of 20,000 kWh during a monthly billing cycle, subsequent billing shall be at the General Service Rate without Demand after one year of average consumption less than 20,000 kWh. At the utility's option, energy may be metered at secondary voltage.

**Character of Service:**

Continuous service, alternating current, 60 cycle, single-phase or three-phase, at the city's standard distribution voltage available.

**Limitation of Service:**

Standby or resale service not permitted hereunder. Service under this rate is subject to the city's currently effective Electric Service Policies.

**Rate Per Month:**

Customer Charge:	\$42.00
Demand Charge:	\$ <del>9.428</del> <u>8.50</u> per kW
Energy Charge:	
Non-Fuel Energy Charge:	\$0.0950 per kWh

**Determination of Billing Demand:**

The billing demand shall be the maximum 30-minute kW demand established during the current billing period.

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GENERAL SERVICE – DEMAND**

**Availability:**

Available throughout the entire territory served by the city.

**Applicable:**

General service demand shall be applied to all customers where the average monthly use is 20,000 kWh or greater. A general service customer qualified for this rate upon consumption of 20,000 kWh during a monthly billing cycle, subsequent billing shall be at the General Service Rate without Demand after one year of average consumption less than 20,000 kWh. At the utility's option, energy may be metered at secondary voltage.

**Character of Service:**

Continuous service, alternating current, 60 cycle, single-phase or three-phase, at the city's standard distribution voltage available.

**Limitation of Service:**

Standby or resale service not permitted hereunder. Service under this rate is subject to the city's currently effective Electric Service Policies.

**Rate Per Month:**

Customer Charge:	\$42.00
Demand Charge:	\$ 8.50 per kW
Energy Charge:	
Non-Fuel Energy Charge:	\$0.0950 per kWh

**Determination of Billing Demand:**

The billing demand shall be the maximum 30-minute kW demand established during the current billing period.

(Continued on Sheet 3.501)

## ORDINANCE 17-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; MODIFYING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA (THE "CODE"); MODIFYING RATES RELATED TO THE CITY'S ELECTRIC UTILITY; AMENDING SUBSECTION (1) AND (3) OF SECTION 24-155, CODE OF ORDINANCES; MODIFYING ELECTRIC USER RATES; MODIFYING THE TARIFF AND AUTHORIZING ITS FILING WITH THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.** The City hereby makes and declares the following findings and statements of legislative intent:

- (1) The City owns, operates, and manages an electric distribution system both within and without the City limits pursuant to its governmental powers.
- (2) As a municipal electric utility, the City has the authority and duty to establish and modify electric user rates for the City's electric utility system.
- (3) The City purchases power pursuant to contract from the Florida Municipal Power Agency ("FMPA").
- (4) As a part of its continuing duty to set and collect rates, fees, and charges to prudently operate the utility, the City employed William Herrington, (the "City Rate Consultant") to analyze existing charges, and assure adequate revenues to cover the costs of the City's electric utility system.
- (5) The City Rate Consultant made recommendations to the City Commission regarding the City's monthly rates, fees, and charges (the "Rate Study").
- (6) The Rate Study found that the base rates have been unchanged since 2009, and the revenues are insufficient to fund the pro forma expenses of the City's electric utility.
- (7) The Rate Study recommends modifications to the City's electric rates, fees and charges related to the provision of electric service within the City's service area.
- (8) The Rate Study recommendations include the following:

(a) The energy charge for the residential class be increased by \$0.005 per kW-hr. from \$0.07660 per kw-hr to \$0.08160. This would increase the monthly bill for a customer using 1,000 kW-hrs. from \$124.56 to \$129.56, an increase of 4.0 percent. The proposed change would recover \$134,183 in additional revenues.

(b) The demand charge for the demand commercial customer class be reduced from \$9.42 per kW to \$8.50 per kW. This would decrease the monthly bill for a customer with a monthly demand of 75 kW and 30,000 kW-hrs consumption by \$69.00 or 2.0 percent. The proposed reduction in demand class revenues is estimated to be \$23,118 annually

(c) The City should perform a critical review of the historical usage of the smaller demand class commercial customers for compliance with the rate tariff. This review may result in a re-classification of as many as eight of the existing demand class customers to non-demand class commercial customers.

(d) The City should modify the rate structure with segmented energy charges based on monthly consumption for the residential class. The difference in energy rates between consumption less than 1,000 kW-hr and consumption greater than 1,000 kW-hrs. should be equal to \$0.0100 per kW-hr. Therefore, the proposed residential energy charge would be \$0.08160 per kW-hr. for all consumption by residential customers for the first 1,000 kW-hrs. in any month, and the proposed energy charge for all consumption by residential customers above 1,000 kW-hrs in any month would be \$0.09160 per kW-hr.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 24-155, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE.** Subsections (1) and (3) of Section 24-155 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 24-155. - Rates and charges.

No free service shall be furnished or rendered to any person or to the state, or any public agency or instrumentality. The following schedule of rates and charges to be imposed, assessed and collected by the city for electric energy, facilities and service furnished by the city to its customers, including the initial deposit, and other connection and service charges, is hereby adopted and established:

(1) *Residential service.* Residential service shall be available to all residential customers served by the existing retail distribution lines of the city. It is applicable to any residential customer served through one (1) meter for residential lighting, cooking, heating, refrigeration and incidental power. The incidental power service that will be supplied under this rate is normally limited to single phase motors with starting currents that do not exceed the following amounts:

115V	230V	
Frequently (automatic) starting motors:	20 amps	55 amps
Infrequently (manual) started motors:	40 amps	110 amps

Where three-phase service is available, air-conditioning loads up to ten (10) hp will be permitted hereunder. The residential rate shall not apply to service to institutions such as clubs, hotels, boardinghouses, tourist facilities and all other commercial establishments. The rate shall, on January 1, 2009, and henceforth be:

Monthly customer charge	\$12.96
Energy charge (All First 1,000 kWh consumed in any given month)	<del>\$0.0766</del> 0.0816 per kWh
Energy charge (All kWh consumed above 1,000 kWh in any given month)	\$0.0916 per kWh
Fuel adjustment (see below)	

The minimum charge shall be the monthly customer charge plus other applicable charges covered by ordinance, state statutes and federal laws. The above rates are based upon service to the premises through a single delivery and metering point, and at a single voltage. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption, or at a different voltage, shall be separately metered and billed. A "purchase power/fuel adjustment" shall be added to each monthly bill as calculated below.

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- \* (3) *General service demand.* General service demand shall be applied to all customers where the average monthly use is twenty thousand (20,000) kWh or greater. A general service customer qualified for this rate upon consumption of twenty thousand (20,000) kWh during a monthly billing cycle, subsequent billing shall be at the general service rate without demand after one (1) year of average consumption less than twenty thousand (20,000) kWh. At the utility's option, energy may be metered at secondary voltage. The rate shall, on January 1, 2009, and hereafter be:

Monthly customer charge	\$42.00
Monthly demand charge	<del>\$9.42</del> 8.50 per kW
Energy charge (All kWh)	\$0.0536 per kWh
Primary service discount	\$0.15 per kW*
Fuel adjustment (see below)	

\*Customer shall furnish and maintain any transforming equipment required or may rent such equipment from the utility at a charge of fourteen (14) percent per year of the cost of such equipment. If customer furnishes transforming equipment, the \$.015 primary service discount will apply. The minimum charge shall be the monthly customer charge, plus other applicable charges covered by ordinance, state statutes and federal laws. The demand for billing purposes shall be the maximum thirty (30) minute integrated demand in kW established during the billing month. The above rates are based upon service to the premises through a single delivery and metering point, and at a single voltage. Separate supply for the same customer at other points of consumption, or at a different voltage, shall be separately metered and billed. A "purchase power/fuel adjustment" shall be added to each monthly bill as calculated below."

**SECTION 3. AUTHORIZATION TO FILE MODIFIED TARIFF SHEETS WITH FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.** So as to insure compliance with FPSC rules, the City Commission authorizes the City Attorney to file the necessary modified Tariff Sheets with the Florida Public Service Commission. The modified Tariff Sheets are intended to reflect the rates, fees, and charges contained in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4. REPEAL OF PRIOR RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES;**

**EFFECT UPON PRIOR RELATED ORDINANCES.** All provisions of any ordinance or resolution previously adopted by the City Commission that is inconsistent with or at variance with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed. Except as expressly repealed, superseded, or amended by this Ordinance, Ordinance Number 09-01 as amended shall remain in full force and effect as amended by this Ordinance.

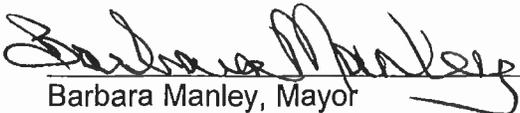
**SECTION 5, SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of any other provision, and to that end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The rates adopted hereunder shall continue to apply to all electric service rendered after February 28, 2017, and shall be included in the first billing cycle and each subsequent cycle and all statements generated therefrom after March 1, 2017.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

PASSED ON SECOND READING this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

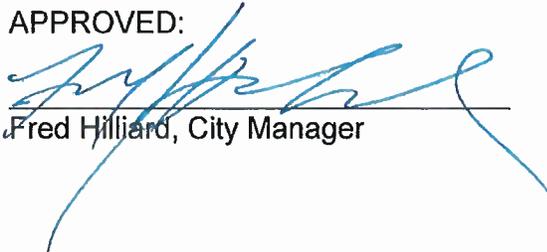
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Barbara Manley, Mayor

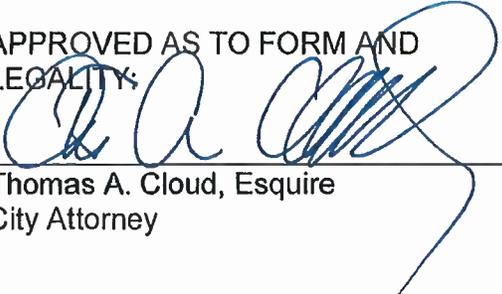
ATTEST:

  
Melissa Newman, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
Fred Hilliard, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGALITY:

  
Thomas A. Cloud, Esquire  
City Attorney