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Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Docket No. 20250139-EI - Petition for approval of tariffs to implement base rate increase consistent with settlement agreement approved by Order No. PSC-2025-0287-AS-EI, by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for electronic filing in the above-referenced docket, please find Florida Public Utilities Company's Responses to Staff's First Data Requests.

As always, thank you for your assistance in connection with this filing. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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Re: Docket No. 20250139-EI - Petition for approval of tariffs to implement base rate increase consistent with settlement agreement approved by Order No. PSC-2025-0287-AS-EI, by Florida Public Utilities Company.

FPUC's Responses to Staff' First Data Requests

1) With reference to Paragraph 4 of the petition, please provide the work papers used to calculate the appropriate rate increase consistent with Article III of the Settlement Agreement. Please provide the work papers as an Excel file with formulas intact.

COMPANY RESPONSE:

Please refer to the attached files DR 1.1 Summary of over-calculation.xlsx and DR 1.1 Light and Pole Calculation.xlsx.

2) Referring to paragraph 4, please state how FPUC arrived at \$125,328.66.

COMPANY RESPONSE:

The amount was arrived at by taking the \$1,000,000 deferral less the over-recovery collected between March 20, 2025 and July 2, 2025 of \$624,014.03. The remaining \$375,985.97 was divided by the three years left in the settlement. The result was the \$125,328.66 increase per year as discussed in paragraph 4 of the petition. This calculation is consistent with paragraph IIIc in the settlement agreement.

3) Please provide support demonstrating that FPUC over-collected \$624,014.03 between March 20, 2025 and July 2, 2025, as described in Paragraph 4.b of the petition.

COMPANY RESPONSE:

Please refer to the response to question 1.

4) Referring to Paragraph 4.b of the petition, does the over-collected \$624,014.03 include the miscellaneous fees and charges of \$164,495?

COMPANY RESPONSE:

No, it does not include the \$164,495 for miscellaneous service fees and charges since they were not part of the rate calculation for the customer classes and paragraph IIIa of the settlement agreement specifically states that the \$8.4 million increase excludes the increase in miscellaneous fees and charges of \$164,495.

5) Please explain if the base rates proposed in Attachment A to the petition would be effective for three years, ending March 20, 2029 or until FPUC's next base rate proceeding.

COMPANY RESPONSE:

As shown in the response to Staff's Data Request 37, item 5, in Docket 20240099-EI, the rates will remain in effect until the next rate proceeding. However, these base rates will be increased for the step rate increase when the acquisition and replacement

of the substations are completed as stated in paragraph IIId of the settlement agreement.

Article XV of the Settlement states that, "Tariffs reflective of the rates that will be effective March 20, 2026... will be provided within 90 days of the date a Commission Order approving this 2025 Agreement becomes final." The final order was issued on July 27, 2025. Please explain the Company's filing date of the instant petition of November 17, 2025.

COMPANY RESPONSE:

With apologies, the delay in sending the tariffs was due entirely to an oversight by outside counsel for the Company. The Company provided the tariffs to counsel on October 27, 2025, but counsel failed to check the due date in the Order and had otherwise neglected to calendar the date. Thus, counsel received the tariffs unaware of the due date and proceeded with drafting the petition for their delivery, which resulted in the late filing date. Again, counsel offers its sincere apologies and can provide a confirmation email reflecting the tariffs were delivered to her on time should staff require such confirmation.

7) Referring to Attachment A to the petition, please clarify if there are any tariff modifications on sheet nos. 7.002, 7.003, 7.005, 7.007, 7.009, 7.011, 7.012, 7.015, 7.017. If not, please confirm that revisions to these sheets are not necessary.

COMPANY RESPONSE:

Revisions to these sheets are not necessary.