

I. Meeting Packet



State of Florida

Public Service Commission

INTERNAL AFFAIRS AGENDA

Tuesday – June 18, 2024

Immediately Following Agenda Conference

Room 105 – Gerald L. Gunter Building

1. General Counsel's Report
2. Executive Director's report
3. Other Matters

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II. Outside Persons Who Wish to Address the Commission at Internal Affairs

Note: The records reflect that no outside persons addressed the Commission at this Internal Affairs meeting.

III. Supplemental Materials for Internal Affairs

Note: The records reflect that there were no supplemental materials provided to the Commission during this Internal Affairs meeting.

IV. Transcript

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PROCEEDINGS: INTERNAL AFFAIRS

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

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

TIME: Commenced: 10:30 a.m.
Concluded: 10:40 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Excellent. Good morning,
3 everybody. It is 10:30, and this is Florida Public
4 Service Commission's Internal Affairs meeting, so
5 welcome.

6 If you didn't hear the music, most of you did,
7 most of you are still singing it up here, Taking
8 Care of Business by Bachman-Turner Overdrive,
9 submitted by Mr. Tom Ballinger. It is a song that
10 I did not believe would ever make the list, but it
11 did, and it's all because it's appropriate, right?
12 So I have said that many times, and sometimes the
13 song just finds the right time, and today was
14 exactly that as we've got a busy day.

15 Members, I know that Internal Affairs is very
16 light. I purposely did not schedule any
17 presentations. I wanted to leave the meeting on
18 the calendar in case ultimately things popped up,
19 but, of course, there was potential intentions that
20 we were going to be here until tomorrow or the
21 following day with a lot of work, so today's
22 meeting will be a little bit skinny.

23 I want to recognize Mr. Ryan Sandy. Do I see
24 Mr. -- oh, there he is. If you didn't catch my
25 quick comment earlier in the Agenda item, he is the

1 Employee of the Month.

2 Ryan is a very experienced, exceptionally
3 skilled litigator. As a Senior Attorney, Ryan
4 handles complexed hearing track dockets working
5 closely with staff, Commissioners and outside
6 parties.

7 However, notwithstanding his outstanding legal
8 skill sets, what really sets Ryan apart, according
9 to General Counsel Mr. Keith Hetrick, is that his
10 thirst for knowledge and his 24/7 uplifting,
11 team-oriented spirit. And thank you for doing
12 that. That's a big part of creating a bigger and
13 better culture around us.

14 He works hard to ensure he understands the
15 technical aspects of his dockets in addition to the
16 legal issues, and strive to cooperatively find
17 creative solutions when problems ultimately arise.

18 He is an excellent mentor to new attorneys.
19 His energy and enthusiasm is boundless, and he
20 motivates and inspires others to give their best.
21 His hard work, integrity, spirit and commitment to
22 the PSC is greatly appreciated.

23 Mr. Sandy, thank you for your commitment to
24 this agency. I am pleased to recognize you as
25 Employee of the Month.

1 Just kind of a quick story. I went and I
2 found him in the middle of a meeting yesterday. He
3 didn't know why he I was coming down there, but I
4 think pleasantly surprised him to announce that he
5 is Employee of the Month. So if you don't mind
6 giving Mr. Sandy a round of applause.

7 (Applause from the audience.)

8 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: I did ask him to bring his
9 award everywhere he went today, but I don't see it
10 on his desk.

11 So let's move to the General Counsel's report.

12 MR. HETRICK: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Good
13 morning, Mr. Chair and Commissioners.

14 Congratulations, Ryan. Well deserved.

15 I don't have anything else, Mr. Chair, at this
16 time.

17 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you.

18 Let's move to the Executive Director's report
19 had.

20 MR. BAEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good
21 morning, Commissioners.

22 No report except for a brief note of thanks,
23 if you will indulge me for a second. I know you
24 all just got back from last week's road show, and I
25 wanted to extend my thanks to all the staff for

1 their efforts.

2 Putting on, you know, service hearings away
3 from Gunter and Easley is no mean feat, even under
4 the best of conditions, and last week was not the
5 best of conditions, specifically starting with
6 Gunter and Easley. We had our chillers come down,
7 and that impacted our connectivity, so we were
8 dealing with that even from the getgo, and so add
9 to that to the fact that there is, you know, two
10 separate rate cases. And ultimately it was our
11 first time out since the pandemic on a major
12 electric rate case. So I think the conditions
13 could not have been more challenging, except for
14 maybe a tropical storm getting in our way on the
15 road.

16 So I wanted to extend my thanks and to AIT,
17 and Consumer Affairs, and the Clerk's Office
18 certainly for their efforts in keeping the --
19 keeping the train rolling despite all those
20 logistical challenges.

21 We covered three counties, which is not --
22 certainly not the usual. And as I mentioned
23 before, two separate rate cases. And I also want
24 to include the technical staff that attended as
25 well.

1 It's an evolving process. And as always,
2 there is lessons and punches to roll with and
3 lessons to employ into the future, and we take that
4 very seriously. And hopefully we will be able to
5 keep that -- keep that going. And lastly to you
6 all, obviously for your engagement in the process
7 as well.

8 I think all told, you know, the rooms were
9 full, the comments were well taken, and everybody
10 -- most importantly everybody got back home safe.
11 So thank you for that.

12 Thank you, Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Thank you. And of course,
14 being able to pivot is the ultimate hurdle many
15 times, right? Being able to, you know, you don't
16 know what's thrown at you, and you get all types of
17 adversity, so thank you. I just kind of second
18 those comments.

19 Thank you to staff for keeping everything
20 going, especially Tuesday, as we -- last Tuesday,
21 as we had a tough day, knowing that we had a long
22 day, and things that we couldn't imagine were
23 getting thrown at us. So thank you.

24 I threw one this morning, or really late
25 yesterday. Mr. Mike Stanton, I know he is in the

1 back, but I reminded him that we were going to be
2 in this room when I thought we were going to go to
3 the IA room, and I asked him to play some music,
4 and he was able to pull that off. So thank you,
5 again, for being able to pivot.

6 Commissioners, any other -- any other matters
7 that need to be addressed before us that might be
8 on your thoughts or minds? Not seeing any, I am
9 going to mention one.

10 I know it's been a busy month, frankly. Many
11 of us were at SEARUC earlier part of the month. We
12 heard a lot about FERC order 1920. You know, I --
13 you know, when FERC dropped this order, of course,
14 my ears perked up. As I was there and spoke to
15 other states, and heard from FERC Commissioners
16 directly, frankly, I got a little bit more
17 concerned.

18 There is a NARUC-FERC working group that as
19 assembled got past year, year-and-a-half. My
20 concern is that the collaboration maybe wasn't --
21 the recommendations that came out of the
22 collaboration weren't ultimately part, or a big
23 part of FERC's order. I know that our AG has been
24 actively fighting for Florida's interest, and they
25 have requested FERC, an official request for

1 rehearing of the order 1920.

2 At the end of the day, I want to make sure
3 that state rights are preserved, and I don't -- I
4 am not getting that feeling from the way I am
5 reading this order. And I understand that there is
6 a technical side and there is a territorial side of
7 this order. You know, the technical side is very
8 intense and deep, but it's the territorial side
9 that really is what concerns me.

10 I know that many of you are hearing it from a
11 lot of different angles, both from NARUC, also from
12 SEARUC. I know NARUC has also made a request with
13 a multitude of other states for rehearing.

14 So I have asked staff just to continue to keep
15 us updated. I am confident that they will. I know
16 that we will hear later, as the year goes on, from
17 a multitude of different angles. But I just wanted
18 just to bring that up, and it is something that I
19 am following very closely.

20 Again, I am concerned any time our authority
21 might get either diluted, even though that the
22 impact of what the specifics are in this order
23 maybe don't impact Florida as many -- as much as
24 maybe others would, but what I don't want to do is
25 be able to look back one day and say, man, how has

1 -- how have our powers eroded us, maybe minimizing
2 our ability to ultimately represent our state and
3 our ratepayers.

4 So, again, this wasn't intended necessarily to
5 be a major discussion today, but I just wanted to
6 make sure I echoed those comments, and recognized
7 what's happening at the federal level, and
8 ultimately what could be affecting us here at the
9 state level.

10 Not seeing any other thoughts or comments, I
11 will go ahead and call this meeting adjourned.

12 Is it okay to start the hearing, the FPL storm
13 hearing within a few minutes, or do we have to be
14 time certain on that?

15 MS. HELTON: Well, I think we need to let
16 people kind of readjust, Mr. Chairman --

17 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Sure.

18 MS. HELTON: -- because we are not sitting in
19 the right seats, so maybe at least five minutes.

20 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Okay. Okay. I was just
21 making sure it wasn't, like, an hour.

22 All right. So let's go ahead --

23 MS. HELTON: Maybe 10 minutes. Mr. Futrell is
24 asking for 10.

25 CHAIRMAN LA ROSA: Excellent, and it's heard,

1 so let's say 10 minutes for the FPL storm recovery
2 hearing.

3 Not seeing anything else before us, this
4 meeting is adjourned.

5 Thank you.

6 (Proceedings concluded.)

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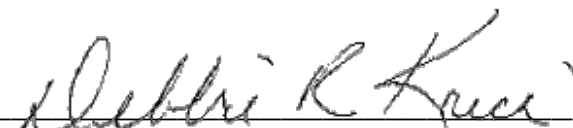
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DATED this 2nd day of July, 2024.


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