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DATE: August 29, 2007

TO: Office of Commission Clerk (Cole)

FROM: Division of Economic Regulation (Baxter)
Office of the General Counsel (Fleming)

RE: Docket No. 070430-EI – Petition for approval of revised lighting tariff by Tampa Electric Company.

AGENDA: 09/11/07 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Filing – Interested Persons May Participate

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

PREHEARING OFFICER: Administrative

CRITICAL DATES: 09/15/07 (60-Day Suspension Date)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\ECR\WP\070430.RCM.DOC

Case Background

On July 17, 2007, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a Petition for Approval of a Revised Lighting Tariff. The petition requests approval of rates for two new 16-foot aluminum lighting poles to be offered under TECO's Premium Outdoor Lighting Service, Rate Schedule OL-3. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 366.06(1), Florida Statutes.

Discussion of Issues

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve TECO’s proposed changes to its Premium Outdoor Lighting Service (OL-3) rate schedule?

Recommendation: Yes. (Baxter, Fleming)

Staff Analysis: TECO has proposed changes to its Premium Outdoor Lighting Service, Rate Schedule OL-3. The changes consist of the addition of two new aluminum lighting poles to the existing rate schedule.

The proposed new poles are a 16-foot Charleston Banner pole made of reinforced aluminum capable of supporting a 2ft x 2ft banner attachment and a 16-foot Charleston HD (heavy duty) pole made of reinforced aluminum capable of supporting dual post-top fixtures. Both poles adhere to current wind-loading standards. TECO state that it proposed the new poles in response to customer requests for decorative lighting poles in the “Charleston” style capable of supporting banners and dual lighting fixtures. Both poles will be offered under the OL-3 rate schedule. The proposed pole rates include two components: a pole/wire charge and a maintenance charge. TECO developed the new pole/wire charges by applying a fixed charge carrying rate to the installed cost of the poles. The maintenance charges were based on engineering and maintenance costs and estimated failure rates. The proposed monthly charges are as follows:

Charge	Charleston Banner (OL-3)	Charleston HD (OL-3)
Pole/Wire	\$24.58	\$21.62
Maintenance	\$2.65	\$2.46
Total	\$27.23	\$24.08

Staff has reviewed the supporting cost data used to develop the new charges and recommends that TECO’s proposed changes be approved.

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes, if Issue 1 is approved, this tariff should become effective on September 11, 2007. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, the tariff should remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order. (Fleming)

Staff Analysis: If Issue 1 is approved, this tariff should become effective on September 11, 2007. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, the tariff should remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.