

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA

CONFERENCE DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Betty Easley Conference Center, Joseph P. Cresse Hearing Room 148

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*Revised to insert revised recommendation for Item No. 4.

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1**PAA

Docket No. 20240150-TX – Petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Florida, by Integrated Path Communications, LLC.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Fay

Staff: IDM: Deas, Fogleman

GCL: Augspurger, Imig

Issue 1: Should IPC be granted an ETC designation to provide lifeline service in the service areas listed in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated January 24, 2025?

Recommendation: Yes. IPC should be granted an ETC designation to provide Lifeline service in the service areas listed in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated January 24, 2025. Staff also recommends that if there is a future change of Company ownership, the new owners should be required to file a petition with the Commission to demonstrate that it is in the public interest to maintain the Company’s ETC designation.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Proposed Agency Action Order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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2**PAA

Docket No. 20240162-TP – Petition for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier, by TAG Mobility, LLC d/b/a TAG Mobile.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Clark

Staff: IDM: Mallow, Day, Deas, Fogleman

GCL: Imig, Augspurgen

Issue 1: Should TAG Mobility be granted ETC designation to provide Lifeline service throughout the State of Florida?

Recommendation: Yes. TAG Mobility should be granted ETC designation to provide Lifeline service throughout the State of Florida. Staff also recommends that if there is a future change of Company ownership, the new owners should be required to file a petition with the Commission to demonstrate that it is in the public interest to maintain the Company's ETC designation.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Proposed Agency Action Order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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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.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Clark

Staff: AFD: Vogel, Norris, D. Buys, Quigley, Gatlin

ECO: Hampson, McClelland

ENG: Ellis, Ramos

GCL: Thompson

Issue 1: Should the Commission authorize TECO to implement an interim storm restoration recovery charge?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should authorize TECO to implement an interim storm restoration recovery charge, subject to refund. Once the total actual storm costs are known, TECO should be required to file documentation of the total actual storm costs for Commission review and true-up of any excess or shortfall.

Issue 2: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the amount collected subject to refund through the interim storm restoration recovery charge?

Recommendation: The appropriate security to guarantee the funds collected subject to refund is a corporate undertaking.

Issue 3: Should the Commission approve TECO's proposed interim storm restoration recovery charge tariff as shown in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated January 24, 2025?

Recommendation: Yes, the Commission should approve TECO's proposal to revise the interim storm restoration recovery tariff and associated surcharges, as shown in Attachment A of staff's memorandum dated January 24, 2025. The tariff should become effective the first billing cycle of March 2025. The interim storm restoration surcharges should be subject to final true-up once the total actual storm costs are known.

Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should remain open pending final reconciliation of actual recoverable storm costs with the amount collected pursuant to the interim storm restoration recovery charge and the calculation of a refund or additional charge if warranted.

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Docket No. 20240173-EI – Petition for limited proceeding for recovery of incremental storm restoration costs related to Hurricanes Debby, Helene and Milton, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Clark

Staff: AFD: Vogel, D. Buys, Mason, Norris
ECO: Hampson, Hudson, McClelland
ENG: P. Buys, Ramos, Smith II
GCL: Dose

Issue 1: Should the Commission authorize DEF to implement an interim storm restoration recovery charge?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should authorize DEF to implement an interim storm restoration recovery charge, subject to refund. Once the total actual storm costs are known, DEF should be required to file documentation of the total actual storm costs for Commission review and true-up of any excess or shortfall.

Issue 2: What is the appropriate security to guarantee the amount collected subject to refund through the interim storm restoration recovery charge?

Recommendation: The appropriate security to guarantee the funds collected subject to refund is a corporate undertaking.

Issue 3: Should the Commission approve DEF’s proposed interim storm restoration recovery charge tariff as shown in Attachment A of staff’s revised memorandum dated February 3, 2025?

Recommendation: Yes, the Commission should approve DEF’s proposal to revise the interim storm restoration recovery tariff and associated surcharges, as shown in Attachment A of staff’s revised memorandum dated February 3, 2025. The tariff should become effective the first billing cycle of March 2025. The interim storm restoration surcharges should be subject to final true-up once the total actual storm costs are known.

Issue 4: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should remain open pending final reconciliation of actual recoverable storm costs with the amount collected pursuant to the interim storm restoration recovery charge and the calculation of a refund or additional charge if warranted.

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5**PAA

Docket No. 20240148-EG – Petition for approval of proposed demand-side management plan, by Peoples Gas System, Inc.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Fay

Staff: ENG: Wooten, Ellis, King

GCL: Imig, Marquez

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Peoples Gas System’s proposed DSM Plan and program standards?

Recommendation: Yes. The DSM Plan proposed by PGS is projected to exceed the annual numeric conservation goals approved by the Commission in the 2024 Goalsetting Order. PGS’s proposed DSM Plan is primarily a continuation, with some minor modifications, of its DSM portfolio used to establish the goals approved by the Commission in the 2024 Goalsetting Order. The programs within PGS’s proposed DSM Plan are projected to be cost-effective based upon both the G-RIM and Participants Tests.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission should allow PGS to file for cost recovery of the programs included in its proposed DSM Plan in the Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery (NGCCR) proceeding. However, PGS must demonstrate that the expenditures to implement its DSM programs are reasonable and prudent in order to recover those expenditures in the NGCCR.

PGS also submitted its administrative program standards with its proposed DSM Plan. Staff has reviewed PGS’s administrative program standards and recommends that the Commission find they are consistent with the Utility’s proposed DSM Plan submitted for approval. Staff requests that PGS be required to notify the Commission prior to any changes being made to the program standards as filed.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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6**PAA

Docket No. 20240111-WU – Application for grandfather certificate to operate water utility in Citrus County, by Citrus Waterworks, Inc.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Clark

Staff: ENG: P. Buys, Ramos, Smith II

AFD: Bardin

ECO: Bethea, Bruce

GCL: Imig, Farooqi

Issue 1: Should Citrus Waterworks, Inc.’s application for a grandfather water certificate in Citrus County be acknowledged?

Recommendation: Yes. Citrus’ application should be acknowledged and the Utility should be issued Certificate No. 684-W, effective May 28, 2024, to serve the territory described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated January 24, 2025. The resultant order should serve as Citrus’ certificate and should be retained by the Utility.

Issue 2: What rates and charges should be approved for Citrus Waterworks, Inc.?

Recommendation: The Utility’s monthly rates and charges that were in effect when Citrus County transferred jurisdiction to the Commission, shown on Schedule No. 1 of staff’s memorandum dated January 24, 2025, should be approved. The rates and charges should be effective for service rendered on or after the stamped approval date on the tariff sheets pursuant to Rule 25-30.475, F.A.C. The Utility should be required to charge the approved rates and charges until authorized to change them by this Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action portion of this recommendation files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued. The docket should remain open for staff’s verification that the revised tariff sheets have been filed by the Utility and approved by staff. Once this action is complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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Docket No. 20240140-WS – Application for amendment of Certificate Nos. 589-W and 507-S in Polk County, by NC Real Estate Projects, LLC d/b/a Grenelefe Utility.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Administrative

Staff: ENG: Davis, Ellis, Ramos

GCL: Stiller

Issue 1: Should the Commission institute a show cause proceeding against Grenelefe for an apparent violation of Section 367.045, F.S.?

Recommendation: No. A show cause proceeding should not be initiated.

Issue 2: Should the Commission approve Grenelefe’s application for amendment of Certificate Nos. 589-W and 507-S to extend its territory from its certificated water and wastewater service territory in Marion County?

Recommendation: Yes. The Commission should amend Certificate Nos. 589-W and 507-S to include the territory as described in Attachment A of staff’s memorandum dated January 24, 2025, effective the date of the Commission’s vote. The resultant order should serve as Grenelefe’s amended certificates and should be retained by the Utility. The Utility should charge future customers in the territory added herein the rates and charges contained in its current tariffs until a change is authorized by the Commission in a subsequent proceeding.

Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If the Commission approves staff’s recommendation, no further action will be necessary, and this docket should be closed upon issuance of the order.

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8**PAA

Docket No. 20240107-GU – Petition for approval of modifications to cast iron/bare steel pipe replacement rider, by Peoples Gas System, Inc.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Administrative

Staff: ECO: Ward, Hampson

ENG: Ellis, Sanchez, Thompson

GCL: Sandy

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Peoples' proposed modifications to the CI/BS Rider?

Recommendation: Yes, in part. The Commission should approve Peoples' expansion of the rider program to include: (1) maximum allowable operating pressure (MAOP) reconfirmation and material verification, (2) pipeline spans and shallow/exposed pipe, and (3) the relocation of facilities in rear easements. These components of the proposed rider expansion are reasonable additions that are required by recent changes to the United States Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration (PHMSA) regulations and/or are consistent with approved items in previous Commission Orders.

The Commission should deny the inclusion of (1) pipeline pressurization monitoring and management, (2) pipeline damages and leaks, (3) pipeline within casings, (4) undetectable facilities, and (5) system enhancement projects, as they are not required by PHMSA regulations and/or are part of the utility's normal operations and, therefore, more appropriately addressed through traditional ratemaking processes.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no protest is filed by a person whose substantial interests are affected within 21 days of the issuance of the Order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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9**PAA

Docket No. 20240141-GU – Petition for approval of transportation service agreement between Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. and Florida City Gas.

Critical Date(s): None

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Passidomo

Staff: ECO: Hampson

GCL: Sandy

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the proposed firm transportation service agreement between Peninsula and FCG, dated September 18, 2024?

Recommendation: Yes, the Commission should approve the proposed firm transportation agreement between Peninsula and FCG, dated September 18, 2024. The proposed agreement is reasonable and meets the requirements of Section 368.105, F.S. Furthermore, the proposed agreement benefits FGC’s current and future customers by increasing system resiliency and reliability.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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Docket No. 20240108-SU – Application for increase in wastewater rates in Monroe County by K W Resort Utilities Corp.

Critical Date(s): 02/11/25 (60-Day Suspension Date)

Commissioners Assigned: All Commissioners

Prehearing Officer: Fay

Staff: ECO: Sibley, Chambliss, Bruce

AFD: Bardin, York, Sowards

ENG: Wooten, Ellis

GCL: Brownless

(Tariff Suspension - Participation is at the discretion of the Commission)

Issue 1: Should the utility's proposed wastewater rates be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. The utility's proposed wastewater rates should be suspended to allow staff and any intervenors sufficient time to adequately and thoroughly examine the appropriateness of the utility's request for final rate relief.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's final action on the utility's requested rate increase.