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- A tariff contains all of the utility's rates, charges, and customer service policies that have been approved by the Commission.
- Rule 25-9, F.A.C., *Construction and filing of tariffs by public utilities*, contains the required content and organization of the tariff, as well as general instructions regarding making changes to the tariff.
- Utilities are required to maintain a copy of their current tariff at their local business office.



Types of Tariff Approvals and Revisions

- Original tariffs are approved in original certificate, grandfather certificate, and transfer cases.
- Revisions to rates may be approved as a result of a rate case, limited proceeding, index, or pass through.
- Revisions to a service availability policy or charges, miscellaneous service charges, customer deposits, or utility name may also be approved.



Effective Dates

- The Commission must approve or deny an application for an original certificate within 90 days after the application is completed. See Section 367.031, F.S., *Original certificate*.
- In rate cases, the Commission may approve interim rates within 60 days of the filing of an application, subject to refund, pending the outcome of staff's analysis. See Section 367.082, F.S., *Interim rates; procedure*.



Effective Dates (cont.)

- A rate case may take five to 15 months to complete, depending on the type of application and whether the Commission must conduct a hearing. See Sections 367.081, F.S., *Rates; procedure for fixing and changing*; 367.0814, F.S., *Staff assistance in changing rates and charges; interim rates*; 367.091, F.S., *Rates, tariffs; new class of service*.
- An index will become effective no less than 60 days after receipt of the application and a pass through will become effective no less than 45 days after receipt of the application. See Section 367.081(4), F.S., *Rates; procedure for fixing and changing*.



Effective Dates (cont.)

- Applications for a limited proceeding, revisions to a service availability policy or charges, miscellaneous service charges, customer deposits, or a utility name change must be completed within eight months. See Section 367.091, F.S., *Rates, tariffs; new class of service.*



Remember!

- A utility may only charge rates and charges that have been approved by the Commission.
- A change may not be made to a tariff without Commission approval.

