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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause with Generating Performance Incentive Factor.

Docket No. 050001-EI Filed: October 17, 2005

THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-05-0281-PCO-EI establishing the prehearing procedure in this docket, The Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG) hereby files its Prehearing Statement.

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On Behalf of the Florida Industrial Power Users Group.

B. WITNESSES:

None.

C. EXHIBITS:

None at this time. However, FIPUG reserves the right to utilize appropriate exhibits during cross-examination.

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

None.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

GENERIC FUEL ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate fuel adjustment true-up amounts for the period January

2004 through December 2004?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

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ISSUE 2: What are the appropriate fuel adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2005 through December 2005?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate total fuel adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from January 2006 to December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

Should the Commission revise the fuel cost recovery factors in April 2006, after the final 2005 true-up filing, if a utility's estimated 2005 under-recovery developed during the 2005 hurricane season exceeds the actual under-recovery?

Yes. By correcting any final 2005 true-up over recoveries at the time the utilities make their true-up filing, rather than waiting nine months until January 2007, the Commission may give customers a modicum of relief from the rate shock they will encounter come January 1, 2006.

ISSUE 5: What is the appropriate revenue tax factor to be applied in calculating each investor-owned electric utility's levelized fuel factor for the projection period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 6: What are the appropriate projected net fuel and purchased power cost recovery amounts to be included in the recovery factors for the period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

<u>ISSUE 7:</u> What are the appropriate levelized fuel cost recovery factors for the period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 8: What are the appropriate fuel recovery line loss multipliers to be used in calculating the fuel cost recovery factors charged to each rate class/delivery voltage level class?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

<u>ISSUE 9:</u> What are the appropriate fuel cost recovery factors for each rate class/delivery voltage level class adjusted for line losses?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 10: What should be the effective date of the fuel adjustment charge and capacity cost recovery charge for billing purposes?

The new factors should be effective beginning with the first billing cycle for January 2006 and thereafter through the last billing cycle for December 2006. The first billing cycle may start before January 1, 2006, and the last billing cycle may end after December 30, 2006, so long as each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the factors become effective.

ISSUE 11: What are the appropriate actual benchmark levels for calendar year 2005 for gains on non-separated wholesale energy sales eligible for a shareholder incentive?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 12: What are the appropriate estimated benchmark levels for calendar year 2006 for gains on non-separated wholesale energy sales eligible for a shareholder incentive?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

COMPANY-SPECIFIC FUEL ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

Progress Energy Florida

ISSUE 13A: Has Progress Energy Florida confirmed the validity of the methodology used to determine the equity component of Progress Fuels Corporation's capital structure for calendar year 2004?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

<u>ISSUE 13B:</u> Has Progress Energy Florida properly calculated the 2004 price for waterborne transportation services provided by Progress Fuels Corporation?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13C: Are PEF's proposed inverted residential fuel factors appropriate?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13D: Did Progress Energy Florida appropriately refund to its ratepayers the overpayments of \$6.1 million made to 16 qualifying facilities between August 2003 and August 2004?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13E: Did Progress Energy Florida prudently incur the additional \$17.5 million in

incremental fuel costs due to the impact of the 2004 hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13F: Should the Commission grant Progress Energy Florida's petition for approval of

waterborne coal transportation service contracts?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13G: Are costs associated with Progress Energy Florida's contract with Virginia Power

Energy Marketing for long term natural gas supply and transportation reasonable

and appropriate for recovery?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13H: Has Progress Energy Florida adequately mitigated the price risk for natural gas,

residual oil, and purchased power for 2004 through 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13I: Is PEF's request for recovery of \$10,413,156 for coal car investment, carrying

costs for coal in transit, and coal procurement reasonable?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13J: Should the Commission approve PEF's request for recovery of capacity and

energy costs associated with PEF's wholesale purchase contract with Central Power & Lime, commencing in December 2005, subject to subsequent review of

the costs incurred pursuant to the contract for reasonableness and prudence?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13K: Did PEF prudently incur its incremental fuel costs due to the impact of the 2005

hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13L: Were the prices that PEF paid to Progress Energy Fuels Corporation for coal

reasonable in amount? If not, what adjustment should be made?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 13M: Should the Commission order PEF to collect its \$264.9 million under-recovery

over a two-year period?

FIPUG: Yes. PEF's 2005 estimated under recovery is in addition to a projected increase

for fuel and purchased power costs in 2006 and a surcharge for the 2004

hurricanes. By spreading the collection of the under recovery over two years, the Commission can help lessen the cumulative blow of these rate increases on customers and avoid rate shock.

Florida Power & Light Company

ISSUE 14A: Did Florida Power & Light prudently incur the additional \$50,162,000 in

incremental fuel costs due to the impact of the 2004 hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14B: Is FPL's incremental 2006 hedging O&M expense of \$496,485 reasonable and

appropriate for recovery?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14C: Should the Commission authorize FPL to defer collecting \$384,681,845 of its

2005 actual/estimated true-up until 2007?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14D: Has FPL adequately mitigated the price risk of natural gas, residual oil, and

purchased power for 2004 through 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14E: Are the replacement fuel and purchased power costs associated with the

unplanned outage at Turkey Point Unit 4, commencing on June 27, 2005.

reasonable and appropriate for recovery at this time?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14F: Should the Commission approve FPL's request to recover through the fuel clause

approximately \$30 million for its St. Lucie Unit 2 Steam Generator Sleeving

Project?

FIPUG: No. This type of expense is not recoverable through the fuel and purchased

power cost recovery clause.

ISSUE 14G: Should FPL credit the net proceeds of \$6,442,183 from the settlement between the

U.S. Department of Energy and FPL, among other parties, to the fuel clause?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14H: Are FPL's proposed inverted residential fuel factors appropriate?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 14I: Did FPL prudently incur its incremental fuel costs due to the impact of the 2005 hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

Florida Public Utilities Company

ISSUE 15A: Has Florida Public Utilities Company made the adjustments as noted in Audit Exception No. 1 to Audit No. 05-028-4-2 to its Northeast Division's fuel revenues?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 15B: What is the appropriate regulatory treatment for fees paid to Christensen and Associates to perform FPUC's request for proposals for wholesale capacity and energy commencing 2008 and develop a rate-smoothing surcharge for 2006 and 2007?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 15C: Should the Commission grant Florida Public Utilities Company's request to adopt a surcharge to its fuel factor(s) to phase in future higher wholesale capacity and energy costs, expected to begin in January 2008?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 15D: Should the Commission grant Florida Public Utilities Company's request to adopt a consolidated fuel factor for its two divisions?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

Gulf Power Company

ISSUE 16A: Should Gulf Power recover associated replacement fuel and purchased power costs prior to exhausting all avenues of redress against the party or parties which manufactured, delivered, or installed the turbine at the Smith Unit 3 which failed during 2005?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 16B: Has Gulf Power adequately mitigated the price risk of natural gas and purchased power for 2004 through 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 16C: Did Gulf Power prudently incur its incremental fuel costs due to the impact of the

2005 hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 16D: Is Gulf Power Company's incremental 2006 hedging O&M expense of \$28,080

reasonable and appropriate for recovery?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

Tampa Electric Company

ISSUE 17A: Pursuant to Order No. PSC-04-0999-FOF-EI, in Docket No. 031033-EI, issued October 12, 2004, has Tampa Electric Company made the appropriate adjustments to its 2004 waterborne coal transportation costs for recovery

purposes?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17B: Has Tampa Electric Company properly adjusted its waterborne coal transportation costs associated with transportation services provided by TECO Transport in the

recovery factor for the period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17C: Did Tampa Energy Company prudently incur the additional \$2,736,764 in

incremental fuel and purchased power costs due to the impact of the 2004

hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17D: Did Tampa Electric Company prudently incur its incremental fuel costs due to the

impact of the 2005 hurricane season?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17E: Should Tampa Electric recover associated replacement fuel and purchased power

costs prior to exhausting all avenues of redress against the party or parties which manufactured, delivered, or installed the rotor at Polk Unit 1 which failed and

caused an unplanned outage at Polk Unit 1, commencing January 18, 2005?

FIPUG: No. All avenues of redress should first be exhausted before the Commission

decides whether Tampa Electric should be allowed to recover associated replacement fuel and purchased power costs. FIPUG takes no position at this time, pending information adduced during discovery and at hearing, as to whether

Tampa Electric should be allowed to recover such costs.

ISSUE 17F: Has Tampa Electric adequately mitigated the price risk of natural gas and

purchased power for 2004 through 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17G: Should Tampa Electric recover associated replacement fuel costs prior to exhausting all avenues of redress against No. 1 Contractors for failure to deliver coal as set forth in its March, 2004, contract with Tampa Electric?

FIPUG: No. All avenues of redress should first be exhausted before the Commission decides whether Tampa Electric is allowed to recover associated replacement fuel costs. FIPUG takes no position at this time, pending information adduced during discovery and at hearing, as to whether Tampa Electric should be allowed to recover such costs.

ISSUE 17H: Is Tampa Electric's new long-term firm service agreement with Gulfstream Natural Gas System, LLC to provide natural gas transportation to Bayside Generating Station prudent?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17I: Is Tampa Electric Company's incremental 2006 hedging O&M expense of \$235,798 reasonable and appropriate for recovery?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 17J: Was Tampa Electric Company's decision to purchase synthetic coal from Synthetic American Fuel, LLC, commencing January 2005, prudent?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

GENERIC GENERATING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FACTOR ISSUES

What is the appropriate generation performance incentive factor (GPIF) reward or penalty for performance achieved during the period January 2004 through December 2004 for each investor-owned electric utility subject to the GPIF?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

What should the GPIF targets/ranges be for the period January 2006 through December 2006 for each investor-owned electric utility subject to the GPIF?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

COMPANY-SPECIFIC GENERATING PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FACTOR ISSUES

FIPUG: None at this time.

GENERIC CAPACITY COST RECOVERY FACTOR ISSUES

ISSUE 24: What are the appropriate capacity cost recovery true-up amounts for the period

January 2004 through December 2004?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 25: What are the appropriate capacity cost recovery true-up amounts for the period

January 2005 through December 2005?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 26: What are the appropriate total capacity cost recovery true-up amounts to be

collected/refunded during the period January 2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 27: What are the appropriate projected net purchased power capacity cost recovery

amounts to be included in the recovery factor for the period January 2006 through

December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 28: What are the appropriate jurisdictional separation factors for capacity revenues

and costs to be included in the recovery factors for the period January 2006

through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 29: What are the appropriate capacity cost recovery factors for the period January

2006 through December 2006?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

COMPANY-SPECIFIC CAPACITY COST RECOVERY FACTOR ISSUES

Progress Energy Florida

ISSUE 30A: Has PEF provided sufficient evidence to justify its increase in capacity costs?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

ISSUE 30B: Are PEF's actual and projected expenses for 2004 through 2006 for its post-

September 11, 2001 security measures reasonable for cost recovery purposes?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

Florida Power & Light Company

ISSUE 31A: Is FPL's requested post-9/11 security compliance cost for 2004, 2005, and 2006

(projected) at its nuclear power plants reasonable and appropriate for recovery?

FIPUG: No position at this time.

Gulf Power Company

FIPUG: None at this time.

Tampa Electric Company

FIPUG: None at this time.

F. <u>STIPULATED ISSUES:</u>

None at this time.

G. PENDING MOTIONS OR OTHER MATTERS:

FIPUG has one pending motion: The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition for Automatic Correction of Final 2005 True-up Over Recoveries, filed October 13, 2005.

H. PENDING CLAIMS OF CONFIDENTIALITY:

FIPUG has no pending confidentiality claims.

I. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER NO. PSC-05-0281-PCO-EI:

FIPUG has not at this time identified any portion of the procedural order that cannot be complied with.

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