BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure DOCKET NO. 070297-EI Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., submitted by Tampa Electric Company. In re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure DOCKET NO. 070298-EI Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., submitted by Progress Energy Florida, Inc. In re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure DOCKET NO. 070299-EI Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., submitted by Gulf Power Company. In re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure DOCKET NO. 070301-EI Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, F.A.C., submitted by Florida Power FILED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 & Light Company.

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-07-0573-PCO-EI, filed July 10, 2007, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

	Staff is not sponsoring any witnesses.
CMP COM	5 b. All Known Exhibits
CTR	Staff has no direct exhibits.
ECR .	Staff's Statement of Basic Position
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OPC _	Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing.
RCA _	Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the
SCR_	preliminary positions stated herein.
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All Known Witnesses

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d. Staff's Position on the Issues

Docket No. 070297-EI – Tampa Electric Company (TECO)

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which, at a minimum, the Plan complies with the National Electric Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC] that is applicable pursuant to subsection 25-6.0345(2), F.A.C.? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(a)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 2: Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for new distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)1]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for major planned work on the distribution system, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)2]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan reasonably address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for distribution facilities serving critical infrastructure facilities and along major thoroughfares taking into account political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations? [Rule 256.0342(3)(b)3]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which its distribution facilities are designed to mitigate damage to underground and supporting overhead transmission and distribution facilities due to flooding and storm surges? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(c)]

ISSUE 6: Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the placement of new and

replacement distribution facilities facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance pursuant to Rule 25- 6.0341, F.A.C? [Rule 25-

6.0342(3)(d)

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 7: Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of its deployment

strategy including a description of the facilities affected; including technical design specifications, construction standards, and construction methodologies

employed? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(a)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 8: Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of the communities and

areas within the utility's service area where the electric infrastructure improvements, including facilities identified by the utility as critical infrastructure and along major thoroughfares pursuant to subparagraph (3)(b)3. are to be made?

[Rule 25-6.0342(4)(b)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 9: Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of the extent to which the

electric infrastructure improvements involve joint use facilities on which third-

party attachments exist? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(c)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 10: Does the Company's Plan provide a reasonable estimate of the costs and benefits

to the utility of making the electric infrastructure improvements, including the effect on reducing storm restoration costs and customer outages? [Rule 25-

6.0342(4)(d)

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 11: Does the Company's Plan provide an estimate of the costs and benefits, obtained

pursuant to subsection (6) below, to third-party attachers affected by the electric infrastructure improvements, including the effect on reducing storm restoration costs and customer outages realized by the third-party attachers? [Rule 25-

6.0342(4)(e)

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan include written Attachment Standards and Procedures addressing safety, reliability, pole loading capacity, and engineering standards and procedures for attachments by others to the utility's electric transmission and distribution poles that meet or exceed the edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) that is applicable pursuant to Rule 25-6.034, F.A.C.? [Rule 25-

6.0342(5)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Based on the resolution of the preceding issues, should the Commission find that the Company's Plan meets the desired objectives of enhancing reliability and reducing restoration costs and outage times in a prudent, practical, and cost-effective manner to the affected parties? [Rule 25-6.0342(1) and (2)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

<u>Docket No. 070298-EI – Progress Energy Florida, Inc.</u>

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which, at a minimum, the Plan complies with the National Electric Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC] that is applicable pursuant to subsection 25-6.0345(2), F.A.C.? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(a)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for new distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)l]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for major planned work on the distribution system, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)2]

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for distribution facilities serving critical infrastructure facilities and along major thoroughfares taking into account political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations? [Rule 256.0342(3)(b)3]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which its distribution facilities are designed to mitigate damage to underground and supporting overhead transmission and distribution facilities due to flooding and storm surges? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(c)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the placement of new and replacement distribution facilities facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance pursuant to Rule 25- 6.0341, F.A.C? [Rule 25- 6.0342(3)(d)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of its deployment strategy including a description of the facilities affected; including technical design specifications, construction standards, and construction methodologies employed? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(a)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of the communities and areas within the utility's service area where the electric infrastructure improvements, including facilities identified by the utility as critical infrastructure and along major thoroughfares pursuant to subparagraph (3)(b)3. are to be made? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(b)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of the extent to which the electric infrastructure improvements involve joint use facilities on which third-party attachments exist? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(c)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 23: Does the Company's Plan provide a estimate of the costs and benefits to the utility of making the electric infrastructure improvements, including the effect on reducing storm restoration costs and customer outages? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(d)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan provide a estimate of the costs and benefits, obtained pursuant to subsection (6) below, to third-party attachers affected by the electric infrastructure improvements, including the effect on reducing storm restoration costs and customer outages realized by the third-party attachers? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(e)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan include written Attachment Standards and Procedures addressing safety, reliability, pole loading capacity, and engineering standards and procedures for attachments by others to the utility's electric transmission and distribution poles that meet or exceed the edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) that is applicable pursuant to Rule 25-6.034, F.A.C.? [Rule 25-6.0342(5)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Based on the resolution of the preceding issues, should the Commission find that the Company's Plan meets the desired objectives of enhancing reliability and reducing restoration costs and outage times in a prudent, practical, and cost-effective manner to the affected parties? [Rule 25-6.0342(1) and (2)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Docket No. 070299-EI - Gulf Power Company (Gulf)

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which, at a minimum, the Plan complies with the National Electric Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC] that is applicable pursuant to subsection 25-6.0345(2), F.A.C.? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(a)]

ISSUE 28: Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for new distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)1]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for major planned work on the distribution system, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)2]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for distribution facilities serving critical infrastructure facilities and along major thoroughfares taking into account political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations? [Rule 256.0342(3)(b)3]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which its distribution facilities are designed to mitigate damage to underground and supporting overhead transmission and distribution facilities due to flooding and storm surges? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(c)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the placement of new and replacement distribution facilities facilitate safe and efficient access for installation and maintenance pursuant to Rule 25- 6.0341, F.A.C? [Rule 25- 6.0342(3)(d)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of its deployment strategy including a description of the facilities affected; including technical design specifications, construction standards, and construction methodologies employed? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(a)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of the communities and areas within the utility's service area where the electric infrastructure improvements, including facilities identified by the utility as critical infrastructure and along major thoroughfares pursuant to subparagraph (3)(b)3. are to be made? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(b)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 35: Does the Company's Plan provide a detailed description of the extent to which the electric infrastructure improvements involve joint use facilities on which third-party attachments exist? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(c)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 36: Does the Company's Plan provide an estimate of the costs and benefits to the utility of making the electric infrastructure improvements, including the effect on reducing storm restoration costs and customer outages? [Rule 25-6.0342(4)(d)]

<u>POSITION</u>: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

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POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 39: Based on the resolution of the preceding issues, should the Commission find that the Company's Plan meets the desired objectives of enhancing reliability and

reducing restoration costs and outage times in a prudent, practical, and cost-effective manner to the affected parties? [Rule 25-6.0342(1) and (2)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Docket No. 070301-EI - Florida Power & Light Company (FPL)

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which, at a minimum, the Plan complies with the National Electric Safety Code (ANSI C-2) [NESC] that is applicable pursuant to subsection 25-6.0345(2), F.A.C.? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(a)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 41: Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for new distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)1]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for major planned work on the distribution system, including expansion, rebuild, or relocation of existing facilities, assigned on or after the effective date of this rule distribution facility construction? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(b)2]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which the extreme wind loading standards specified by Figure 250-2(d) of the 2007 edition of the NESC are adopted for distribution facilities serving critical infrastructure facilities and along major thoroughfares taking into account political and geographical boundaries and other applicable operational considerations? [Rule 256.0342(3)(b)3]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

Does the Company's Plan address the extent to which its distribution facilities are designed to mitigate damage to underground and supporting overhead transmission and distribution facilities due to flooding and storm surges? [Rule 25-6.0342(3)(c)]

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ISSUE 51: Does the Company's Plan include written Attachment Standards and Procedures

addressing safety, reliability, pole loading capacity, and engineering standards and procedures for attachments by others to the utility's electric transmission and distribution poles that meet or exceed the edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2) that is applicable pursuant to Rule 25-6.034, F.A.C.? [Rule 25-

6.0342(5)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

ISSUE 52: Based on the resolution of the preceding issues, should the Commission find that

the Company's Plan meets the desired objectives of enhancing reliability and reducing restoration costs and outage times in a prudent, practical, and cost-

effective manner to the affected parties? [Rule 25-6.0342(1) and (2)]

POSITION: No position pending evidence adduced at hearing.

e. Stipulated Issues

Staff is aware of no stipulated issues at this time.

f. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

g. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

h. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections to any witness' qualifications as an expert in this proceeding.

i. Compliance with Order No. PSC-07-0573-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of September, 2007.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of STAFF'S PREHEARING

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