

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition to determine need for Polk 2-5 combined cycle conversion, by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 120234-EI

DATED: November 14, 2012

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COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-12-0494-PCO-EI, filed September 26, 2012, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Is there a need for the proposed Polk 2-5 Combined Cycle Conversion, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time.

ISSUE 2: Are there any renewable energy sources and technologies or conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to Tampa Electric Company, which might mitigate the need for the proposed Polk 2-5 Combined Cycle Conversion?

POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time.

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ISSUE 3: Is there a need for the proposed Polk 2-5 Combined Cycle Conversion, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time.

ISSUE 4: Is there a need for the proposed Polk 2-5 Combined Cycle Conversion, taking into account the need for fuel diversity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time.

ISSUE 5: Will the proposed Polk 2-5 Combined Cycle Conversion provide the most cost-effective source of power, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519(3), Florida Statutes?

POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Based on the resolution of the foregoing issues, should the Commission grant Tampa Electric Company's petition to determine the need for the proposed Polk 2-5 Combined Cycle Conversion?

POSITION: Staff takes no position at this time.

ISSUE 7: Should this docket be closed?

POSITION: The docket should be closed administratively.

e. Stipulated Issues

Staff knows of no stipulated issues at this time.

f. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

g. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

h. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

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

i. Compliance with Order No. PSC-12-0494-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of November, 2012.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the original of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and one copy has been furnished to the following by electronic and U.S. Mail, on this 14th day of November, 2012:

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