

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding to approve second solar base rate adjustment (SoBRA), effective January 1, 2019, by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20180133-EI

DATED: September 17, 2018

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2018-0388-PCO-EI, filed August 2, 2018, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

1. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

2. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

3. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

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. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

4. Staff's Position on the Issues

**ISSUE 1:** Are the 2019 SoBRA projects proposed by TECO each eligible in their entirety for treatment pursuant to paragraph 6 of the 2017 Agreement?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

**ISSUE 2:** Are the 2019 SoBRA projects proposed by TECO cost effective pursuant to subparagraph 6(g) of the 2017 Agreement?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

**ISSUE 3:** Are the projected installed costs of each of the 2019 SoBRA projects proposed by TECO less than or equal to the Installed Cost Cap of \$1,500 per kWac pursuant to subparagraph 6(d) of the 2017 Agreement?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

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**ISSUE 4:** Is the projected average capital cost of the 2018 & 2019 SoBRA projects less than or equal to \$1,475 per kWac pursuant to subparagraph 6(c) of the 2017 Agreement?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

**ISSUE 5:** What are the estimated annual revenue requirements associated with TECO's 2019 SoBRA projects?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

**ISSUE 6:** What are the appropriate base rates needed to collect the estimated annual revenue requirements for the solar projects in the 2019 SoBRA?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

**ISSUE 7:** Should the Commission approve the tariffs for TECO reflecting the base rate increases for the 2019 SoBRA projects determined to be appropriate in these proceedings?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

**ISSUE 8:** Should the docket be closed?

**POSITION:** Staff has no position pending evidence adduced at the hearing.

5. Stipulated Issues

There are no stipulated issues at this time.

6. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

7. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

8. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Commission staff has no objections to witness qualifications as an expert.

9. Compliance with Order No. PSC-2018-0388-PCO-EI

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

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of September, 2018.

*/s/Walter Trierweiler*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been filed with the Office of Commission Clerk and that a true copy has been furnished to the following by electronic mail this Respectfully submitted this 17th day of September, 2018:

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