

**AUSLEY McMULLEN**

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

123 SOUTH CALHOUN STREET  
P.O. BOX 391 (ZIP 32302)  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32301  
(850) 224-9115 FAX (850) 222-7560

March 14, 2019

**VIA: ELECTRONIC FILING**

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman  
Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Petition to initiate rulemaking to revise and amend portions of Rule 25-6.0426, F.A.C., by Florida Power & Light Company, Gulf Power Company, and Tampa Electric Company; Docket No. 20180143-EI.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above docket are Tampa Electric Company's responses to Staff's First SERC Data Request – Corrected (Nos. 1-8) dated March 8, 2019.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

  
James D. Beasley

JDB/pp  
Attachment

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 1  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

1. Does the utility anticipate any adverse impacts to Florida's small businesses (as defined by Section 288.703, F.S.)? If there would be adverse impacts to small businesses, what would they be? Please discuss.
  - A. Tampa Electric does not anticipate adverse impacts to Florida's small businesses (as defined by Section 288.703 F.S.). Tampa Electric believes the draft rule would positively impact small businesses through enhanced access to programs and services promoting growth and expansion.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 2  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

- 2.** Does the utility anticipate any adverse impacts over \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of its implementation in Florida's economic growth, private sector job creation, and private sector investment? Please discuss.
  - A.** Tampa Electric does not anticipate any adverse impacts over \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of its implementation in Florida's economic growth, private sector job creation, and private sector investment. Tampa Electric believes the draft rule would benefit Florida's economic growth, private sector job creation and private sector investment.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 3  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

- 3.** Does the utility anticipate any adverse impacts over \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of its implementation in Florida's business competitiveness (including the ability of persons doing business in other states or domestic markets), productivity, and innovation? Please discuss.
  - A.** Tampa Electric does not anticipate any adverse impacts over \$1 million in the aggregate within five years of its implementation in Florida's business competitiveness (including the ability of persons doing business in other states or domestic markets), productivity, and innovation. Tampa Electric believes the draft rule would benefit Florida's competitiveness, productivity, and innovation.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 4  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

- 4.** Does the utility anticipate any effect on state and local government revenues?
  - A.** Tampa Electric anticipates, to the extent that there are effects on state and local government revenues, that the effects would be neutral to positive in nature. The intent of economic development organizations, programs and services is to help existing businesses expand and attract new businesses to the area – increasing the economic prosperity of a given region. Effecting positive growth of the state and local economies should, all other things being equal, provide additional revenues to state and local governments.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 5  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

- 5.** Please provide an analysis of economic impacts on small businesses, small counties, and small cities.
  - A.** Tampa Electric has not performed an analysis of economic impacts of this proposed rulemaking on small businesses, small counties and small cities; however, the company anticipates that the impact on these sectors of increased involvement by utility companies in economic development as a result of the changes proposed to Rule 25-6.0426, F.A.C., would be a net positive benefit.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 6  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

- 6.** Please provide and discuss any other economic benefits or costs of staff's draft rule changes regarding the recovery of economic development expenses which the Commission may find useful.
  
- A.** The goal of economic development is to position a regional economy on a trajectory of growth that increases productivity and prosperity, raising standards of living. Tampa Electric engages with economic development partners throughout our service territory to effectively facilitate, advocate and communicate with new and existing customers, experiencing or pursuing growth. Our work includes communicating new company programs, activities, and incentives that support economic development efforts. Partners include County EDOs, City/County Economic Development Departments, Community Development Groups, Alliances, Chambers, etc. Tampa Electric believes the draft rule changes have the potential to improve programs and partnership activities, ultimately providing positive economic benefits at both the state and local levels.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 7  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

7. Please provide the bill impact of staff's draft rule change on a residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month.
  - A. Tampa Electric would not have any residential bill impacts for the period 2018-2021, since the Company's existing Settlement Agreement includes a stay-out period that goes through 2021, provided ROE does not fall below the agreed upon 9.25% ROE floor. For 2022, assuming Tampa Electric were to file for rate relief in 2021 to go into effect in January 2022, the proposed rule modifications would increase the allowable economic development expenses approximately \$1.90 million more than the \$2.85 million that would be allowable under the current rule. If Tampa Electric were to spend up to the proposed new cap, the \$1.90 million increase would represent approximately \$0.13 increase on a typical residential 1,000-kWh monthly bill. This bill impact assumes Tampa Electric is already spending economic development dollars up to its current allowed cap of \$3 million dollars, which it is not doing.



**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20180143-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST SERC DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 8  
PAGE 1 OF 1  
FILED: MARCH 14, 2019**

- 8.** Please provide the bill impact of staff's draft rule change on a small commercial customer (on a GS rate schedule) using 1,500 kWh per month.
  - A.** Tampa Electric would not have any residential bill impacts for the period 2018-2021, since the Company's existing Settlement Agreement includes a stay-out period that goes through 2021, provided ROE does not fall below the agreed upon 9.25% ROE floor. For 2022, assuming Tampa Electric were to file for rate relief in 2021 to go into effect in January 2022, the proposed rule modifications would increase the allowable economic development expenses approximately \$1.90 million more than the \$2.85 million that would be allowable under the current rule. If Tampa Electric were to spend up to the proposed new cap, the \$1.90 million increase would represent approximately \$0.195 increase on a typical General Service 1,500-kWh monthly bill. This bill impact assumes Tampa Electric is already spending economic development dollars up to its current allowed cap of \$3 million dollars, which it is not doing.