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DATE: May 6, 2020
TO: Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Lynn M. Deamer, Chief of Auditing, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
RE: Docket No.: 20200001-EI
Company Name: Florida Public Utilities Company
Company Code: EI803
Audit Purpose: A3a: Fuel Cost Recovery Clause
Audit Control No: 2020-007-1-3

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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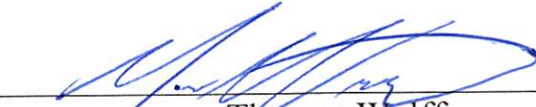
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Auditor's Report

Florida Public Utilities Company
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019

Docket No. 20200001-EI
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April 27, 2020



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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Accounting and Finance in its audit service request dated January 2, 2020. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Florida Public Utilities Company in support of its 2019 filing for the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20200001-EI.

The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definition

FPUC/Utility refers to the Florida Public Utilities Company.

FAC refers to the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause.

Revenue

Objectives: The objectives were to determine the actual Kilowatt Hours (KWH) sold for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019 and whether FPUC applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual KWH sales for the FAC.

Procedures: We computed revenues using the factors in Order No. PSC-2018-0610-FOF-EI, issued December 26, 2018 and actual KWH sales from the Fuel Revenue Reports and reconciled them to the general ledger and filing. We selected a random sample of residential and commercial customers' bills for the period and recalculated each to verify the use of the correct tariff rate. No exceptions were noted.

Expense

Objectives: The objectives were to determine whether expenses listed on the FAC filing are supported by adequate documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recoverable through the FAC and meet the criteria in Order 14546, issued July 8, 1985. In addition, we were to determine whether the energy payments to qualifying facilities are based on the appropriate standard offer or negotiated contract rate.

Procedures: We traced expenses in the filing to the general ledger. We judgmentally selected a sample of 2019 expenses for testing. The source documentation for selected items was reviewed to ensure the expense was related to the FAC and that the expense was charged to the correct account. No exceptions were noted.

True-up

Objective: The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Schedule C-1 was properly calculated.

Procedures: We traced the December 31, 2018, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2019, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2018, the Non-financial Commercial Paper rates, and the 2019 FAC revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

Analytical Review

Objectives: The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's FAC Revenues and Expenses to determine if there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior year.

Procedures: We compared 2019 to 2018 revenues and expenses. There was a 16.97% increase Non-Fuel Revenues between 2018 and 2019 and a 40.43% decrease in Special Costs/Other Fuel Related Costs from 2018 and 2019. The 16.97% increase was due to Total Sales Revenues for January 2019 being estimated based on January 2018 data. Costs were lowered due to residual adjustments pertaining to the hurricane. The 40.43% decrease was due to work being performed and completed by outside companies in 2018 which made the costs significantly higher in 2018 than 2019.

Audit Findings

None

