



July 16, 2020

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
Attn: Adam Teitzman

Re: 2020 Ten Year Site Plan – Staff’s Data Request #2

Dear Mr. Teitzman,

Pursuant to Section 186.801, Florida Statutes and Rules 25-22.070-072 of Florida Administrative Code, Lakeland Electric submits its responses to Staff’s Data Request #2 in relation to Lakeland Electric’s 2020 Ten Year Site Plan via the Commissions electronic platform.

If you have questions please contact me at 863-834-6595.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

Lakeland Electric 6 17 2020 Response to FPSC's Data Request #2 – 2020 TYSP

Please respond to the following questions, which constitute Staff's Data Request #2.

1. Please respond to the following questions based on Lakeland Electric's best information available:
 - a. Referring to Schedules 2.1 and 2.2, please discuss how the Company's Forecast of Energy Consumption (GWH) of each customer class (Residential, Commercial and Industrial) would be expected to change (i.e. increase, decrease, and to what degree, in general terms) if updated to reflect the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic for 2020.

Weather normalized sales for the period of mid-March through mid-May 2020 averaged 6% higher than forecast for Residential customers. During the same period, Commercial weather normalized sales were lower than forecast by 19% and Industrial sales were lower than forecast by 11%. This resulted in total weather normalized sales being lower than forecast by 5%. Now that businesses are gradually being allowed to reopen, for the last couple of weeks in May, Residential weather normalized sales are averaging 4% higher than forecast. Commercial weather normalized sales are improving and they are now averaging 12% lower than forecast, while industrial weather normalized sales are at 9% lower than forecast. If this trend continues, weather normalized annual sales are likely to end up in the 3% to 5% lower than forecast range. However, should there be a resurgence in COVID infection rates and should additional restrictions get imposed, this variance is likely to be higher.

- b. Referring to Schedule 2.2, please discuss how the Total Sales to Ultimate Customers (GWH) would be expected to change (i.e. increase, decrease, and to what degree, in general terms) if updated to reflect the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic for 2020 through 2022.

In the 2020 through 2022 timeframe, total sales would be expected to be lower by around 4% a year relative 2020 TYSP forecast. Built into this assumption is the expectation that employment levels would not reach back up to pre COVID levels for several years, leading to a contraction in households and therefore lower Residential energy sales. In addition, it is also assumed that a Commercial and Industrial customer counts would grow at a lower rate than pre COVID due to reduced demand in certain industries including tourism and lodging.