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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of: DOCKET NO. 20200211-EI

Petition for temporary variance
from or waiver of Rule 25-6.097(3),
F.A.C., temporary waiver of
Section 6.3 of tariff, and request
for expedited ruling, by Florida
Power & Light Company.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY

DATE: Tuesday, October 6, 2020

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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Tallahassee, Florida

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Item No. 2, Ms. Helton, will
3 you introduce the item, please?

4 MS. HELTON: Yes, sir.

5 Item No. 2 addresses FPL's petition for
6 temporary variance from or waiver of rule
7 25-6.097(3) in Section 6.3 of Power & Light's
8 tariff.

9 FPL is seeking to accelerate its refund of
10 cash deposits to qualifying residential customers
11 who may be experiencing economic hardships due to
12 the COVID-19 pandemic.

13 Staff recommends that a rule waiver or
14 variance is unnecessary under the plain language of
15 the rule, that the petition for a temporary
16 variance from or waiver of Section 6.3 of the
17 tariff should be granted.

18 Staff also recommends that Power & Light
19 should be required to provide the Commission with
20 notice of commencement and the end date of the
21 refund.

22 Representatives of FPL and staff are available
23 on the line to answer any questions.

24 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Commissioners, do
25 you have questions for staff or for FPL this

1 morning?

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I do, Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Brown.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

5 And I love this idea. I think this is another
6 creative tool in the Corona utility toolbox, so
7 appreciate FPL putting this forth.

8 I have a question of the utility regarding how
9 they -- I know it says how you calculate it, but I
10 just wanted some clarification on the formula to
11 get the estimates to 50,000 to 60,000 qualifying
12 residential customers under this program and
13 request.

14 MR. LEE: Good morning, Commissioners. This
15 is David Lee for Florida Power & Light Company.

16 Commissioner Brown, essentially we took the
17 snapshot in time now, because we don't know what it
18 will look like a few weeks from now when we
19 actually run the calculation. So we took a look at
20 who would qualify today, and it was about that
21 number that we gave you, that 50,000, which would
22 amount to about \$9 to \$11 million in deposit
23 refunds, assuming everybody stays on track between
24 now and when we actually calculate it.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

1 And what would happen if a customer that
2 qualifies under this program thereafter defaults or
3 is late?

4 MR. LEE: So we -- you mean after we return
5 their deposit?

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.

7 MR. LEE: Yeah. So obviously, the utility
8 would be able to go ahead and calculate a new
9 deposit and request that they file a new deposit
10 with the utility.

11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Would that be after one
12 month typically, or -- or 60 days? How do you
13 calculate that?

14 MR. LEE: Well, it would happen -- because
15 they are going to get a credit on their account, so
16 it's not likely they are going to default on the
17 month or two months following because the deposit
18 equals two months of their typical bill, so if that
19 were to happen, it would probably be three or four
20 months later. And at that point, if we are late,
21 then, yes, they would be able to pull for a
22 redeposit, so on their next bill, they would get
23 charged the deposit if we went ahead did that.

24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

25 And I think this is a very creative way to

1 provide relief to customers, so I really commend
2 your outside-the-box thinking.

3 Have you thought about doing this for
4 commercial and industrial folks who meet the same
5 criteria?

6 MR. LEE: I don't believe so at this time.

7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Do you have information
8 about how many are behind? I know we are getting
9 reports now, and we just had a report September
10 30th that was filed with the Commission. Do you
11 have a percentage of how many commercial/industrial
12 customers of FPL are behind or in arrears?

13 MR. LEE: I have Dennis Reynolds on the line
14 who is with our customer service billing. I don't
15 know if he has that information handy.

16 Dennis, do you have that?

17 MR. REYNOLDS: I do not have that in front of
18 me.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I am curious, just
20 because I know so many businesses, at least in the
21 Tampa Bay area, are really affected and are unable
22 to reopen still even with Florida being open for
23 business, so I am curious about what companies are
24 doing to help provide some relief for those
25 affected.

1 We could talk more about that under Item 3.
2 So I will give you -- give you some time to think
3 about that.

4 And with that, Mr. Chairman, if there are no
5 other questions, I would move this staff
6 recommendation on this item.

7 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion. Do I have
8 other questions? Any other questions?

9 I will be taken a second to Commissioner
10 Brown's motion.

11 COMMISSIONER FAY: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second.
13 Any discussion on the item?

14 All in favor say aye.

15 (Chorus of ayes.)

16 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN CLARK: And the item is approved.

19 (Agenda item concluded.)
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