BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Petition for approval of a regulatory asset to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Gulf Power Company. | DOCKET NO. 20200151-EI |
| In re: Petition for approval of regulatory assets to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Public Utilities Company - Indiantown Division, Florida Public Utilities Company - Fort Meade, Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. | DOCKET NO. 20200194-PU |
| In re: Petition for approval of a regulatory asset to record costs incurred due to COVID-19, by Utilities, Inc. of Florida. | DOCKET NO. 20200189-WS  ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0221-PCO-PU  ISSUED: June 15, 2021 |

ORDER OF ABATEMENT

Order No. PSC-2021-0104-PCO-PU (Order Establishing Procedure and Consolidating Dockets), issued on March 12, 2021, consolidated these dockets and established hearing procedures, including controlling dates.[[1]](#footnote-1) In Section IX, Controlling Dates, June 16, 2021, was established as the hearing date for these three dockets. In the week before this scheduled hearing, the following actions have taken place:

1. On June 11, 2021, the parties to Docket No. 20200194-WS, Florida Public Utilities Company and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement, with attached Settlement Agreement.
2. On June 15, 2021, at its Agenda Conference, the Commission acknowledged the Notice of Voluntary Dismissal filed by Utilities, Inc. of Florida in Docket No. 20200189-PU.
3. On June 15, 2021, the parties to Docket No. 20200151-EI, Gulf Power Company (Gulf) and OPC, filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Stipulation and Settlement, with attached Settlement Agreement.

Based on the potential for these three actions to allow complete and amicable resolution of this consolidated docket, the requests made by the parties to the two Settlement Agreements, and the need to afford sufficient time for the Commission and its staff to review the proposed Settlement Agreements, this proceeding is abated. The hearing currently scheduled for June 16, 2021, is cancelled and will be rescheduled by separate order.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Chairman Gary F. Clark, as Presiding Officer, that this proceeding is abated. It is further

ORDERED that the hearing set for June 16, 2021, by Order No. PSC-2021-0104-PCO-PU, is cancelled and will be rescheduled by separate order.

By ORDER of Chairman Gary F. Clark, as Presiding Officer, this 15th day of June, 2021.

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|  | /s/ Gary F. Clark |
|  | GARY F. CLARK  Chairman and Presiding Officer |

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

1. This order was modified in one aspect not here relevant in Order No. PSC-2021-0104A-PCO-PU, issued March 19, 2021. Additionally, certain controlling dates, although not the hearing date, were modified by Order No. PSC-2021-0123-PCO-PU, issued April 7, 2021. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)