BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Petition for approval of a new small commercial lighting tariff, by Tampa Electric Company. | DOCKET NO. 20220037-EI  ORDER NO. PSC-2022-0140-PCO-EI  ISSUED: April 12, 2022 |

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ANDREW GILES FAY, Chairman

ART GRAHAM

GARY F. CLARK

MIKE LA ROSA

GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On February 18, 2022, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a petition for approval of a new Small Commercial Bright Choices Outdoor Lighting Agreement tariff (Small Commercial lighting agreement). The proposed Small Commercial lighting agreement would allow customers installing less than $20,000 of lighting equipment on commercial property to take lighting service on a month-to-month term, as opposed to the ten-year term specified in the current Commission-approved lighting service tariff. The proposed Small Commercial lighting agreement can be terminated by either party with 30 days’ notice. This proposal is similar to the Small Residential lighting agreement, which was initially implemented pursuant to TECO’s 2021 settlement agreement.[[1]](#footnote-1) TECO further proposes several modifications and clarifications to its current lighting tariffs and lighting agreements.[[2]](#footnote-2)

We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change, a reason, or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. Commission staff has stated it needs additional time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on the tariff proposals. We find this reason to constitute good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tampa Electric Company’s proposed Small Commercial Bright Choices Outdoor Lighting Agreement tariff is suspended. It is further

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that TECO’s proposed modifications and clarifications to its current lighting tariffs are suspended. It is further

ORDERED that the docket shall remain open pending our final action on TECO’s requested approval of new and modified tariffs.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 12th day of April, 2022.

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|  | /s/ Adam J. Teitzman |
|  | ADAM J. TEITZMAN  Commission Clerk |

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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. Order No. PSC-2021-0423-S-EI, issued November 10, 2021, in Docket No. 20210034-EI, *In re: Petition for rate increase by Tampa Electric Company.* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Sheet Nos. 6.800, 6.810, 6.815, 6.830, 6.835, 7.010, 7.215, 7.220, & 7.240. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)