

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

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Docket No. 20220049-EI – Review of Storm Protection Plan, pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., Florida Public Utilities Company.

Issue 1B: Does FPUC’s Storm Protection Plan contain all of the elements required by Rule 25-6.030, Florida Administrative Code?

Recommendation: Yes. FPUC met the criteria and intent of the SPP Rule with its filing and the Commission has adequate information in order to satisfy its statutory requirements.

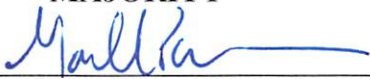
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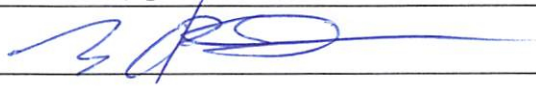
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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2B: To what extent is FPUC’s Storm Protection Plan expected to reduce restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events and enhance reliability?

Recommendation: FPUC utilized historical and scientific data to support its 2022 SPP program evaluation and development. The data was used to target and prioritize system infrastructure for hardening in order to reduce restoration costs and outage times associated with extreme weather events.

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Issue 3B: To what extent does FPUC’s Storm Protection Plan prioritize areas of lower reliability performance?

Recommendation: FPUC’s SPP appears to prioritize areas of lower reliability performance.

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Issue 4B: To what extent is FPUC’s Storm Protection Plan regarding transmission and distribution infrastructure feasible, reasonable, or practical in certain areas of the Company’s service territory, including, but not limited to, flood zones and rural areas?

Recommendation: With the exceptions discussed in Issue 10B, FPUC’s SPP appears feasible, reasonable, and practical within the Company’s service territory.

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Issue 5B: What are the estimated costs and benefits to FPUC and its customers of making the improvements proposed in the Storm Protection Plan?

Recommendation: The estimated costs of FPUC’s SPP programs are shown in Table 5B-1 of staff’s memorandum dated September 26, 2022. The benefits are described in Section 3 of its proposed SPP and are discussed in Issue 2B.

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Issue 6B: What is the estimated annual rate impact resulting from implementation of FPUC’s Storm Protection Plan during the first 3 years addressed in the plan?

Recommendation: The estimated annual rate impact, as provided by FPUC, is projected to increase approximately 130 percent the first three years of its Storm Protection Plan. While staff is not recommending any implementation alternatives to mitigate rates, staff is recommending removal of the Future T&D Enhancements and the Transmission and Substation Resiliency Programs from FPUC’s SPP because these programs do not enhance existing infrastructure.

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Issue 10B: Is it in the public interest to approve, approve with modification, or deny FPUC’s Storm Protection Plan?

Recommendation: Staff recommends FPUC’s SPP meets the requirements of Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., as discussed in Issue 1B. Staff recommends that FPUC’s SPP, with the following modifications, is in the public interest and should be approved: (1) remove the Future T&D Enhancement Program; and (2) remove the Transmission & Substation Resiliency Program. FPUC should file an amended SPP within 30 days of the issuance of the final order for administrative approval by Commission staff.

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Issue 11B: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. As discussed in Issue 10B, FPUC should file an amended SPP within 30 days of the issuance of the final order for administrative approval by Commission staff. Therefore, the docket should remain open for staff’s verification that the amended SPP has been filed and complies with the Commission’s order. Once these actions are complete, this docket should be closed administratively.

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