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#### VIA E-PORTAL

Mr. Adam Teitzman Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20230002-EG - Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Clause

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for electronic filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company, please find the Company's Prehearing Statement.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Energy Conservation Cost	)	Docket No. 20230002-EG
Recovery Clause.	)	
	)	Filed: October 6, 2023

# $\frac{\text{FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S}}{\text{PREHEARING STATEMENT}}$

Consistent with Order No. 2023-0086-PCO-EG, issued February 15, 2023, Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC") hereby submits this Prehearing Statement:

# a. All Known Witnesses

Witness	<b>Subject</b>	<u>Issue</u>
Derrick M. Craig	Final True Up 2022	1-10
	and	

2023 Cost Recovery Amounts and Factors for 2024

# b. All Known Exhibits

Witness	<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Issue</u>
Derrick M. Craig	Revised DMC-1(composite) <sup>1</sup>	Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, CT-4, CT-5 and CT-6	1, 10
Derrick M. Craig	DMC-2 (composite)	Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, and C-5	2-7

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised August 4, 2023.

## c. FPUC's Statement of Basic Position

<u>FPUC</u>: The Commission should approve Florida Public Utilities Company's final net true-up for the period January through December 2022, the estimated true-up for the period January through December 2023, and the projected conservation program expenses for the period January through December 2024.

## d. FPUC's Position on the Issues

#### GENERIC CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY ISSUES

**ISSUE 1:** What are the final conservation cost recovery adjustment true-up amounts for the January 2022 through 2022?

FPUC: The final end of period adjustment true-up amount is an over-recovery of \$105,310.

**ISSUE 2:** What are the appropriate conservation adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023?

FPUC: The estimated conservation true-up amount for the period January 2023 to December 2023 is an under-recovery of \$66,591.

**ISSUE 3:** What are the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from January 2024 through December 2024?

FPUC: The estimated conservation true-up amount to be refunded during the period January 2024 to December 2024 is an over-recovery of \$38,719.

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**ISSUE 4:** What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2024 through December 2024?

FPUC: FPUC seeks to recover \$919,031, over the period January 2024 through December 2024.

**ISSUE 5**: What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

FPUC: The Company asks for approval of a consolidated levelized conservation cost recovery factor for this period of \$.00144 per KWH.

**ISSUE 6**: What should be the effective date of the new conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

FPUC: The factor should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2024 through December 2024. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2024 and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2024, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

ISSUE 7: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the energy conservation cost recovery amounts and energy conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

FPUC: Yes. The Commission should approve revised tariffs reflecting the energy conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing energy conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding. The Commission should direct staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision.

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**ISSUE 8:** Should this docket be closed?

**POSITION:** Recognizing that this is an ongoing cost recovery docket, this docket should remain open with a new docket number assigned for the following year.

## e. <u>Stipulated Issues</u>

While not a party to any stipulations at this time, FPUC believes that it should be possible to reach a stipulation on each of the issues as they pertain to FPUC.

## f. <u>Pending Motions</u>

FPUC has no pending motions.

## g. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None.

## h. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

FPUC has no objections to any witnesses' qualifications at this time.

## i. <u>Compliance with Order No. 2023-0086-PCO-EG</u>

FPUC has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of October, 2023.

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by Electronic Mail to the following parties of record this 6th day of October, 2023.

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