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DATE: March 1, 2019
TO: Adam J. Teitzman, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Samantha Cibula, Office of the General Counsel *S.M.C.*
RE: Docket No. 20000418-PU

Please file the attached materials in the docket file listed above.

Thank you.

Attachment

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August 7, 2000

Ms. Mary Anne Helton
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Re: Public Service Commission Rule Numbers: 25-6.0426; 25-7.042

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Dear Mary Anne,

I have completed my initial review of the above-referenced files, which were noticed in the July 28, 2000 edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly and have the following comment:

25-6.0426; 25-7.042. Section 288.035(1), F.S., states:

(1) The Florida Public Service Commission may authorize public utilities to recover reasonable economic development expenses. For purposes of this section, recoverable "economic development expenses" are those expenses described in subsection (2) which are consistent with criteria to be established by rules adopted by the Department of Commerce as of June 30, 1996, or as those criteria are later modified by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

Please provide a copy of the rules adopted by the Department of Commerce as of June 30, 1996, which form the basis of the proposed PSC rules.

Thanks for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.A. Sirmans".

Matthew A. Sirmans
Chief Attorney

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Public Service Commission

August 9, 2000

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Re: PSC Docket No. 000418-PU - Proposed Amendments to Rules 25-6.0426 and 25-7.042

Dear Mr. Sirmans:

Enclosed are the Department of Commerce Rules 8E-15.001, 8E-15.002, and 8E-15.003 promulgated pursuant to Section 288.035(1), Florida Statutes, as you requested in your letter dated August 7, 2000.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Anne Helton".

Mary Anne Helton
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosure

CHAPTER 8E-15
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES

8E-15.001	Purpose.
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8E-15.001 Purpose.

Section 288.035, F.S., provides the Florida Public Service Commission with the authority to permit public utilities to recover reasonable economic development expenses. The statute limits recoverable economic development expenses to those activities for which the Florida Department of Commerce is authorized to expend public funds. These recoverable economic development expenses also must be consistent with criteria established by the Florida Department of Commerce. This rule establishes these criteria.

Specific Authority 288.035(1) FS.

Law Implemented 288.035 FS.

History--New 2-16-95.

8E-15.002 Definitions.

(1) "Economic development" means those activities designed to improve the quality of life for all Floridians by building an economy characterized by higher personal income, better employment opportunities and improved business access to domestic and international markets.

(2) "Economic development organization" means a state, local, or regional public or private entity which engages in economic development activities, such as the Florida Department of Commerce, city and county economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, the Florida International Affairs Commission, Enterprise Florida, the Florida Economic Development Council, and World Trade Councils.

(3) "Trade show" means an exhibition at which companies, organizations, communities or states advertise or display their products or services. State and local economic development organizations attend or participate in trade shows to identify potential industrial prospects, to provide information about the locational advantages of Florida and its communities, or to promote the goods and services of Florida companies.

(4) "Prospecting mission" means a series of meetings with potential industrial prospects at their business locations with the objectives of convincing the prospect that Florida is a good place to do business and offers unique opportunities for that particular business, and encouraging the prospect to commit to a visit to Florida if a locational search is pending or in progress.

(5) "Strategic plan" means a long-range (5 to 10 years) guide for the economic development of a community or state which focuses on broad priority issues, is growth-oriented, is concerned with fundamental change, and is intended to develop and capitalize on new opportunities.

(6) "Recruitment" refers to active efforts to encourage specific companies (or companies within a group targeted by industrial classification, size, geographic area or other criteria) to relocate, expand or begin operations in a particular community or state.

Specific Authority 288.035(1) FS.

Law Implemented 288.035 FS.

History--New 2-16-95.

8E-15.003 Criteria.

All financial support for economic development activities given by public utilities to state and local governments and organizations will be evidenced by a written agreement. Recoverable economic development expenses shall be limited to the following:

- (1) Expenditures for operational assistance, including:
 - (a) planning, attending and participating in trade shows;
 - (b) planning, conducting and participating in prospecting missions designed to encourage the location in Florida of domestic and foreign companies;
 - (c) providing financial support to state and local economic development organizations to

assist with their economic development operations;

(d) providing financial support to economic development programs/initiatives identified or developed by the Florida Department of Commerce;

(e) participating in joint economic development efforts, including public-private partnerships, consortia and multi-county regional initiatives;

(f) participating in downtown revitalization and rural community development programs;

(g) supporting state and local efforts to promote small and minority-owned business development efforts; and

(h) supporting state and local efforts to promote business retention and expansion activities.

(2) Expenditures for assisting the state and local governments in the design of strategic plans for economic development activities, including:

(a) making financial contributions to state and local governments to assist strategic planning efforts; and

(b) providing technical assistance, data, computer programming and financial support to state and local governments in the design and maintenance of geographic information systems, computer networks and other information systems used in strategic planning activities.

(3) Expenditures for marketing and research services, including:

(a) assisting state and local governments and economic development organizations in marketing specific sites for business and industry development or recruitment;

(b) assisting state and local governments and economic development organizations in responding to inquiries from business and industry concerning the development of specific sites within the utility's service area;

(c) providing technical assistance, data, computer programming and financial support to state and local governments in the design and maintenance of geographic information systems, computer networks and other information systems used in marketing and research activities;

(d) providing financial support to state and local economic development organizations to assist with their research and marketing activities;

(e) sponsoring publications, conducting direct mail campaigns and providing advertising support for state and local economic development efforts;

(f) participating in cooperative marketing efforts with state and local economic development organizations;

(g) helping state and local businesses identify suppliers, markets and sources of financial assistance;

(h) helping state and local economic development organizations identify specific industries and companies for targeting and recruitment;

(i) working with state and local economic development organizations to identify businesses in need of help for expansion, going out of business, or at risk of leaving the area;

(j) providing site and facility selection assistance, including listing of commercial/industrial sites, computer databases, toll-free telephone numbers, maps, photographs and videos, and other activities in cooperation with state and local economic development organizations; and

(k) supporting state and local efforts to promote foreign exports of goods and services, and other international business activities.

Specific Authority 288.035(1) FS.

Law Implemented 288.035 FS.

History—New 2-16-95.