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Re: Docket No. 20210064 - Petition for approval of revised underground residential distribution tariffs, by Tampa Electric Company.

Dear Mr. Beasley,

By this letter, Commission staff respectfully requests Tampa Electric Company (TECO or Company) provide responses to the following data requests to the above referenced docket.

1. In paragraph 7 of the petition, TECO highlights that Rule 25-6.078(10), F.A.C., states:

a utility can waive all or any portion of a cost differential for providing underground facilities, as long as it reduces net plant in service as if the differential had been collected, with an exception provided to this requirement if the Commission determines that "... there is a *quantifiable* benefit to the general body of ratepayers commensurate with the waived differential."

Please provide the analysis quantifying the benefit to the general body of ratepayers for waiving the low density lot charge.

2. Do all cities and counties within TECO's territory require (via order, ordinance, law, etc.) undergrounding for new development? Please explain.
3. In paragraph 10 of the petition, the Company recognizes that there are factors that could cause pricing swings for labor and materials, and that events "such as the COVID-19 pandemic, that reduce manufacturing capacity and extend delivery timelines for such equipment also affect prices."
 - a. Please describe the economic impact that the company believes COVID-19 had on overall costs in the proposed URD differentials calculations.

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- b. What is the Company's perception on how long these impacts could influence the proposed URD differentials.
4. If a new subdivision is constructed via overhead service, would the Company anticipate a future point-in-time in which the subdivision would be converted to underground through its Storm Protection Plan and cost recovery process? Please explain..
5. In the past 12 months, how many low-density subdivisions were constructed in TECO's service territory.

Please file all responses electronically no later than May 19, 2021 via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please email me at hforrest@psc.state.fl.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Holly Forrest

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CC: Office of the Commission Clerk