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Docket No. 20210034-EI

Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commision

2450 Shumard Oak Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

I amwriting to contest the proposed rate and customer fees. At this time, most people are in hardship and can not afford electricity. It's not an option to reduce usage to save money due to the heat in Florida throughout the entire year of which creates most of the electrical usage for residential customers. The customer fee is an administrative fee only to make an additional profit. Residents have NO choice on their carrier and that is not fair practices in order to keep rates competitive. The rates are already over priced and a profit is already being made.

Due to the reasons listed above, I am contesting the proposed rate increases.

Sincerely,

Christopher Diubaldo, Michelle Diubaldo

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Tampa Electric Seeks Approval For Rate Adjustment

On April 9, 2021, Tampa Electric Company petitioned the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") for an increase in its permanent base rates and miscellaneous service charges. The company's last request for a base rate increase was filed in April 2013.

The requested increase is needed primarily to address growth in rate base and associated depreciation expense increases; cost recovery for undepreciated net book value of assets to be retired; modest increases to operations and maintenance expenses to provide safe and reliable service that meets customer expectations; and general base revenue growth that has not kept pace with the needs of the company's system. A more complete description of Tampa Electric's request is provided in the petition and direct testimony of Tampa Electric witnesses, and the detailed data supporting the request is contained in the Minimum Filing Requirements ("MFRs"), all of which were submitted to the Commission in the proceeding.

A copy of Tampa Electric's entire rate request filing with the Commission, including a complete set of MFRs, is available for inspection at www.tampaelectric.com/ourratefiling.

Service Hearings

The Commission has set the following dates and times for hearings to provide interested Tampa Electric Company customers an opportunity to speak about the company's quality of service and the requested rate increase. All times are listed in Eastern Time (ET).

> Monday, August 9 at 2 p.m. Monday, August 9 at 6 p.m.* Tuesday, August 10 at 10 a.m.

The service hearings will be held virtually and viewable online at the Commission's website. Visit www.floridapsc.com and look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call 1-850-413-7999 to listen to the hearings. Customer participation will be by phone. To speak at a service hearing, a customer must register via the Commission's online registration form, which will be available at www.floridapsc.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading. Customers without internet access can register to speak by calling the Commission at 1-850-413-7080. Registration will open beginning July 28 at 9 a.m. ET, and the deadline to register is noon ET two business days prior to each hearing. The order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they register. Customer participation at each service hearing is limited to 50 customers. If you register to speak and wish to provide documents to the Commission, please do so by noon ET two business days prior to your registered hearing date. These documents should refer to Docket No. 20210034-EI, and be submitted to the Commission Clerk by emailing Clerk@psc.state.fl.us. If assistance in submitting your documents is needed, please contact the Clerk's Office at 1-850-413-6770.

Customers who wish to speak in Spanish are encouraged to select the Aug. 9 at 6PM hearing, at which an interpreter will be available.

* Denotes Spanish-language interpreter available.

Special Accommodations

Those requiring special accommodations for the hearings should call the Office of Commission Clerk at 1-850-413-6770 no later than five days before the hearing. Any person who is hearing- or speech-

impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, available at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

Other Ways to Provide Comments

Customers may also provide comments by calling the Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance and Outreach at 1-800-342-3552; emailing contact@psc.state.fl.us; or sending a letter to the Office of Commission Clerk, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850. Written comments should refer to Docket No. 20210034-EI. A pre-addressed comment card is available for download at **www.tampaelectric.com/CommentCard**.

Other Resources —

An overview of the rate request is available at www.floridapsc.com/ Publications/RateCaseOverviews. Cissy Galloway is the Commission representative for technical questions on this docket and can be reached by emailing cgallowa@psc.state.fl.us or calling 1-850-413-6922. Charles Murphy is the Commission's representative for legal questions and can be reached by emailing cmurphy@psc.state.fl.us or calling 1-850-413-6191. At any time during this process, you may contact the Office of Public Counsel (OPC). The OPC was established by the Florida Legislature to represent you and the other utility consumers before the Commission. The Public Counsel is independent from the Commission and can be reached at 1-800-342-0222.

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