

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of revised
underground residential distribution tariff, by
Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 20260050-EI
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0158-PCO-EI
ISSUED: May 19, 2026

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

GARY F. CLARK
MIKE LA ROSA
BOBBY PAYNE
ANA ORTEGA

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On April 1, 2026, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a petition for approval of revisions to its underground residential distribution (URD) tariffs and associated charges. These tariffs represent the additional costs, if any, TECO incurs to provide underground service in place of overhead service in new residential subdivisions. The petition was filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.078(3), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), which states, in part: “If the cost differential as calculated in Form PSC 1031 (08/20) varies from the Commission-approved differential by plus or minus 10 percent or more, the utility shall file a written policy and supporting data and analyses as prescribed in subsections (1), (4) and (5) of this rule on or before April 1 of the following year.”

The ten-percent threshold outlined by the rule has not been met or exceeded since TECO’s last URD tariff filing, which was ruled upon in Order No. PSC-2023-0211-TRF-EI.¹ Because it has been three years since TECO last updated its URD tariff, TECO filed updated URD tariff sheets in the subject docket. TECO proposes that the URD surcharge remain at \$0.00 per lot, as discussed in paragraphs 9 and 14 of the petition. TECO also proposes modifications to several other charges and non-refundable deposits for underground service, as shown in Exhibit B to the petition.

The 60-day statutory deadline for us to suspend the TECO’s charges is June 1, 2026. At our May 5, 2026 Agenda Conference, we voted to suspend TECO’s tariffs. This Order addresses

¹ Order No. PSC-2023-0211-TRF-EI, issued July 25, 2023, in Docket No. 20230042-EI, *In re: Petition for approval of revised underground residential distribution tariff, by Tampa Electric Company.*

the suspension of the Utility's requested charges. We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

We find that TECO's proposed tariffs shall be suspended to allow our staff sufficient time to review the Utility's petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of any or all portions of new rate schedules, by a vote to that effect within 60 days, giving a reason or statement of good cause for withholding that consent. If we do not withhold consent, the proposed tariff may go into effect after 60 days. We find the reasons stated above are good cause consistent with the requirements of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tampa Electric Company's proposed tariffs are hereby suspended. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our decision on Tampa Electric Company's proposed tariffs.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 19th day of May, 2026.



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Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.