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Docket No. None (Initial Pleading)

In re: *Petition of Progress Energy Florida for approval of tariff revision allowing waiver of service charges for customers affected by natural disasters.*

On behalf of **Progress Energy Florida.**

Consisting of **9 pages.**

The attached document for filing is Progress Energy's **Petition for approval of tariff revision allowing waiver of service charges for customers affected by natural disasters,** including exhibits and a filing letter.

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Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: Petition of Progress Energy Florida for approval of tariff revision
allowing waiver of service charges for customers affected by
natural disasters.

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing is the subject petition on behalf of Progress Energy
Florida, Inc.

Please acknowledge your receipt of the above filing as provided in the
Commission's electronic filing procedures. Thank you for your assistance in this
matter.

Very truly yours,

s/ James A. McGee

JAM/scc
Enclosure

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Progress Energy
Florida for approval of tariff
revision allowing waiver of
service charges for customers
affected by natural disasters.

Docket No. 040915-E1

Submitted for filing:
August 20, 2004

P E T I T I O N

Progress Energy Florida, Inc. (Progress Energy or the Company), hereby petitions the Florida Public Service Commission (the Commission) for approval of a revision to tariff Rate Schedule SC-1, Service Charges, that would allow the Company discretion to waive any of the enumerated service charges for customers whose premises have incurred significant damage as the result of a natural disaster or other declared emergencies. Exhibit A to this petition contains the revised tariff sheet for which approval is sought; Exhibit B shows the revision in legislative format. The Company also requests that the Commission expedite its consideration of this matter. In support hereof, Progress Energy states as follows.

Introduction

1. Progress Energy is a public utility subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. The Company's principal place of business is located at 100 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

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2. All notices, pleadings and correspondence required to be served on the petitioner should be directed to:

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Background

3. As the Commission is keenly aware, the aftermath of Hurricane Charley left a trail of devastating damage as it traversed Florida from the state's southwest to northeast coasts. This path included the heart of Progress Energy's service territory, from Hardee and Highlands Counties in the south, a wide swath through central Florida and the greater Orlando area, and up through Marion and Volusia Counties further north. The storm not only inflicted heavy damage on the Company's transmission and distribution system, but resulted in significant damage to the homes and businesses of thousands of Progress Energy customers, which is the subject matter of this petition.

4. Because of the severe, wide-spread damage caused by Hurricane Charley, a number of these customers have been forced to move from their homes or businesses temporarily, and in some cases, permanently. Many others have had electric service to their homes or businesses disconnected until extensive repairs can be completed. Given the hardships already experienced by these customers,

Progress Energy believes it is appropriate to waive those service charges that they would otherwise incur as a consequence of the hurricane's damage.

Progress Energy's Proposed Tariff Revision

5. To accomplish the waiver of these service charges related to damage from Hurricane Charley, as well similar disasters that may occur in the future, Progress Energy proposes the revision to its Rate Schedule SC-1, Service Charges, set forth in the attached Exhibit A and highlighted in Exhibit B. This revision consists of the following sentence inserted after the Company's enumerated service charges:

The Company shall have the discretion to waive any of the foregoing charges that would otherwise apply to Customers as a consequence of significant damage to their premises caused by a natural disaster or other similar conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration.

Progress Energy anticipates that, upon Commission approval, this revised tariff language will be utilized principally to waive the charges for establishing service upon relocation pending, or upon re-establishing service after completing, repairs to customers' hurricane-damaged homes or businesses, since the causal relationship between hurricane damage and these service charges should be readily verifiable in most instances.

6. Because of the urgency surrounding the current situation regarding the wide-spread damage from Hurricane Charley, Progress Energy asks that the Commission expedite its disposition of this petition by scheduling the matter for

consideration at the Commission's September 7, 2004 Agenda Conference, or if not then, as soon thereafter as practicable. To ensure the Commission is fully informed regarding this timing concern pending the Commission's decision, Progress Energy intends to withhold the application of service charges that would be subject to waiver under the proposed tariff revision. Any such service charges that have been or may be applied prior to that decision will be subject to subsequent waiver and reversal upon Commission approval of the requested tariff revision.

WHEREFORE, Progress Energy respectfully requests that the Commission grant expedited consideration of this petition and, following such consideration, approved revised Rate Schedule SC-1 as set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

**REVISED RATE SCHEDULE SC-1,
SERVICE CHARGES**

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SERVICE CHARGES****Establishment of Service:**

A service charge shall be made for each establishment or re-establishment of service. This charge shall apply to each new service connection, service reconnection and transfer of account from one occupant to another. It shall also apply to reconNECTIONS after disconnection for non-payment or violation of Company or Commission Rules.

1. A charge of \$61.00 will be made for initial establishment of service to a premise.
2. A charge of \$28.00 will be made for each subsequent re-establishment of service to said premise.
3. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for each subsequent re-establishment of service to said premise where the customer has a Leave Service Active (LSA) agreement on file.
4. A charge of \$40.00 will be made for the reconnection of service after disconnection for nonpayment or violation of Company or Commission rules where such reconnection is performed during normal working hours. (M-F, 7 AM-7PM).
5. A charge of \$50.00 will be made for the reconnection of service for nonpayment or violation of Company or Commission rules where such reconnection is performed outside of normal working hours.
6. Charges for services due and rendered which are unpaid as of the past due date are subject to a Late Payment Charge of 1.5%, except the accounts of federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies, and instrumentalities. A Late Payment Charge shall be applied to the accounts of federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies and instrumentalities at a rate no greater than allowed, and in a manner permitted by applicable law.

The Company shall have the discretion to waive any of the foregoing charges that would otherwise apply to Customers as a consequence of significant damage to their premises caused by a natural disaster or other similar conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration.

Returned Check Charge:

A service charge of \$20.00 or 5% of the amount of the check, whichever is greater, shall be added to the Customer's bill for electric service for each check dishonored by the bank upon which it is drawn. Termination of service shall not be made for failure to pay the returned check charge.

**REVISED RATE SCHEDULE SC-1,
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(Legislative Format)

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ISSUED BY: Mark A. Myers, Vice President, Finance**EFFECTIVE:**