

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition For Approval of ) DOCKET NO. 941249-EI  
Tariff Revision to Permit Use of ) ORDER NO. PSC-95-0108-FOF-EI  
Meter Pulses for Billing by ) ISSUED: January 24, 1995  
Tampa Electric Company. )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman  
J. TERRY DEASON  
JOE GARCIA  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISION  
TO PERMIT THE USE OF METER PULSES FOR BILLING

BY THE COMMISSION:

On December 1, 1994, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed a petition requesting the Commission's approval to revise Tariff Sheet 5.560 to allow TECO to use meter pulse data for billing purposes. Pulse data is used by customers to monitor internal energy management systems. Energy pulses are sent by the utility's conventional meter to a pulse recorder that the customer monitors and uses to adjust his usage. In the past, pulse data was converted into KW and KWH meter readings for utility billing purposes. However, recent advances in software now allow the utility billing programs to use the pulse data directly without first translating the reading into billing units, thereby increasing the efficiency of customer billing.

Also, at the time the existing restrictive language was placed in the tariff, the utility was concerned about a potential mismatch between the company's pulse readings and readings from the customer's equipment. To avoid disputes, the tariff stated that billing data was to come only from the utility's meter readings, not pulse data. However, no customer to date has challenged a bill based on discrepancies between meter readings and pulse recordings.

No rate impact is expected for customers since no customer has disputed a bill based on discrepancies between meter readings and recorded pulse data. Likewise, no revenue impact is expected for the utility except for minor savings associated with more efficient

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billing. As such, TECO's request to amend Tariff Sheet 5.560 to allow billing on the basis of either meter readings or pulse data is appropriate.

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore

ORDERED that Tampa Electric Company's request to amend Tariff Sheet 5.560 to allow billing based on meter readings or pulse data is, hereby, approved. It is further

ORDERED that the amended Tariff Sheet 5.560 shall become effective immediately. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect pending resolution of the protest.

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 24th day of January, 1995.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

by: Kary Hlyns  
Chief, Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.036(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on February 14, 1995.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.