

VOTE SHEET

July 29, 2008

Docket No. 080219-EI – Joint petition for authority to deviate from requirements of Order PSC-06-0144-PAA-EI regarding CCA wood pole inspections, by Progress Energy Florida, Inc., Florida Power & Light Company, and Tampa Electric Company.

Issue 1: Should PEF, FPL, and TECO be granted authority to deviate from the sounding and boring and excavation requirements of Order No. PSC-06-0144-PAA-EI with regard to CCA wood poles less than 16 years old?

Recommendation: No. Staff does not believe that PEF, FPL, and TECO should be granted approval of the proposed deviation.

Staff recommends that TECO be extended a similar deviation to that which was granted to Gulf in Order No. PSC-06-0778-PAA-EU. Such a deviation will allow for TECO to discontinue full excavation of CCA poles with less than 16 years in service. Consistent with Order No. PSC-06-0778-PAA-EU, TECO should be required to sound and selectively bore CCA poles under the age of 16 years. In order to ensure that more rigorous inspection requirements are not warranted, TECO should also be required to augment its annual inspection program to include full excavation sampling of one percent of the CCA poles that would not normally qualify for full excavation. Data provided by TECO indicates that the aforementioned deviations will not adversely affect safety and reliability additionally TECO expects to realize \$176,000 in annual cost savings as a result of discontinuing excavation.

Staff recommends that PEF and FPL not be granted deviation from current inspection methods at this time. Examination of data provided by these utilities indicates that approval of the requested deviation could adversely affect safety and reliability by allowing defective poles to remain in service or go untreated.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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