

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
FLORIDA RETAIL FEDERATION
FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP
AARP

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 080317-EI

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

ISSUED: December 22, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission in the above docket regarding the petition of Tampa Electric Company (TECO) for a rate increase, at the following time and place:

Tuesday, January 20, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
Betty Easley Conference Center, Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

January 21, 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2009, have also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing will be for the Commission to consider the application of Tampa Electric Company for increased rates, and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

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This proceeding shall: (1) allow TECO to present evidence and testimony in support of its petition for a rate increase; (2) permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; (3) permit members of the public who are not parties the opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and (4) allow for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 367.081, 367.0816, 367.082, 367.091 and 367.101, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 367, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-9, 25-22, 25-30, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

Members of the public who are not parties to this proceeding will have an opportunity to present testimony regarding TECO's petition for a rate increase. All members of the public who wish to offer testimony should be present at the beginning of the hearing, 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2009. All witnesses will be sworn in and will be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. By providing public testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. Anyone wishing to become a party to this need determination proceeding should file an appropriate petition pursuant to Rule 25-22.039, F.A.C., with the Office of the Commission Clerk at the address listed below. Copies of the petition should be sent by mail to all parties. Those wishing to intervene in these proceedings, unless appearing on their own behalf, must be represented by an attorney or other person who can be determined to be a qualified representative pursuant to Chapter 120, F.S., and Rule 28-106.106, F.A.C. Petitions for leave to intervene must be filed at least five (5) days before the final hearing, must conform with Rule 28-106.201(2), F.A.C., and must include allegations sufficient to demonstrate that the intervenor is entitled to participate in the proceeding as a matter of constitutional or statutory right or pursuant to Commission rule, or that the substantial interests of the intervenor are subject to determination or will be affected through the hearing.

Written comments regarding TECO's petition for a rate increase may be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850
Re: Docket No. 080317-EI

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

The purpose of this prehearing conference is: (1) to define and limit, if possible, the number of issues; (2) to determine the parties' positions on the issues; (3) to determine what facts, if any, may be stipulated; (4) to dispose of any motions or other matters that may be pending; and (5) to consider any other matters that may aid in the disposition of this case.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF HEARING

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the hearing, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation of the hearing will also be provided on the Commission's website (<http://www.psc.state.fl.us/>) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

A copy of TECO's petition for a rate increase and supporting exhibits is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
Room 110 - Betty Easley Conference Center
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Office of Commission Clerk at (850) 413-6770, at least 48 hours

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prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of December,
2008.



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Commission Clerk

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