

VOTE SHEET

October 27, 2009

Docket No. 090109-EI – Petition for approval of solar energy power purchase agreement between Tampa Electric Company and Energy 5.0, LLC.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the requested recovery for costs incurred under the negotiated Contract between TECO and Energy 5.0?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that TECO be authorized to recover the energy payments made to Energy 5.0, up to TECO’s as-available energy rate, through TECO’s annual fuel cost recovery factor. Staff considers any costs in excess of TECO’s as-available energy cost to be associated with the purchase of environmental attributes or renewable energy credits (RECs) which are discussed in Issue 2.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

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Issue 2: Should the Commission approve cost recovery for payments, above avoided cost, incurred under the negotiated contract between TECO and Energy 5.0 for the purchase of environmental attributes and renewable energy credits?

Recommendation: No. Pursuant to Rule 25-17.0825(6), F.A.C., payments to a qualifying facility for as-available energy cannot result in higher cost electric service to the utility's general body of ratepayers. Staff recommends that the environmental attributes and RECs purchased should be the property of TECO, and any risk of profit or loss resulting from the sale of such attributes should be borne by TECO's stockholders.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes, this docket should be closed upon issuance of a Consummating Order unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's decision files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the proposed agency action.

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