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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

REVIEW OF 2010 ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE STORM HARDENING PLAN FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 25-6.0342, F.A.C., SUBMITTED BY PROGRESS ENERGY FLORIDA, INC. DOCKET NO. 100262-EI

REVIEW OF 2010 ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE STORM HARDENING PLAN FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 25-6.0342, F.A.C., SUBMITTED BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY. DOCKET NO. 100263-EI

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 10 (Excluding Issue 5)



CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ

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(**REPORTER'S NOTE:** Issue 5 was deferred and a transcript
pertaining to said deferral was filed under separate
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Next item up is Item Number
4 10. Please note that we have already deferred Issue 5
5 of Item Number 10.

6 **MR. DOWDS:** Good morning, Commissioners. Dave
7 Dowds with Commission Staff.

8 I'd like to introduce the analyst that will do
9 the introduction to this item, Melissa L'Amoreaux. This
10 is her first presentation.

11 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** That's all right. This is
12 my first meeting chairing. It's all right.

13 **MS. L'AMOREAUX:** Good morning, Commissioners.
14 Melissa L'Amoreaux with Staff.

15 Item 10 is staff's recommendation regarding
16 the updated storm hardening plans of Progress Energy
17 Florida, Tampa Electric Company, Florida Public
18 Utilities Company and Gulf Power Company.

19 Rule 25-6.0342, also known as the storm
20 hardening rule, requires all Florida investor-owned
21 utility companies or IOUs to file updated storm
22 hardening plans every three years with the Commission.
23 The storm hardening rule requires that each plan contain
24 a description of the IOU's construction standards,
25 policies, practices and procedures to enhance the

1 reliability of overhead and underground electrical
2 transmission and distribution facilities.

3 This recommendation addresses the IOUs' plan
4 updates as required by the storm hardening rule. Staff
5 recommendation addresses the company's wooden pole
6 inspection program, ten storm hardening initiatives,
7 National Electric Safety Code compliance, extreme wind
8 loading standards, mitigation of flood and storm damage,
9 facility placement, deployment strategies and attachment
10 standards and procedures.

11 Staff recommends the Commission approve the
12 four investor-owned utilities' updated storm hardening
13 plans. Staff is available for any questions.

14 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Thank you.

15 To the board, any questions? Commissioner
16 Edgar.

17 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you, Mr. Chair.

18 Actually just a, a very brief comment,
19 although I am appreciative of the representatives of the
20 companies that are here in case there are other
21 questions.

22 I would just like to note that the updated
23 plans that are before us are largely a continuation of
24 the current Commission-approved plans, which is a result
25 of an initiative that we began back in '96 after the

1 storms of '94 and '95. That at that time was and
2 continues to be a multifaceted collaborative approach
3 that had participation from a broad base of citizens,
4 local governments, communities and businesses.

5 At the time that we embarked on that
6 initiative as a Commission with support and interest
7 from many, many, many participants, we knew that
8 strengthening our electric infrastructure would be and
9 should be an ongoing process and one that should provide
10 good value over time to the ratepayers.

11 I am appreciative of the continued work of the
12 companies and all of the interest groups that continue
13 to work with them, particularly local governments that
14 provide their input and points of contact and
15 communication, and I'm just glad to see this good work
16 continue.

17 And I'm glad to make a motion, Mr. Chair, at
18 the appropriate time.

19 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Thank you, Commissioner
20 Edgar.

21 Any other questions or concerns? Seeing none,
22 Commissioner Edgar, it looks like you're up.

23 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you. Then I would
24 move Staff on Issues 1 through 4, recognizing that we
25 are deferring Issue 5, and modify Issue 6 so that the

1 applicable --

2 **MR. KONUCH:** Commissioner, Commissioner Edgar.

3 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Oh, yes.

4 **MR. KONUCH:** I, I would just like to state for
5 the record -- this is Dave --

6 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Sir, sir, your name.

7 **MR. KONUCH:** Dave Konuch from Florida Cable
8 Telecom Association.

9 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Thank you.

10 **MR. KONUCH:** And that as regards the
11 attachment standards and procedures, as was the case
12 with the last storm hardening cycle, FCTA had entered
13 into stipulations with all of the IOUs. And we've,
14 we've worked to do that again this time, so we've been
15 negotiating with everybody. And we have agreements
16 assigned with all but one of the IOUs, and we've been
17 negotiating and working on it even up until the
18 beginning of this, this meeting.

19 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Good.

20 **MR. KONUCH:** So as of right now we believe
21 that, we hope that we will reach accord with that final
22 IOU. If we cannot, then we may have to file something
23 before the PAA deadline elapses. But right now we're
24 continuing to negotiate and we feel pretty good about
25 our chances of getting that done.

1 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you. If I may
2 respond. Thank you, Mr. Konuch. And I'm sorry that I
3 didn't see that you were trying to get our attention. I
4 appreciate you highlighting that point. And I also
5 think that that highlights some of my comments that this
6 is a collaborative approach with a broad array of
7 stakeholders that are working. If you are not able to
8 all reach agreement on that issue, you know we will be
9 here to hear all concerns and discuss them. But I
10 appreciate your comments and that everybody is working
11 together to move it forward.

12 **MR. KONUCH:** Thank you.

13 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** And so with that, I would
14 go ahead, if I may, and --

15 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Are there any other
16 comments? I just wanted to make sure I didn't overlook
17 anybody's hand.

18 Commissioner Edgar, I'm sorry.

19 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you. That's all
20 right. Move Issues 1 through 4, modify Issue 6 to close
21 the docket on, or to close the dockets for the
22 applicable dockets for Issues 1 through 4.

23 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** That's the motion. Second?

24 **COMMISSIONER BRISÉ:** Second.

25 **CHAIRMAN GRAHAM:** Seconded by Commissioner

1 Brisé. Any further discussion? Seeing none, all in
2 favor, say aye.

3 (Unanimous vote.)

4 Those opposed. By your action, you've
5 approved Item Number 10, all items except for Issue 5,
6 and that was deferred earlier. Thank you, Staff.

7 (Agenda item concluded.)

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