

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 5

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**Docket No. 130223-EI** – Petition for approval of optional non-standard meter rider, by Florida Power & Light Company.

**Issue 1:** Is it appropriate for customers who receive service through a non-standard meter to bear the cost of that service?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Consistent with Commission policy and the record in this case, it is appropriate for customers who choose to receive service through a non-standard meter to bear the incremental cost of providing that service.

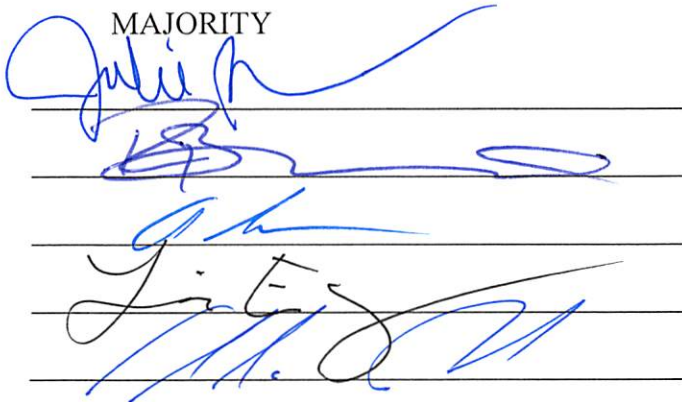
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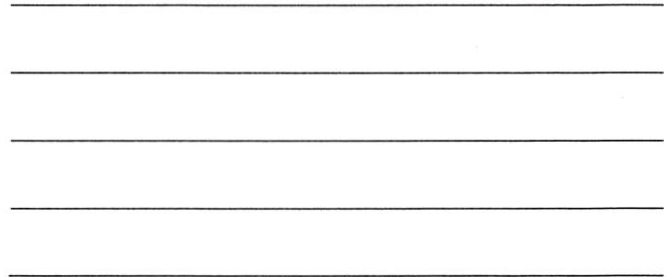
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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:**

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**Issue 2:** What are the appropriate staffing levels for the customer care employees and the meter reading lead position functions to enroll and serve customers on the NSMR tariff?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate FPL staffing levels for customer care employees are four employees for the initial three-month enrollment period and one employee for the remainder of the five-year recovery period for the NSMR tariff. The appropriate staffing levels for the meter reading routing function are one employee for the initial six months of the NSMR program.

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**Issue 3:** Are the various cost components and their amounts FPL included in developing the charges for the NSMR tariff appropriate? If not, what cost components and their associated amounts, if any, should be excluded from the calculations?

**Recommendation:** With the exception of the adjustments identified in Issues 2 and 8, the NSMR tariff charges are appropriate. Staff's recommended Enrollment Fee and Monthly Surcharge reflecting the adjustments are presented in Issue 11.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 4:** Is the requirement for a manual monthly meter reading by FPL reasonable and justified or should customers be offered alternatives (e.g., self-read or estimated billing options) to ensure fair and reasonable rates are established and costs to FPL are minimized?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The requirement for a manual monthly meter reading by FPL is reasonable and justified.

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**Issue 5:** Should customers with several non-standard meters at the same property location pay multiple enrollment fees? If not, what is the appropriate enrollment fee?

**Recommendation:** Yes. Customers with several non-standard meters at the same property location should pay multiple enrollment fees.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 6:** Are there any cost savings associated with the NSMR program that have not been used in accounting for the NSMR charges? If so, what are the sources of such savings, and what and how should the amounts be reflected in the NSMR calculations?

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends no adjustments to the NSMR tariff with regard to the cost savings items discussed in the analysis portion of staff's memorandum dated December 4, 2014.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 7:** What is the appropriate projection of the number of FPL customers who may subscribe to the NSMR tariff for purposes of deriving the NSMR charges?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate projection of the number of FPL customers who may subscribe to the NSMR tariff for purposes of deriving the NSMR charges is 12,000.

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**Issue 8:** How should the NSMR charges, if any, be designed?

**Recommendation:** The design of the NSMR tariff should consist of two basic components: an Enrollment Fee and a Monthly Surcharge. This basic design should be modified as follows: (1) Extend the recovery period from three years to five years so that the recovery period matches the period over which the rate base is being depreciated, and (2) Remove the \$0.08 for field collections and \$0.37 for manual disconnects/reconnects from the Monthly Surcharge.

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**Issue 9:** What additional information, if any, should FPL be required to file in its annual smart meter progress reports?

**Recommendation:** Through March 2019 or until FPL's next rate case, whichever occurs first, FPL should file the following information regarding NSMR: actual participation rates, actual costs associated with the operation and administration of the program, and actual revenues received in the form of customer Enrollment Fees and Monthly Surcharge payments.

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**Issue 10:** Are FPL's proposed terms and conditions of the NSMR tariff appropriate? If not, what changes should be made?

**Recommendation:** No. Staff recommends that the following language be added to the tariff: "Under normal operating conditions the use of a temporary standard meter should not exceed one full billing period. If the customer who is taking service pursuant to the NSMR tariff is required to have the standard meter for more than one full billing cycle, FPL will suspend the Monthly Surcharge until a non-standard meter is installed."

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**Issue 11:** Based on the resolution of the previous issues, what are the appropriate NSMR charges?

**Recommendation:** Based on the record and the resolution of the previous issues, staff recommends an Enrollment Fee of \$89 and a Monthly Surcharge of \$13. Per Order No. PSC-14-0036-TRF-EI the current NSMR tariff is in effect subject to refund and contains a \$95 Enrollment Fee and \$13 Monthly Surcharge. If the Commission approves lower NSMR charges, FPL should provide refunds to NSMR customers that paid the current charges within 45 days of the date of the order. FPL should file a revised NSMR tariff within 10 days of the Commission's vote for administrative approval by staff.

**APPROVED**

**Issue 12:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** This docket should be closed administratively after any motions for reconsideration are disposed of and the time for filing an appeal of the final order issued in this docket has run, FPL has made refunds to its existing NSMR customers who have paid the current charges, and FPL has received staff approval of a revised NSMR tariff reflecting the Commission's vote.

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