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**DATE:** April 21, 2017

**TO:** Office of Commission Clerk (Stauffer)

**FROM:** Division of Economics (Ollila) *A.O. ESD PRO*  
Office of the General Counsel (Leathers) *WJSC*

**RE:** Docket No. 170069-EI – Petition for approval of revised underground residential distribution tariffs, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.

**AGENDA:** 05/04/17 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Filing – Interested Persons May Participate

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**PREHEARING OFFICER:** Administrative

**CRITICAL DATES:** 05/30/17 (60-Day Suspension Date)

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** None

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## Case Background

On March 30, 2017, Duke Energy Florida, LLC (Duke) filed a petition for approval of its revised underground residential distribution (URD) tariffs. URD tariffs reflect the additional costs Duke incurs to provide underground distribution service in place of overhead service, and are paid by the customer as a contribution-in-aid-of-construction. Duke's current charges were approved in Order No. PSC-14-0396-TRF-EI.<sup>1</sup> The following is staff's recommendation to suspend the proposed tariff revisions. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-14-0396-TRF-EI, issued July 31, 2014, in Docket No. 140067-EI, *In re: Petition for approval of revised underground distribution tariffs, by Duke Energy Florida, Inc.*

### Discussion of Issues

**Issue 1:** Should Duke's proposed URD tariff revisions be suspended?

**Recommendation:** Yes. (Ollila)

**Staff Analysis:** Staff recommends that the tariffs be suspended to allow staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present the Commission with an informed recommendation on the tariff proposals.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., the Commission may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such increase a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. Staff believes that the reason stated above is good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

**Issue 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** This docket should remain open pending the Commission's decision on the proposed tariff revisions. (Leathers)

**Staff Analysis:** This docket should remain open pending the Commission's decision on the proposed tariff revisions.