Public Service Commission

October 23, 2017

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Re: Docket No. 20170150-EI - Petition for limited proceeding to include reliability and modernization projects in rate base, by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear Mrs. Keating,

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) provide responses to the following data requests:

For the following questions, please refer to the staff audit report and work papers.

1. For the purchased and installed electronic recloser project in the NW Division, FPUC listed $25,000 as additional proposed costs. The staff auditors reviewed an invoice for reclosers for $18,399. Please explain what the additional amount of $6,601 ($25,000 - $18,399) is for.

2. For the miscellaneous underground cable replacement project in the NW Division, staff auditors noted that no bids were received for the additional $100,000. Please explain what the additional $100,000 is for. When were the requests for bids sent out for this portion of the project and when were the bids expected to be received? Why does FPUC think no one bid on the project?

3. For the replaced substation voltage regulators project in the NW Division, FPUC identified this project cost at $60,000. The staff auditors indicated that FPUC spent $2,106 for this project in June 2017 and reviewed a bill for the voltage regulators for $38,311. Please explain what the additional $19,583 ($60,000 - $2,106 - $38,311) is for.

4. For the decayed pole replacement project, the staff auditors indicated that FPUC’s completed amount of $572,919 is comprised of the decayed pole replacements for $470,063 and a 25 percent pole blanket for $102,856. Please explain what the 25 percent pole blanket portion of this project is.
5. For all individual projects in which cost recovery is being sought, please delineate by federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) account the requested capital amounts for each specific project. Please also note whether the project has been completed or not. For any incomplete projects, please estimate (in percentage terms) the amount that has been completed.

6. Please provide an updated Exhibit MDC-2 page 1 of 2 with current cost completed, cost forecasted, and revenue requirement for all projects. Please detail any changes to this exhibit.

7. Please provide the latest updated timetable for completion of all projects shown in Exhibit MDC-2 page 1 of 2.

8. In its Exhibit MDC-2 filed on July 3, 2017, the Company estimates the total cost of the FPL Interconnect Project will be $2,930,668, and the Company is requesting $307,291 in revenue requirement. Please answer the following:
   a. In responding to the staff audit, the Company appears to indicate that this project has two parts, part one of the project being the portion contracted with FPL, and part two of the project for work to reconfigure the Nassau Substation. Please clarify whether the Company is requesting cost recovery at this time for part one only, part two only, or for both parts? Include in your response whether the Company’s July 3, 2017 Petition addressed part one only, part two only, or for both parts.
   b. In responding to the staff audit, the Company appears to indicate that the total costs of the FPL Interconnect Project are projected to total $5,870,000. Please explain the difference between this amount and the $2,930,668 amount shown in Exhibit MDC-2.
   c. In responding to the staff audit, the Company appears to indicate that the total costs of the FPL Interconnect Project are projected to total $5,870,000. Please state what the revenue requirement would be for this amount.
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Please file all responses electronically no later than Thursday, October 2, 2017, on the Commission’s website at www.floridapsc.com by selecting the Clerk’s Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6218 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

s/ Suzanne Brownless
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Special Counsel

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cc: Office of Commission Clerk
    Office of Public Counsel (C. Rehwinkel, P. Christensen)