|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| State of FloridapscSEAL | Public Service CommissionCapital Circle Office Center ● 2540 Shumard Oak BoulevardTallahassee, Florida 32399-0850-M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M- |
| DATE: | May 2, 2019 |
| TO: | Office of Commission Clerk (Teitzman) |
| FROM: | Division of Economics (Doherty)Office of the General Counsel (Trierweiler) |
| RE: | Docket No. 20190076-EI – Petition for approval of revised underground residential distribution tariffs, by Duke Energy Florida, LLC. |
| AGENDA: | 05/14/19 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Filing – Interested Persons May Participate |
| COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: | All Commissioners |
| PREHEARING OFFICER: | Administrative |
| CRITICAL DATES: | 05/30/19 (60-Day Suspension Date) |
| SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: | None |

 Case Background

On April 1, 2019, Duke Energy Florida, LLC (Duke) filed a petition for approval of its 2019 revisions to its underground residential differential tariffs and associated charges. These tariffs represent the additional costs Duke incurs to provide underground service in place of overhead service in new residential subdivisions. This recommendation is to suspend the proposed tariff. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Discussion of Issues

Issue 1:

 Should Duke's proposed underground differential tariffs be suspended?

Recommendation:

 Yes. 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. (Doherty)

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 a change a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. Staff believes that the reason stated above is a 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 tariffs. (Trierweiler)

Staff Analysis:

 This docket should remain open pending the Commission’s decision on the proposed tariffs.