

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Review of Storm Protection Plan)
Pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C.,)
Tampa Electric Company)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 20250016-EI

FILED: May 15, 2025

JOINT STIPULATIONS

Tampa Electric Company (“Tampa Electric” or “the company”) and the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) (individually “Party” and collectively “Parties”) hereby submit the following Joint Stipulations and proposed resolution to the Florida Public Service Commission for approval. Commission approval of these Joint Stipulations and proposed resolution will fully resolve the Parties’ respective issues in Docket No. 20250016-EI.

1. The Parties stipulate to entry of all pre-filed testimony and exhibits into the record, including:
 - a. The Direct Testimony of Tampa Electric witness Kevin E. Palladino and Exhibit KEP-1, as modified on March 10 and March 31, 2025;
 - b. The Direct Testimony of Tampa Electric witness A. Sloan Lewis and Exhibit ASL-1;
 - c. The Direct Testimony of Tampa Electric witness Jason D. DeStigter and Exhibit JDD-1;
 - d. The Direct Testimony of Office of Public Counsel witness Kevin Mara and Exhibits KJM-1, KJM-2, and KJM-3;
 - e. The Rebuttal Testimony of Tampa Electric witness Kevin E. Palladino; and
 - f. The Rebuttal Testimony of Tampa Electric witness A. Sloan Lewis.

2. The Parties agree to waive cross-examination of all witnesses in Docket No. 20250016-EI and have no objection to excusing all of the witnesses identified in 1, above, from appearing at the hearing.

3. The Parties stipulate to entry into the record of all Staff exhibits identified on the Comprehensive Exhibit List for Docket No. 20250016-EI.

4. The Parties stipulate to the positions set out in Attachment 1 to these Joint Stipulations for each issue identified in the Prehearing Order for Docket No. 20250016-EI (Order No. PSC-2025-0158-PHO-EI).

5. The Parties agree that no Party will assert in any proceeding before the Commission or before any court that the stipulated positions in Attachment 1 have any precedential value. The Parties also agree that their agreement to the stipulated positions in Attachment 1 will be without prejudice to any Party's ability to advocate different positions in proceedings to review Tampa Electric's future Storm Protection Plans.

6. The Parties agree that these stipulations and proposed resolution fully resolve their respective issues in this proceeding and request the Commission to approve these stipulations and proposed resolution.

DATED this 15th day of May 2025.

Respectfully submitted.



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Attachment 1

ISSUE 1: Should the proposed Distribution Storm Surge Hardening Program be included in TECO's proposed 2026-2035 SPP?

STIPULATION: Yes. It is in the public interest for the Commission to approve Tampa Electric's Distribution Storm Surge Hardening Program as a component of the company's 2026-2035 Storm Protection Plan ("SPP").

ISSUE 2: Should the proposed Transmission Switch Hardening Program be included in TECO's proposed 2026-2035 SPP?

STIPULATION: Yes. The record supports a Commission finding that it is in the public interest for the Commission to approve Tampa Electric's Transmission Switch Hardening Program, and a finding that Tampa Electric proceeding to implement the program in 2026, 2027, and 2028 is not evidence of imprudence. Such approval does not constitute a final determination that the Transmission Switch Hardening Program should ultimately remain in the company's future SPP when it is next reviewed by the Commission pursuant to section 366.96(6), Florida Statutes. Accordingly, any approval of this program shall not be cited for precedent that the facts and circumstances of the Commission approval of Tampa Electric's Transmission Switch Hardening Program supports inclusion of a similar program in any company's SPP.

ISSUE 3: Should the Commission approve, approve with modification, or deny TECO's Storm Protection Plan?

STIPULATION: The Parties stipulate and agree that it is in the public interest for the Commission to approve Tampa Electric's 2026-2035 SPP with a modification to the company's proposed Distribution Lateral Undergrounding Program and with the approval of the language resolving Issue 2.

The Parties acknowledge that Tampa Electric's 2022-2031 SPP targeted conversion of 75-100 miles per year to underground. The Parties also acknowledge that Tampa Electric voluntarily reduced this target to 65-85 miles per year in its 2026-2035 SPP. The Parties stipulate that Tampa Electric will further reduce this target to 75 miles of underground conversions per year under the 2026-2035 SPP. The Parties agree that this modification will be an annual mileage target and not a hard cap.

ISSUE 4:

Should this docket be closed? (TECO)

STIPULATION:

Yes, this docket should be closed upon issuance of an appropriate order approving these Joint Stipulations and proposed resolutions.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Joint Stipulations, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company and the Office of Public Counsel, has been furnished by electronic mail on this 15th day of May 2025 to the following:

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