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The City of Temple Terrace is providing this letter to the Florida Public Service Commission to show our support in favor of Tampa Electric's proposed Lighting Conversion Program.

The City has a more than 90-year relationship with Tampa Electric's service dating back to 1925 when the Temple Terrace was incorporated. Today, the City leases approximately 1,800 lights as a service from Tampa Electric to illuminate roadways, parking lots, residential neighborhoods, and parks.

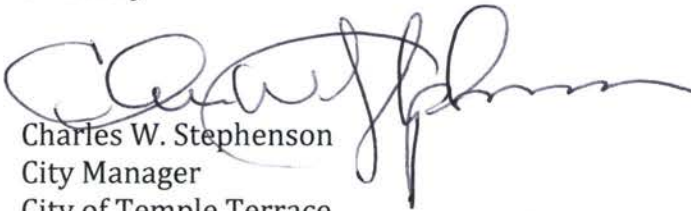
On September 5th, 2017, Tampa Electric filed petitions with the Florida Public Service Commission specific to its lighting service. Docket No. 20170198-EI seeks to establish new smart LED rates and changeout existing non-LED luminaires to smart LED across 5 years, and Docket No. 20170199-EI supports cost recovery for Tampa Electric of the conversion as a conservation program. The City supports the entire proposed Lighting Conversion Program as these infrastructure upgrades will help accomplish the City's efforts to improve roadway safety and personal security, and provide environmental, conservation and economic benefits.

The conversion will upgrade each LED under the Lighting Conversion Program with a networked lighting controller (NLC) which provides new communication and sensory ability to the LED than can be provided through the traditional photocell. The NLC is what makes the light smart and positions these assets to detect, measure, and perform other non-traditional functions through other attached or local networked devices. The deployment of these new smart LEDs will provide opportunity for leveraging sensor data in support future services in the City.

The new LED rates proposed as a part of Lighting Conversion Program include many benefits while the overall customer bill for lighting service may potentially be reduced. These overall savings, passed along to the City, will provide budgetary relief which in turn will deliver lasting benefits to citizens as other important projects can be funded.

The City of Temple Terrace is excited about this proposed program and believes that our communities and citizens will enjoy a long-lasting benefit. We trust that the Commission will give this program serious consideration.

Sincerely



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