

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 6

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20190061-EI – Petition for approval of FPL SolarTogether program and tariff, by Florida Power & Light Company.

Issue 1: Is FPL’s proposed SolarTogether Rider tariff an appropriate mechanism to seek approval for the construction of 1,490 MW of new solar generation facilities?

Recommendation: No. FPL has not demonstrated the public benefit to be gained by changing current regulatory policies and procedures regarding the addition of generation assets. As such, approval of generation assets should not be linked to a tariff proposal as requested by FPL.

NO VOTE

The Commission voted to approve the Joint Motion to Approve Settlement filed on October 9, 2019.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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Issue 2: Does FPL’s proposed SolarTogether Rider tariff give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any person or locality or subject the same to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage in any respect, contrary to Section 366.03, Florida Statutes?

Recommendation: Yes. The SolarTogether Rider tariff grants an undue preference to participants and subjects the general body of ratepayers to an undue disadvantage.

NO VOTE

Issue 3: Should the Commission allow recovery of all costs and expenses associated with FPL’s proposed SolarTogether Program in the manner proposed by FPL?

Recommendation: No. The Commission should not approve any cost recovery at this time. FPL’s 2019 TYSP, which includes over 1,700 MW of future solar generation by 2022, is the least-cost plan resulting in the lowest levelized system average electric rate for all of FPL’s general body of ratepayers. Projects 1, 2, and 3, approximately 900 MW of FPL’s proposed SolarTogether Program, are consistent with FPL’s 2019 TYSP. Therefore, even if the proposed tariff is not approved, it appears that constructing Projects 1, 2, and 3 would be cost-effective additions to FPL’s system that would benefit all customers. FPL may seek cost recovery of these facilities at its next base rate proceeding under current regulatory policies and procedures.

If the Commission approves the Program and rate Schedule STR, staff recommends that the participant credits be recorded as a base rate expense. Such treatment would provide participants the same benefits as proposed by FPL, but more closely reflect the current risks to the general body of ratepayers and FPL associated with traditional net metering.

NO VOTE

Issue 4: Should the Commission approve FPL’s proposed SolarTogether Program and associated tariff, Rate Schedule STR, which is the same tariff attached as Attachment I to the Settlement Agreement filed October 9, 2019?

Recommendation: No. See discussion in Issues 1, 2, and 3.

NO VOTE

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Issue 5: DROPPED

Issue 6: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: The docket should be closed once the Commission has issued its final order and the time for appeal has run.

APPROVED