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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20200063-EI

PROPOSED REPEAL OF
RULE 25-6.0342, F.A.C,
ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE STORM
HARDENING.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 2

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY

DATE: Tuesday, March 31, 2020

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Next is Item No.
3 2, the repeal of Rule 25-6.0342, Ms. Mary Anne.

4 MS. HELTON: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
5 Commissioners. I am Mary Anne Helton, part of your
6 legal staff, and I am going to be giving the
7 introduction for the first three items up for
8 discussion.

9 Please remember that I am not the expert on
10 these items, and I will be reminding you of who is
11 on the phone and available to answer questions.

12 Item No. 2 is staff's recommendation to repeal
13 Rule 25-6.0342 that requires investor-owned
14 electric utilities to file storm hardening plans.

15 As you are aware, the Commission recently
16 adopted Rule 25-6.030 to require storm hardening
17 plans under a statute enacted during the 2019
18 legislative session. This new Storm Hardening Plan
19 rule became effective in February. The new rule
20 makes Rule 25-6.0342 obsolete, unnecessary and
21 redundant, and thus, staff is recommending that it
22 be repealed.

23 In lieu of addressing the Commission today,
24 the Office of Public Counsel has requested that
25 staff state on the record that the IOUs' storm

1 hardening plans approved under Rule 25-6.0342 will
2 remain in effect and are unaffected by the rule
3 repeal.

4 Staff agrees with this statement. The current
5 storm plans will remain in effect until the
6 Commission approves new plans for each IOU under
7 the new legislation and new rule.

8 Available telephonically to answer questions
9 are Adria Harper, Penny Buys and Tripp Coston from
10 staff. J.R. Kelly and Patty Christensen from OPC,
11 and Malcolm Means and Regan Haines from TECO.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Thank you,
13 Ms. Mary Anne.

14 Let's begin. I want to just make sure that
15 all the parties are on the line.

16 Mr. Kelly, are you and your staff on the line?

17 MS. CHRISTENSEN: Patty Christensen is on the
18 line.

19 MR. KELLY: I'm on the line as well,
20 Mr. Chair.

21 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Okay. Great. Thank you very
22 much.

23 Ms. Means -- Mr. Means and Ms. Haines, are you
24 on the line?

25 MR. MEANS: This is Malcolm Means. I am on

1 the line.

2 MR. HAINES: This is Regan Haines with Tampa
3 Electric. I am on the line as well.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Mr. Kelly, did you or Patty
5 have any comments?

6 MS. CHRISTENSEN: I think with the clarif --
7 well, with the statement made, we are good. We
8 just want to make sure that it's understood that we
9 believe there is going to be need for us to take a
10 look at what currently is in the storm hardening
11 plans that are in effect and what things covered in
12 base rates versus what will be approved when the
13 new storm protection plans come into effect. And
14 we need to make sure that it is understood that
15 that will be being looked at, and we expect that
16 there is an overlap in time between the two.

17 So the orders that approve those five storm
18 hardening effects that are currently in place will
19 remain in effect and will be unaffected by this
20 rule, and we will take a look at the storm
21 protection plans and any overlapping thoughts as
22 they come up in future dockets.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Great. Thank you, Ms.
25 Christensen.

1 Any other comments from any of the parties?

2 Okay. Hearing none, we will move to

3 Commissioner comments.

4 Commissioner Graham?

5 Commissioner Brown?

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Waive.

7 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Polmann?

8 Commissioner Polmann?

9 Commissioner Fay?

10 COMMISSIONER FAY: No comment.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Having no

12 comments from any commissioners, I will --

13 Commissioner Graham.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Commissioner Fay.

15 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I am sorry, Commissioner Fay,

16 please.

17 COMMISSIONER FAY: I don't have any comments.

18 I just thought Commissioner Polmann did. He chimed

19 in late.

20 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I am sorry.

21 Commissioner Polmann, did you have a comment?

22 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: No comment.

23 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right.

24 All right. I will entertain a motion.

25 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Move staff

1 recommendation on Item No. 2.

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Do I have a second?

3 COMMISSIONER FAY: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second.

5 Any discussion on the item?

6 All in favor, say aye.

7 Commissioner Polmann?

8 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Brown?

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Commissioner Fay?

12 COMMISSIONER FAY: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN CLARK: And Commissioner Graham?

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you.

16 It's an old habit, hard to break just calling

17 for a vote. I am working on that one. Bear with

18 me. Thank you guys.

19 The item is approved.

20 (Agenda item concluded.)

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