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DATE: May 6, 2020
TO: Office of Commission Clerk
FROM: Lynn M. Deamer, Chief of Auditing, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
RE: Docket No.: 20200001-EI
Company Name: Gulf Power Company
Company Code: EI804
Audit Purpose: A3a: Fuel Cost Recovery Clause
Audit Control No: 2020-007-1-1

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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Auditor's Report

Gulf Power Company
Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019

Docket No. 20200001-EI
Audit Control No. 2020-007-1-1
April 20, 2020

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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Accounting and Finance in its audit service request dated January 2, 2020. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Gulf Power Company in support of its 2019 filing for the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20200001-EI.

The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definition

Utility refers to the Gulf Power Company.

FAC refers to the Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause.

Revenue

Operating Revenues

Objectives: The objectives were to determine the actual Kilowatt Hours (KWH) sold for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and whether the Utility applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual KWH sales for the FAC.

Procedures: We reconciled the fuel revenues reported in the 2019 filing to the Utility's monthly revenue reports and the general ledger. We selected a random sample of residential and commercial customers' bills and recalculated each to verify the use of the correct tariff rate approved in Order No. PSC PSC-2018-0610-FOF-EI, issued December 26, 2018, in Docket No. 20180001-EI. No exceptions were noted.

Expense

Operation and Maintenance Expense

Objectives: The objectives were to review the expenses which the Utility has included in the FAC and determine whether those expenses were properly recoverable as required by Order No. 14546, issued July 8, 1985.

Procedures: We recalculated Schedule A-1 from the FAC Filing for each month of 2019. We prepared a schedule of coal, oil, and natural gas consumption for each month of 2019 from the Utility's generation fuel costs journal entries. We compiled charges by month and by account to obtain total fuel costs, which were reconciled to the general ledger and Schedule A-1. We also prepared a schedule of charges by account and by generating plant, including amounts listed as "other generation" for each month for the year ended December 31, 2019, and reconciled total fuel costs to the consumption schedule prepared by audit staff. The fuel expenses included in the FAC Filing complied with the requirements established in Order No. 14546. No exceptions were noted.

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the Utility has credited generation-related gains from non-separated wholesale energy sales to the FAC Filing as set forth in Order No. PSC-00-1744-PAA-EI, issued September 26, 2000, in Docket No. 19991779-EI.

Procedures: We scheduled the generation-related gains from the Utility's Interchange Analysis Reports for each month of 2019 and reconciled the total to Schedule A-6 and Schedule A-1, Line 15. We traced the gains to the IIC invoices and the imbalance service reports for February, July, November, and December 2019. In addition, we reconciled the Utility's Interchange Analysis Report to Schedule A-6 and Schedule A-1, Line 18 for February and November 2019. We determined that the Utility was in compliance with the order noted above. No exceptions were noted.

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether energy payments to the qualified facilities are based on the appropriate standard offer or the negotiated contract price.

Procedures: We scheduled total KWHs purchased and energy costs for 2019. We traced amounts on Schedule A-8 to invoices for January, April, June, and December 2019. No exceptions were noted.

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether the amounts of gas storage expense recovered through the FAC Filing by gas storage facility for 2019 were calculated correctly and payments were in accordance with the applicable contract.

Procedures: We reviewed the gas storage contracts in effect for 2019. We recalculated the monthly reservation payment and reconciled the charges to the respective contract. No exceptions were noted.

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether Firm Transportation Service (FTS) charges for natural gas transportation agree with the appropriate FTS rate schedules from utility pipeline tariffs.

Procedures: We reconciled natural gas purchases and FTS charges from the Accounts Payable (AP) analysis for each month of 2019 and reconciled totals to the general ledger. We traced the purchased amounts and the total FTS charges to the paid invoices for March and August 2019. We traced the FTS rates to the appropriate rate schedule and agreement. No exceptions were noted.

Inventory

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether adjustments made to coal inventory due to the semi-annual coal inventory survey had been recorded as set forth in Order No. PSC-1997-0359-FOF-EI, issued March 31, 1997, in Docket No. 19970001-EI.

Procedures: We recalculated the inventory adjustments on the April and October 2019 aerial survey reports, compared them to the adjusted book balance, and traced them to the supporting journal vouchers. We also verified that the Utility complied with the procedures contained in the applicable order. No exceptions were noted.

Other

Objectives: The objective was to review and verify the payments the Utility made in 2019 under waterborne and rail coal transportation contracts.

Procedures: We scheduled coal, freight, and railcar costs from the Utility's Accounts Payable (AP) analysis for each month of 2019, and reconciled the amounts to the general ledger. We

reviewed the waterborne and rail coal transportation contracts. We also traced the general ledger inventory purchases to the AP Analyses to the supporting invoices to the transportation contract rates for the months of February, July, October, November, and December 2019. No exceptions were noted.

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether vendor credits or rebates are credited to fuel costs.

Procedures: We verified that there were no vendor credits or rebates received during 2019.

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether the service hours, reserve shutdown hours, and unavailable hours filed in Schedule A-4 for the Generating Performance Incentive Factor (GPIF) Filing agree to source documentation.

Procedures: We traced the service hours, reserve shutdown hours, and unavailable hours filed in Schedule A-4 to Schedule 5 in the GPIF Filing and to source documentation for April and October 2019. No exceptions were noted.

Objectives: The objective was to reconcile coal and oil purchases noted on FPSC Form 423 with the monthly Schedule A-5, contractual obligations, and source documentation.

Procedures: We reconciled coal and oil purchases reported on Form 423 with the Schedule A-5 filing for July 2019. We cross-referenced the coal and oil purchases by vendor from the AP analysis to the location cost transaction summaries, to the inventory details and the general ledger. We traced receipts to fuel invoices. No exceptions were noted.

Objectives: The objective was to determine whether the energy costs of other economic purchases (non-broker) included in the FAC Filing reconciled to the books and records of the Utility.

Procedures: We compiled economy energy purchases from the Utility's Interchange Analysis Reports for each month of 2019 and reconciled the total to Schedule A-8, Schedule A-9, the Interchange Contract (IIC), and Purchased Power Agreement (PPA) invoices and contracts for February, July, November, and December 2019. No exceptions were noted.

True-up

Objective: The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Schedule A-2 was properly calculated.

Procedures: We traced the December 31, 2018, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2019, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2018, the Financial Commercial Paper rates, and the 2019 Fuel revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

Analytical Review

Objective: The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's FAC Revenues and Expenses to determine if there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior year.

Procedures: We compared 2019 to 2018 revenues and expenses. The Utility had no significant variances. Further follow-up was not required.

Audit Findings

None

Exhibit

Exhibit 1: True Up

SCHEDULE A-2 REVISED
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**CALCULATION OF TRUE-UP AND INTEREST PROVISION
GULF POWER COMPANY
FOR THE MONTH OF: DECEMBER 2019**

Line No.	Description	CURRENT MONTH				PERIOD-TO-DATE			
		Actual	Estimated	Difference		Actual	Estimated	Difference	
				Amount	%			Amount	%
A. Fuel Cost & Net Power Transactions									
1	Fuel Cost of System Net Generation	16,854,437.06	20,688,685	(3,834,247.94)	(18.53)	248,040,299.42	269,464,835	(21,424,535.58)	(7.95)
1a	Other Generation	184,109.22	156,204	27,905.22	17.86	1,995,119.06	2,072,161	(77,041.94)	(3.72)
1b	Scherer/Flint Credit	(111,337.81)	(599,953)	488,614.73	(81.44)	(4,690,362.22)	(5,597,528)	907,165.97	(16.21)
2	Fuel Cost of Power Sold	(7,846,279.46)	(11,340,424)	3,494,144.54	30.81	(79,803,567.79)	(112,356,468)	32,552,900.21	28.97
3	Fuel Cost - Purchased Power	14,032,359.98	17,905,853	(3,873,493.02)	(21.63)	196,711,972.17	208,634,043	(11,922,070.83)	(5.71)
3a	Demand & Non-Fuel Cost Purchased Power	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
3b	Energy Payments to Qualifying Facilities	387,930.64	0	387,930.64	100.00	6,103,667.27	0	6,103,667.27	100.00
4	Energy Cost - Economy Purchases	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00
5	Hedging Settlement Cost	669,990.00	619,640	50,350.00	8.13	7,178,070.00	7,577,430	(399,360.00)	(5.27)
6	Total Fuel & Net Power Transactions	24,171,209.63	27,430,005	(3,258,795.83)	(11.88)	375,535,197.91	369,794,473	5,740,725.10	1.55
7	Adjustments To Fuel Cost*	0.00	0.000	0.00	0.00	(479,974.52)	0	(479,974.52)	100.00
8	Adj. Total Fuel & Net Power Transactions	24,171,209.63	27,430,005	(3,258,795.83)	(11.88)	375,055,223.39	369,794,473	5,260,750.58	1.42
B. KWH Sales									
1	Jurisdictional Sales	769,594,373	827,032,000	(57,437,627)	(6.95)	11,078,868,686	10,851,656,000	227,212,686	2.09
2	Non-Jurisdictional Sales	23,144,515	25,124,000	(1,979,485)	(7.88)	301,338,164	300,774,000	564,164	0.19
3	Total Territorial Sales	792,738,888	852,156,000	(59,417,112)	(6.97)	11,380,206,850	11,152,430,000	227,776,850	2.04
4	Juris. Sales as % of Total Terr. Sales	97.0804	97.0517	0.0287	0.03	97.3521	97.3031	0.0490	0.05

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				Amount	%			Amount	%
C. True-up Calculation									
1	Jurisdictional Fuel Revenue	23,355,380.32	25,041,040	(1,685,659.73)	(6.73)	336,275,528.29	328,568,607	7,706,920.89	2.35
2	Fuel Adj. Revs. Not Applicable to Period:								
2a	True-Up Provision	1,950,778.00	1,950,778	0.00	0.00	23,409,339.00	23,409,339	0.00	0.00
2b	Incentive Provision	21,391.00	21,391	0.00	0.00	256,687.00	256,687	0.00	0.00
2c	Tax Savings Credit	674,590.00	674,590	0.00	0.00	8,095,082.00	8,095,082	0.00	0.00
3	Juris. Fuel Revenue Applicable to Period	26,002,139.32	27,687,799	(1,685,659.68)	(6.09)	368,036,636.29	360,329,715	7,706,921.29	2.14
Adjusted Total Fuel & Net Power									
4	Transactions (Line A8)	24,171,209.63	27,430,005	(3,258,795.83)	(11.88)	375,055,223.39	369,794,473	5,260,750.58	1.42
5	Juris. Sales % of Total KWH Sales (Line B4)	97.0804	97.0517	0.0287	0.03	97.3521	97.3031	0.0490	0.05
Juris. Total Fuel & Net Power Transactions									
6	Adj. for Line Losses (C4*C5*1.0012)	23,493,665.60	26,653,232	(3,159,566.40)	(11.85)	365,560,406.42	360,244,295	5,316,111.42	1.48
True-Up Provision for the Month									
7	Over/(Under) Collection (C3-C6)	2,508,473.72	1,034,567	1,473,906.72	(142.47)	2,476,229.87	85,420	2,390,809.87	(2,798.89)
8	Interest Provision for the Month	10,144.75	1,086	9,058.75	(834.14)	328,637.83	257,303	71,334.83	(27.72)
9	Beginning True-Up & Interest Provision	6,749,097.82	1,257,848	5,491,249.82	(436.56)	27,921,409.59	23,409,339	4,512,070.59	(19.27)
10	True-Up Collected / (Refunded)	(1,950,778.00)	(1,950,778)	0.00	0.00	(23,409,339.00)	(23,409,339)	0.00	0.00
End of Period - Total Net True-Up, Before									
11	Adjustment (C7+C8+C9+C10)	7,316,938.29	342,723	6,974,215.29	(2,034.94)	7,316,938.29	342,723	6,974,215.29	(2,034.94)
12	Adjustment	884,823.77	0	884,823.77	100.00	884,823.77	0	884,823.77	100.00
13	End of Period - Total Net True-Up	8,201,762.06	342,723	7,859,039.06	(2,293.12)	8,201,762.06	342,723	7,859,039.06	(2,293.12)

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		Actual	Estimated	Difference	
				Amount	%
D. Interest Provision					
1	Beginning True-Up Amount (C9)	6,749,097.82	1,257,848	5,491,249.82	436.56
	Ending True-Up Amount				
2	Before Interest (C7+C9+C10)	8,191,617.31	341,637	7,849,980.31	2,297.75
3	Total of Beginning & Ending True-Up Amts.	14,940,715.13	1,599,485	13,341,230.13	834.10
4	Average True-Up Amount	7,470,357.57	799,743	6,670,614.57	834.09
	Interest Rate				
5	1st Day of Reporting Business Month	1.67	1.67	0.0000	
	Interest Rate				
6	1st Day of Subsequent Business Month	1.59	1.59	0.0000	
7	Total (D5+D6)	3.26	3.26	0.0000	
8	Annual Average Interest Rate	1.63	1.63	0.0000	
9	Monthly Average Interest Rate (D8/12)	0.1358	0.1358	0.0000	
10	Interest Provision (D4*D9)	10,144.75	1,086	9,058.75	834.14
	Jurisdictional Loss Multiplier	1.0012	1.0012		