

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 8

VOTE SHEET

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Docket No. 20200234-EI – Petition for approval of direct current microgrid pilot program and for variance from or waiver of Rule 25-6.065, F.A.C., by Tampa Electric Company.

**Issue 1:** Should the Commission approve TECO’s proposed DC Pilot program?

**Recommendation:** Yes, the Commission should approve the proposed DC Pilot program with the following modifications: 1) capital costs associated with the DC Pilot program should be initially capped at \$1.99 million, and 2) the Company should provide annual reports to the Commission as detailed in the petition as well as a survey, in year three, of the DC Pilot on the participants’ willingness to pay a monthly surcharge for increased reliability. While participating customers will not realize direct energy savings similar to traditional customer-owned or leased solar installations, the participants may experience a slightly higher level of reliability when compared to other customers in the same sub-division. In addition, the potential system benefits of the DC Pilot program as proposed are dependent on participating customers’ willingness to pay a premium for incremental reliability benefits. Staff recommends that the Pilot commence on the date the consummating order is issued and terminate four years from that date, if no request for hearing is timely filed. If a request for hearing is timely filed, the Pilot shall be held in abeyance pending final hearing.

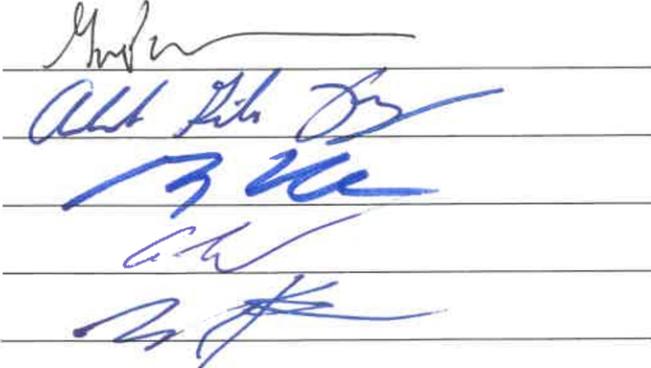
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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:** Oral Modification, assigned DN 04629-2021, is attached.

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**Issue 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by this proposed agency action files a request for a hearing within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order. If a request for hearing is timely filed, this docket shall remain open pending final hearing.

**APPROVED**

**Brian Schultz**

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**From:** Asha Maharaj-Lucas  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 12:17 PM  
**To:** Commissioners & Staffs; Cindy Muir; Braulio Baez; Tom Ballinger; Mark Futrell; Apryl Lynn; CLK - Agenda Staff; Adam Teitzman; Laura King; Phillip Ellis; Orlando Wooten; Keith Hetrick; Mary Anne Helton; Suzanne Brownless; Jeff Doehling; Marissa Ramos; Curt Mouring; Jenny Wu; Andrew Kunkler  
**Cc:** Kate Hamrick; Jacqueline Moore; Nancy Harrison  
**Subject:** RE: Request for oral modification of Item #8 on the 6/15/2021 agenda conference.

Hello:

Please see the approval below for an Oral Modification request to Item # 8 on the June 15, 2021 agenda Conference.

Thanks  
Asha

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**From:** Braulio Baez  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:30 AM  
**To:** Tom Ballinger  
**Cc:** Mark Futrell; Laura King; Phillip Ellis; Orlando Wooten; Mary Anne Helton; Keith Hetrick; Suzanne Brownless; Asha Maharaj-Lucas; Kate Hamrick; Adam Teitzman  
**Subject:** RE: Request for oral modification of Item #8 on the 6/15/2021 agenda conference.

Approved. Thanks

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**From:** Tom Ballinger  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 10, 2021 11:10 AM  
**To:** Braulio Baez  
**Cc:** Mark Futrell; Laura King; Phillip Ellis; Orlando Wooten; Mary Anne Helton; Keith Hetrick; Suzanne Brownless; Asha Maharaj-Lucas; Kate Hamrick; Adam Teitzman  
**Subject:** Request for oral modification of Item #8 on the 6/15/2021 agenda conference.

Staff is requesting permission to make the following oral modifications to Item #8, Petition for approval of direct current microgrid pilot program and for variance from or waiver of Rule 25-6.065, F.A.C., by Tampa Electric Company. The corrections add clarification and do not change the overall staff recommendation.

**Page 3, the first sentence of the recommendation statement should read as follows:**

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve TECO's proposed DC Pilot program?

Recommendation: Yes, the Commission should approve the proposed DC Pilot program with the following modifications: 1) **capital** costs associated with the DC Pilot program should be **initially** capped at \$1.99 million, and 2) the Company should provide annual reports to the Commission as detailed in the petition as well as a survey, in year three, of the DC Pilot on the participants' willingness to pay a monthly surcharge for increased reliability.

**Page 6, bottom of page, should read as follows:**

Revenue Requirements

The Company is seeking recovery associated with the DC microgrid system and AC distribution system to be recovered through base rates, including O&M expenses incurred by TECO. ~~However, this~~ This recovery request is ~~not~~ included in TECO's rate increase petition filed in Docket No. 20210034-EI on April 9, 2021.

**Page 8, last paragraph should read as follows:**

As discussed above, participating customers will not realize direct energy savings similar to customer-owned or leased solar installations. However, participants may experience a slightly higher level of reliability when compared to other ratepayers in the same sub-division. As such, the potential system benefits of the DC Pilot program as proposed are dependent on participating customers' willingness to pay a premium for incremental reliability benefits. Therefore, the Commission should approve the proposed DC Pilot program with the following modifications: 1) capital costs associated with the DC Pilot program should be initially capped at \$1.99 million, and 2) the Company should provide annual reports to the Commission as detailed in the petition as well as a survey, in year three, of the DC Pilot on the participants' willingness to pay a monthly surcharge for increased reliability. Staff recommends that the Pilot commence on the date the consummating order is issued and terminate four years from that date, if no request for hearing is timely filed. If a request for hearing is timely filed, the Pilot shall be held in abeyance pending final hearing.