TAMPA ELECTRIC CO Form 8-K April 05, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

April 5, 2013

Commission

Exact name of each Registrant as specified in its charter, state of

I.R.S. Employer

File No.

 $incorporation, address\ of\ principal\ executive\ offices,\ telephone\ number$

Identification Number

1-8180

TECO ENERGY, INC.

59-2052286

(a Florida corporation)

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TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

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Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01: Other Events

As previously reported, on February 4, 2013, Tampa Electric delivered a letter to the Florida Public Service Commission (the FPSC) notifying it of its intent to file a request for an increase in its retail base rates and service charges. On April 5, 2013, Tampa Electric filed a petition with the FPSC requesting, among other things, a permanent increase in rates and service charges sufficient to generate additional total annual revenues of approximately \$134.8 million, to be effective on or after January 1, 2014. The request provides for a return on equity range of 10.25% to 12.25% with a midpoint of 11.25%. The petition also requests certain changes to existing rate schedules, as well as the adoption of new rate designs. Testimony of Tampa Electric witnesses and minimum filing requirements were also filed with the FPSC supporting the increases in rates and charges requested in the petition. Documents relating to Tampa Electric s base rate case will be available on the FPSC website and through the Investors section of the TECO Energy website.

This report contains forward-looking statements, which are subject to the inherent uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions. Actual results and outcomes may differ materially from those forecasted. The forecasted information is based on the company s current expectations and assumptions, and the company does not undertake to update that information or any other information contained in this report, except as may be required by law. Additional information is contained under Risk Factors in TECO Energy, Inc. s and Tampa Electric Company s combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2012.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: April 5, 2013

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TECO ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Sandra W. Callahan

Sandra W. Callahan

Senior Vice President-Finance and Accounting and Chief

Financial Officer (Chief Accounting Officer) (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: /s/ Sandra W. Callahan Sandra W. Callahan

Vice President-Finance and Accounting and Chief Financial

Officer (Chief Accounting Officer)

(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)