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RE: Docket No. 041408-EU - Joint petition of Tampa Electric Company and Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. for expedited interim approval of customer transfers pending consideration of joint application for permanent relocation of territorial boundaries.

<u>Issue 1</u>: Should the Commission approve the joint petition of Tampa Electric Company and Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. for interim electric service pending consideration of a subsequently filed joint application for modification of territorial boundaries?

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. Staff recommends that the joint petition be approved. No uneconomic duplication of facilities is expected because TECO has neared completion of electric facilities in the proposed Belle Chase subdivision that would be adequate to provide service to the entire subdivision. WREC presently has no comparable electric facilities in place. Service by TECO is necessary to accommodate the developer's need to move forward quickly to make lots available to builders for construction.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

<u>Recommendation</u>: No. This docket should remain open for consideration of the joint application for modification of territorial boundaries that will subsequently be submitted for Commission approval.

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