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FROM: DIVISION OF ELECTRIC & GAS (GOAD) <sup>PHS CSK</sup>  
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RE: DOCKET NO. 971292-EI - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF LANDLORD  
"LEAVE SERVICE ACTIVE" AGREEMENT (ORIGINAL TARIFF SHEETS  
7.57 AND 7.58) BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

AGENDA: NOVEMBER 18, 1997 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING -  
INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 1997

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\EAG\WP\971292EI.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve Gulf Power Company's (Gulf) petition to add the Landlord "Leave Service Active" Agreement, Tariff Sheet Nos. 7.57 and 7.58, to its standard contract forms?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, the proposed standard contract will provide for an ongoing transfer agreement between landlords and Gulf, and will not impact service to any other customers.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Gulf proposes to add an agreement to its standard contract forms that will provide for ongoing transfer of service for customers, typically landlords, when service is not scheduled in a tenant's name at a specified address. Specifically, when a rental unit at a specified address is scheduled for disconnection of service by the current tenant, Gulf will read the meter on the scheduled date and transfer service to the landlord's account. At such time that a new tenant schedules service, Gulf will read the

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meter again and transfer service to the new tenant's account. Florida Power Corporation currently offers a similar agreement, Tariff Sheet Nos. 7.070 and 7.071.

The proposed standard contract will allow landlords to schedule the transfer of electric service on an ongoing basis at a specified address without scheduling a reconnection of service each time a tenant vacates a rental property. Also, Gulf will not have to physically disconnect electric service from the rental property, but merely transfer billing from one account to another. This will save both Gulf and the customer time and effort.

The proposed standard contract does not preclude Gulf from disconnecting service following proper notice in the event the customer of record fails to timely remit payment, fraudulently obtains electricity, or otherwise violates any applicable rules or laws which justify disconnection. Gulf has assured staff that if service is disconnected to a tenant for one of the above reasons, service will not automatically be transferred to the landlord. As stated previously, service will only be transferred to the landlord when a tenant requests a disconnection of service.

The Landlord "Leave Service Active" Agreement will provide a convenience to both Gulf and customers who enter into the agreement. In addition, the agreement will not affect rates or service to Gulf's general body of ratepayers. As such, staff recommends that the proposed additions and changes be approved.

**ISSUE 2:** On what date should the proposed changes become effective?

**RECOMMENDATION:** The proposed changes should become effective on November 18, 1997.

**STAFF ANALYSIS:** If Issue 1 is approved, the tariff may go into effect upon Commission approval.

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ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance date of the Order, the tariff should remain in effect, pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed.

STAFF ANALYSIS: At the conclusion of the protest period, if no protest is filed, this docket should be closed.