

VOTE SHEET

DECEMBER 16, 1997

RE: DOCKET NO. 971513-EU - Establishment of additional filing requirements in the fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause when certain threshold levels are met.

Issue 1: What guideline should utilities follow to determine when they must provide a preliminary explanation justifying the need to recover projected fuel costs as required by Order No. PSC-97-0359-FOF-EI?

Recommendation: When a utility seeks to recover costs that cause the six-month fuel factor to increase by 5% or more from the previous recovery period, the utility must affirmatively demonstrate, prior to approval of recovery, that the actions or events which gave rise to the need for recovery and the underlying costs are reasonable.

APPROVED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Full Commission

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

Commissioner Dawson dissented.

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of issuance of the order, this docket should be closed.

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