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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS (HAFF) *with TB*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (ELIAS) *RUE 23 RLA*

RE: DOCKET NO. 990004-EU - PLANNING HEARINGS ON LOAD FORECASTS, GENERATION EXPANSION PLANS, AND COGENERATION PRICES FOR FLORIDA'S ELECTRIC UTILITIES

AGENDA: JANUARY 19, 1999 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\LEG\WP\990004.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

The Commission repealed Rule 25-17.0833, Florida Administrative Code, effective June 9, 1997. This rule provided for annual planning hearings resulting in a Statewide Avoided Unit for pricing cogeneration. However, the Commission found that this rule was unnecessary since the annual Ten-Year Site Plan workshops have taken the place of docketed annual planning hearings.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUE

ISSUE 1: Should Docket No. 990004-EU be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Prior to its repeal on June 9, 1997, Rule 25-17.0833, Florida Administrative Code, read as follows:

(1) Upon petition or on its own motion, the Commission shall periodically review optimal generation and transmission plans from a statewide and individual utility perspective. In connection with these proceedings, the Commission shall consider the need for capacity from both a statewide and individual utility perspective, the adequacy of the transmission grid, and other strategic planning concerns affecting the Florida electric grid.

(2) Upon petition, or on its own motion, the Commission, as needed, shall review individual utility generation and expansion plans at any time.

Docket No. 990004-EU was reserved by the Commission as a forum, if needed, to decide matters pertaining to annual planning hearings. With the repeal of Rule 25-17.0833, Florida Administrative Code, the annual Ten-Year Site Plan workshop fulfills the Commission's need to review utility planning activities. The Commission can open a docket at any time to address issues arising from the Ten-Year Site Plan workshops. In fact, the Commission has recently opened Docket No. 981890-EU to investigate the aggregate planned reserve margins for Peninsular Florida's electric utilities. Therefore, staff recommends that Docket No. 990004-EU be closed.