The Florida Public Service Commission announces a hearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

DOCKET NO. 990023-EM - Petition by City of Lakeland to determination of need for McIntosh Unit 5 and proposed conversion trom simple to combined cycle.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, April 1, 1999. Friday, April 2, 1999, has also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing will be for the Commission to take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Sections 403.501-519, Florida Statutes (1997), for the construction of an electric power plant and related facilities in Polk County, Florida. This proceeding shall allow the City of Lakeland to present evidence and testimony in support of its petition for a determination of need for its proposed plant and related facilities in Polk County, Florida; to permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; to permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding the opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate.