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

FROM: DIVISION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS (GING) *DS DW CR*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (ISAAC) *RNS RVE RLT*

RE: DOCKET NO. 000392-EI - PETITIONS FOR APPROVAL OF UNDERGROUND RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTION TARIFF REVISIONS BY GULF POWER COMPANY AND TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

AGENDA: 5/16/00 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: JUNE 2, 2000

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission suspend Gulf Power Company's (GPC) and Tampa Electric Company's (TECO) proposed underground residential distribution tariff revisions?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should suspend GPC and TECO's proposed underground residential distribution tariff revisions.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Rules 25-6.033 and 25-6.078, Florida Administrative Code, GPC and TECO filed petitions on April 3, 2000 to approve charges for underground residential distribution facilities. The Bureau of Regulatory Review (BRR) is currently working on a study titled: "Comparative Review of Underground Residential Distribution Tariff Differentials". Staff is recommending the tariffs be suspended to allow time for the

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incorporation of the study's findings in staff's analysis of GPC's and TECO's proposed tariff revisions.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), Florida Statutes, the Commission may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such increase, within 60 days, a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so. Staff recommends that the proposed tariffs be suspended to allow staff the opportunity to incorporate BRR's findings, and additional time to evaluate the petitions. Staff believes this is good cause, consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), Florida Statutes.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: No. The docket should remain open pending a final decision on the tariff.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The docket should remain open pending a final decision on the tariff.