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

FROM: DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (GING) *DRW CSR RMT Tgs*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (ISAAC) *RVE*

RE: DOCKET NO. 000572-EI - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TARIFF SHEETS BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

AGENDA: 06/20/00 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: JULY 9, 2000

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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CASE BACKGROUND

On May 10, 2000 Gulf Power Company filed a petition for approval of an updated Contract for Electric Service, a new Master Contract for Electric Service and an associated Premises Exhibit.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve Gulf Power Company's (Gulf) petition for approval of an updated Contract for Electric Service, a new Master Contract for Electric Service and an associated Premises Exhibit?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should approve Gulf's petition for approval of an updated Contract for electric service,

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a new Master Contract for Electric Service and an associated Premises Exhibit.

STAFF ANALYSIS: On May 10, 2000 Gulf filed a petition for approval of an updated Contract for electric service, a new Master contract for Electric Service and an associated Premises Exhibit. The existing Contract for Electric Service has been in effect since January 21, 1975. The updated Contract for Electric Service is not substantively different from the existing contract. The existing Contract for Electric Service is lengthy and difficult to read. Gulf is requesting approval of the new contract to update the existing contract to make the document easier to read and consistent with other contracts used within the Southern System.

The Master Contract for Electric Service is a new contract specifically designed for customers who receive service from multiple delivery points. This contract is not intended to allow for conjunctive billing or aggregation of load to achieve a more favorable rate. The associated Premises Exhibit allows for each delivery point to be separately identified. The new Master Contract for Electric Service more accurately reflects the service that customers with multiple delivery points receive. Gulf plans to use these contracts on a going-forward basis. Existing contracts would not be replaced.

Staff recommends approval of the contracts because the contracts are more concise and easier to read without substantively changing the intent of the contracts. The new Master Contract for Electric Service and Premises Exhibit more accurately reflect the service that customers with multiple delivery points receive. The contracts are up-to-date and more consistent with other contracts used by customers throughout the Southern System.

ISSUE 2: On what date should Gulf's Contract for Electric Service, Master Contract for Electric Service and the associated Premises Exhibit become effective?

RECOMMENDATION: Gulf's Contract for Electric Service, Master Contract for Electric Service and the associated Premises Exhibit tariffs should become effective June 27, 2000, seven days after the June 20, 2000 Agenda Conference, at the request of the Company.

STAFF ANALYSIS: Gulf has requested that the Commission approve June 27, 2000 as the effective date of Contracts and associated tariffs. Staff believes this is a reasonable request and recommends approval of the June 27, 2000 effective date.

ISSUE 3: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. This docket should be closed upon issuance of a Consummating Order unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Order.

STAFF ANALYSIS: If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's proposed action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Order, this docket should be closed upon issuance of a Consummating Order.