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RE: DOCKET NO. 000758-EQ PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SMALL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

AGENDA: AUGUST 1, 2000 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: AUGUST 21, 2000

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission suspend Tampa Electric Company's (TECO) proposed new tariff for its pilot program to interconnect small photovoltaic systems?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. (Haff)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Pursuant to Rule 25-17.0832, Florida Administrative Code, TECO filed a petition on June 22, 2000, for approval of a pilot program for interconnecting small photovoltaic systems less than 10 kW. The Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, Inc. (LEAF) petitioned to intervene on July 14, 2000, stating that:

"The precedent set in this proceeding may influence the outcome of Docket No. 990538-EI, which will establish requirements for small photovoltaic systems (10 kW or

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less) requesting interconnection with an investor-owned utility."

LEAF was granted intervener status in Docket No. 990538-EI. Staff is recommending that the proposed tariff be suspended in order to address LEAF's concerns.

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 believes that the reason stated above 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 petition. (Stern)

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