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FROM: DIVISION OF SAFETY AND ELECTRIC RELIABILITY (COLSON)
DIVISION OF POLICY ANALYSIS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL LIAISON (DEAN)
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (STERN)

RE: DOCKET NO. 990538-EI - ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTRIC REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS (10 Kw OR LESS) REQUESTING INTERCONNECTION AND PARALLEL OPERATION WITH AN INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITY.

AGENDA: FEBRUARY 20, 2001 - REGULAR AGENDA - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\SER\WP\990538.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

This docket was opened on April 30, 1999, to establish appropriate operating, safety, and insurance requirements for small photovoltaic systems (SPS) requesting interconnection and parallel operation with an investor-owned utility. These small, usually rooftop-mounted solar panels take sunlight and directly convert it to direct current (DC) electricity. On May 13, 1999, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) filed a letter asking that we approve a proposed agreement to interconnect (to its utility system) an array of solar photovoltaic (PV) panels owned by the Disney Wilderness Preserve in Orange County, Florida. This interconnection agreement was recommended for approval in this docket and placed on the July 27, 1999 Agenda. On July 21, 1999, FPC requested that the staff recommendation be deferred. On July 22, 1999, Florida Power & Light Company intervened in the docket and requested a staff

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workshop to discuss the issues in this docket before Commission consideration at Agenda. Before FPC's agreement could be rescheduled for another Agenda conference, FPC withdrew its petition. FPC later included the PV panels owned by the Disney Wilderness Preserve in its green energy research and development program. Staff will be proposing Rule 25-6.065, Florida Administrative Code, Interconnection of Small Photovoltaic Systems. The issues raised in this docket will be addressed through rulemaking, so there is no need to keep this docket open. Therefore, staff recommends that this docket be closed.

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The issues will be addressed in the rulemaking docket. (Stern)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Staff will be proposing Rule 25-6.065, Florida Administrative Code, Interconnection of Small Photovoltaic Systems. Staff believes that the issues raised in Docket 990538-EI will be addressed through rulemaking. When the economic impact and final draft for the proposed rule are completed, staff will open a rulemaking docket.