BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO: 020095-EU

IN RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 25-6.0345, F.A.C., SAFETY STANDARDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: February 27, 2002

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule No. 25-6.0345, Florida Administrative Code, to amend provisions relating to safety standards for construction of new transmission and distribution.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the March 8, 2002, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be held at a time and place that will be announced.

The request must be submitted in writing and received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, no later than March 29, 2002.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 27th day of February, 2002.

> BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

By: Kay Flynn, Chief

Bureau of Records and Hearing

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RULE TITLE: RULE NO.:

Safety Standards for Construction of New 25-6.0345

Transmission and Distribution Facilities

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The rule has the purpose and effect of meeting the requirement in Section 366.04(6)(b), Florida Statutes, to adopt, after review, the latest edition of the National Electrical Safety Code.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: The amendment changes the 1997 edition of the National Electrical Safety Code to the 2002 edition.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(6)(b), FS

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY.

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS
OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF THE

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COMMISSION CLERK AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850.

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THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE

DEVELOPMENT AND A COPY OF THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT, IF AVAILABLE,

IS: JIM RUEHL, DIVISION OF AUDITING AND SAFETY, Florida Public

Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL

32399-0862.

THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

25-6.0345 Safety Standards for Construction of New Transmission and Distribution Facilities.

(1) In compliance with Chapter 366.04(6)(b) F.S., 1991, the Commission adopts and incorporates by reference the 2002 1997 edition of the National Electrical Safety Code (ANSI C-2),

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published <u>August 1, 2001</u> August 1, 1996, as the applicable safety standards for transmission and distribution facilities subject to the Commission's safety jurisdiction. Each public electric utility, rural electric cooperative, and municipal electric system shall comply with the standards in these provisions.

Standards contained in the <u>2002</u> 1997 edition shall be applicable to new construction for which a work order number is assigned on or after the effective date of this rule.

(2) - (7) No change.

AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE FROM THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED ABOVE.

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