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TO:

DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION DIRECTOR,

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (BAYÓ)

FROM:

DIVISION OF ECONOMIC REGULATION (C. ROMIG)

DIVISION OF AUDITING & SAFETY (VANDIVER)

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL (RODAN) JAR

RE:

DOCKET NO. 030337-GU - PETITION FOR PERMISSION TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN RECORDS, PURSUANT TO RULE 25-7.015(3), F.A.C., BY FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION

AGENDA:

07/15/03 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION -

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION:

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CASE BACKGROUND

On April 10, 2003, the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake or the Company) filed a petition for permission to dispose of certain records of acquired companies, pursuant to Rule 25-7.015(3), Florida Administrative Code. On May 6, 2003, Chesapeake amended its original petition and on June 5, 2003, revised Exhibit A of its amended petition. The Company's revised Exhibit A is Attachment 1 to this recommendation. Commission has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to Sections 350.127(2), 366.05, 366.08, and 366.093, Florida Statutes.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

<u>ISSUE 1</u>: Should Chesapeake's petition for permission to dispose of certain records, pursuant to Rule 25-7.015(3), Florida Administrative Code, be approved?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. Staff recommends that the Company be allowed to dispose of the acquired company records listed on Attachment 1 to this recommendation. (C. ROMIG, VANDIVER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Rule 25-7.015(3), Florida Administrative Code,
states that:

All records shall be preserved in accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's regulations, Title 18, Subchapter F, Part 225, Code of Federal Regulations, entitled "Preservation of Records of Natural Gas Companies" as revised, April 1, 1994, which is incorporated by reference into this rule, with the exception of Item 64 (Records of predecessors and former associates) of the Schedule of records and periods of retention contained in Title 18, Subchapter F, Section 225.3, Code of Federal Regulations. Instead, utilities shall retain records of acquired companies until permission for disposal is petitioned for and approved by the Florida Public Service Commission.

Pursuant to this rule, the Company requests permission to dispose of certain records of its acquired companies, specifically Central Florida Gas Company and Plant City Natural Gas Company, as listed on Attachment 1 to this recommendation. The Company states that such records are no longer needed for any further regulatory or operational purpose and their continued retention only serves to waste the Company's records storage capacity.

Staff has reviewed the records listed on Attachment 1 with respect to future regulatory requirements and believes the retention of these records is no longer necessary. Therefore, staff recommends that the Company be allowed to dispose of the acquired company records listed on Attachment 1.

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: Yes. If no person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed agency action files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order. (RODAN)

STAFF ANALYSIS: At the conclusion of the protest period, if no protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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