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The Florida Public Service Commission announces a hearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

DOCKET NO. 991462-EU - Petition for determination of need for an electrical power plant in Okeechobee County by Okeechobee Generating Company, L.L.C.

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 a.m., Monday, December 6, 1999. Tuesday, December 7, and Wednesday, December 8, 1999, have also been reserved for this proceeding. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing will be for the Commission to take final action to determine the need, pursuant to Sections 403.501-519, Florida Statutes (1997), for the construction of an electric power plant and related facilities in Okeechobee County, Florida. This proceeding shall allow Okeechobee Generating Company, L.L.C., to present evidence and testimony in support of its petition for a determination of need for its proposed plant and

AFA	_____	related facilities in Okeechobee County, Florida; to permit any
APP	_____	
CAF	_____	
CMU	_____	intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this
CTR	_____	
EAG	_____	matter; to permit members of the public who are not parties to the
LEG	_____	
MAS	_____	need determination proceeding the opportunity to present testimony
OPC	_____	
PAI	_____	
SEC	<u>  1  </u>	concerning this matter; and for such other purposes as the
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Commission may deem appropriate. Any member of the public who wishes to offer testimony should be present at the beginning of the hearing. By providing public testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements contained in Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. The hearing will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes; Section 403.519, Florida Statutes; and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

Only issues relating to the need for the power plant and its associated facilities will be heard at the December 6-8, 1999, hearing. Separate public hearings will be held before the Division of Administrative Hearings to consider environmental and other impacts of the proposed plant and associated facilities as required by the "Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act," Sections 403.501-518, Florida Statutes.

Any person requiring some accommodation at the hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).