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MEMORANDUM

April 6, 2000

TO:

CHAIRMAN GARCIA

FROM:

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (STERN) MKS

DIVISION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS (DRAPER)

RE:

REQUEST TO FILE LATE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE APRIL 18, 2000, AGENDA CONFERENCE FOR DOCKET NO. 000061-EI COMPLAINT OF ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION AND CHEMICAL

FORMULATORS, INC., AGAINST TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

At the March 28, 2000, Agenda Conference, the Commission deferred a decision on Docket No. 000061-EI. The Commission instructed staff to attempt mediation with the parties and file a recommendation to be considered at the April 18, 2000, Agenda Conference. Recommendations for the April 18, 2000, Agenda Conference are due today. For the reasons discussed below staff requests permission to file its recommendation for the April 18, 2000, Agenda Conference, on April 12, 2000.

Staff conducted a mediation with the parties on April 5, 2000, and scheduled a follow-up conference call with the parties for today at 2 pm. Staff anticipates revising the recommendation based on the mediation and the conference call. The petitioner asked for an expedited hearing, and the hearing has already been continued once. We want to place the recommendation on the April 18, 2000 Agenda because the next agenda is not until May 16, 2000, and the hearing is set for May 30, 2000. Resolution of the issues posed in the recommendation at the April 18, 2000, Agenda Conference is essential to meeting the current schedule. Staff requests permission to file a recommendation on Docket No. 000061-EI on Wednesday, April 12, 2000, by noon.

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