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April 4, 2006

Docket No. 060198-EI – Requirement for investor-owned electric utilities to file ongoing storm preparedness plans and implementation cost estimates.

Issue 1: Should the Commission require each investor-owned electric utility to file plans and estimated implementation costs for ongoing storm preparedness initiatives?

Recommendation: Yes. On or before June 1, 2006, each investor-owned electric utility should, at a minimum, file plans and estimated implementation costs addressing each of the following initiatives:

- 1) A Three-year Vegetation Management Cycle for Distribution Circuits,
- 2) An Audit of Joint-Use Attachment Agreements,
- 3) A Six-year Transmission Structure Inspection Program,
- 4) Hardening of Existing Transmission Structures,
- 5) A Transmission and Distribution Geographic Information System,
- 6) Post-Storm Data Collection and Forensic Analysis,
- 7) Collection of Detailed Outage data Differentiating Between the Reliability Performance of Overhead and Underground Systems,
- 8) Increased Utility Coordination with Local Governments,
- 9) Collaborative Research on Effects of Hurricane Winds and Storm Surge, and
- 10) A Natural Disaster Preparedness and Recovery Program.

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

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In the event that a utility proposes an alternative to one of the above initiatives, the utility should describe its proposed alternative and explain why the alternative is better in terms of cost and avoiding future storm damages. Within each plan, the utility should describe the scope of activities, implementation timeline, and estimated program costs for the next ten years. The utility should also highlight those activities and costs that are incremental to current activities and costs. A utility should provide an estimate of any incremental costs associated with the implementation of each of the above initiatives. Upon a specific showing of hardship, the Commission staff may allow a utility to file a plan after June 1, 2006. Each request for time extension should be filed with the Commission Clerk.

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: No. This docket should be held open for the filing of utility plans and review and approval of the utility plans. 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, the proposed agency action order should become final.

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