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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS (DRAPER) *ESD DW CR*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (COLLINS) *RC RVT JDT*

RE: DOCKET NO. 991652-EI - PETITION BY FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED LIGHTING SERVICE.

AGENDA: 11/16/99 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING - INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: 12/25/99

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\EAG\WP\991652.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission approve Florida Public Utilities Company's petition for approval of its revised lighting service rate schedules?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, the proposed revisions should be approved with an effective date of November 16, 1999. (DRAPER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) has proposed to add several new fixtures and poles to its Outdoor Lighting Service and Street Lighting Service rate schedules. The new fixture and pole offerings will be available for the Marianna Division and Fernandina Beach Divisions. FPUC states that several customers have requested that FPUC offer a larger variety of decorative fixtures and poles.

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The proposed lighting rates include three components: a fixture charge, a maintenance charge, and an energy charge. The monthly fixture charges are essentially the charges customers pay for the rental of the fixtures. FPUC developed the fixture charges by applying a fixed rate charge carrying to the installed cost of the fixture. The maintenance charges were developed based on the estimated cost of maintaining each fixture type. The energy charges were developed by multiplying the estimated energy usage of the lamps by the tariffed non-fuel energy charge rate. Estimates for the energy usage are used since lighting is not metered. To arrive at the energy usage of each lamp, the wattage drawn by the lamp is multiplied by an estimate of how many hours the light will burn in a month. The monthly pole charges were designed to recover the cost of buying and installing the pole.

Staff has reviewed all the workpapers and believes that they are reasonable. Staff recommends that the tariff revisions be approved with an effective date of November 16, 1999.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes, if Issue 1 is approved, this tariff should become effective on November 16, 1999. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, this tariff should remain in effect with any increase held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.
(COLLINS)

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.