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DATE: May 2, 2019

TO: Office of Commission Clerk (Teitzman)

FROM: Division of Economics (Doherty) *RD*
Office of the General Counsel (Schrader) *EAD JAH*
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RE: Docket No. 20190078-EI – Petition for approval of 2019 revisions to underground residential distribution tariffs, by Gulf Power Company.

AGENDA: 05/14/19 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Filing – Interested Persons May Participate

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

PREHEARING OFFICER: Administrative

CRITICAL DATES: 05/30/19 (60-Day Suspension Date)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: None

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Case Background

On April 1, 2019, Gulf Power Company (Gulf) filed a petition for approval of its 2019 revisions to its underground residential distribution tariffs and associated charges. These tariffs represent the additional costs Gulf incurs to provide underground service in place of overhead service in new residential subdivisions. This recommendation is to suspend the proposed tariff. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Discussion of Issues

Issue 1: Should Gulf's proposed underground differential tariffs be suspended?

Recommendation: Yes. Staff recommends that the tariffs be suspended to allow staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present the Commission with an informed recommendation on the tariff proposals. (Doherty)

Staff Analysis: Staff recommends that the tariffs be suspended to allow staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present the Commission with an informed recommendation on the tariffs proposals.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., the Commission may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. Staff believes that the reason stated above is a good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's decision on the proposed tariffs. (Schrader)

Staff Analysis: This docket should remain open pending the Commission's decision on the proposed tariffs.