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DATE: August 18, 1999

TO: Chairman Joe Garcia

FROM: Timothy J. Devlin, Director of Auditing & Financial Analysis $1 \\ \gamma$

RE: Docket No. 990250-EI - Investigation into the earnings and authorized return on equity for Gulf Power Company.

Docket No. 990947-EI - Petition for a full revenue requirements rate case for Gulf Power.

The above-referenced dockets are integrally related. A reply to a motion by Gulf Power to close out Docket No. 990947 is due from the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) on August 24, 1999. Staff would like for the issue of consolidating these dockets to be considered at the August 31, 1999 Agenda Conference, but needs to evaluate the reply from OPC for possible incorporation into the recommendation. Staff believes it is imperative to make the August 31, 1999 Agenda Conference because Docket No. 990250-EI is scheduled for hearing on November 1, 1999, and is already on a tight time frame. A decision about the procedure for these dockets should be determined before the testimony is filed. We are requesting an extension to file until Friday, August 27, 1999 at noon.

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