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## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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November 25, 1997

TO: PARTIES OF RECORD IN RULEMAKING (R.) 97-04-011/INVESTIGATION (I.) 97-04-012

Attached is Item 3-b, Commissioner Conlon's alternate pages to the draft decision of Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Econome previously mailed to you. This item is on the Commission's agenda for December 3, 1997.

When the Commission acts on the ALJ's proposed decision, it may adopt all or part of it as written, amend or modify it, or set it aside and prepare its own decision. Only when the Commission acts does the decision become binding on the parties.

Because the ALJ's draft decision is not a § 311 proposed decision, these alternate pages are not required to be issued for comment under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (see Rules 77.1 and 77.6.). However, parties to the proceeding may file comments on the alternate pages of Commissioner Conlon attached herein no later than 12 noon, Tuesday, December 2, 1997. Parties' comments should be no longer than 15 pages, including all attachments and appendices. The comments should be limited to the issues raised by the alternate pages of Commissioner Conlon. There will be no replies. Rule 77.6 should govern the content of the parties' filing and the service requirements for comments, except that the Commissioners and assigned ALJ should be served in such a manner that they receive the comments no later than noon, Tuesday, December 2. An original and four copies of the comments and reply comments with a certificate of service shall be filed with the Commission's Docket Office and copies shall be served on all parties on the same day of filing.

Lynn T. Carew, Chief Administrative Law Judge

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Attachment