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

This is the draft decision of Administrative Law Judge Econome, endorsed by Commissioners Knight and Bilas except for the sections addressed by the alternate pages. Also included are the alternate pages of Commissioners Knight and Bilas. Both items will be on the Commission's agenda at the December 3, 1997 meeting. The Commission may act then, or it may postpone action until later.

When the Commission acts on the draft 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.

Although not required, parties will have an opportunity to comment on the draft decision and alternate. Parties to the proceeding may file comments on the draft decision and alternate no later than **Monday, November 17, 1997**. Parties should comment on both documents in a single filing which should be no longer than 30 pages, including all attachments and appendices. Further opportunity to comment is not provided at this time. The attached Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure should govern the content of the parties' filings and the service requirements for the comments.

For ease of reference, the following documents are included in this mailing:

- Draft decision of ALJ Econome
- Alternate Pages of Commissioners Knight and Bilas
- Relevant pages of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure
- ALJ Ruling Setting Time for Responses to Joint Motion for Adoption of a Rule Governing Utility Products and Services.

Lynn T. Carew, Chief
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Enclosure