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Re: Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas to install services under channel to ensure reliability for hospital

Dear TECO Customer:

Tampa Electric and TECO Peoples Gas are committed to providing safe, reliable, cost-effective electricity and natural gas to you and your Davis Islands neighbors. And Tampa General Hospital is committed to providing world-class health care to residents of Davis Islands, Tampa Bay and beyond.

To ensure that electric and natural gas service to Tampa General remains reliable after a significant storm, Tampa Electric and Peoples Gas are planning some changes this year. Currently, electric and gas service is provided along the Plant Avenue bridge. Electric and gas lines will be removed from the bridge and will be installed beneath the channel using directional-drilling techniques.

We apologize in advance for the inconvenience. This is a large undertaking, and construction will take several months. We expect the work to disrupt traffic intermittently:

- Traffic along Davis Boulevard will be restricted to one southbound lane and two northbound lanes, between the bridge and Arbor Place, from July through the fall and again briefly in December. The two center lanes will be used to set up and assemble pipes. Illuminated message boards and traffic signs will guide drivers through the work zone. During this time, left turns onto Davis Boulevard from some streets will be prohibited.
- Sidewalks, crosswalks and parking spaces also will be affected by this work. Please use extra caution when parking or walking near the work zone. Parking will not be available along Davis Boulevard near the work zone. **(Please see enclosed map.)**
- Expect construction-related noise. During most of the project, crews will work during daylight hours, six days a week.
- On three separate days, work will occur around the clock for 24 hours to install the lines beneath the channel.

Construction will begin this week and will continue intermittently through the spring of 2020. The temporary lane closures will require drivers to alter their typical traffic patterns. **We urge everyone to drive with caution during construction for the safety of other drivers, vehicles and our crews.** As the project progresses, we will provide updated information.

TECO and Tampa General are working closely with the city of Tampa to minimize traffic disruption as much as possible.

We regret the inconvenience that this will cause for our Davis Islands neighbors. Please understand that this work will ensure that Tampa General, the region's only Level 1 trauma center, will be able to provide the highest level of care without interruption, even after a hurricane or other natural disaster.

Thank you for your patience during this important project. If you would like to learn more about the natural gas and electric lines being installed under the channel, please visit us online at tampaelectric.com/projects, or leave a message at **(813) 630-5231**.

Sincerely,



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