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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 Hyde Park Spanishtown Creek neighbors. And Tampa General Hospital is committed to providing world-class health care to this community, as well as to 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. The project will include heavy construction equipment in your neighborhood:

- The work area will be set up in the parking lot of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church. Nearby residents and businesses should expect construction-related noise. **(Please see enclosed map)**
- 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.
- A portion of one lane of West De Leon Street (near South Plant Avenue) will be closed for about six weeks beginning in July, to accommodate heavy equipment. This will temporarily affect parking and traffic patterns at the Tampa General Medical Group building, 409 Bayshore Blvd.

Construction will begin in mid- to late July and will continue intermittently through the spring of 2020. **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 our neighbors. Please understand that this project 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](http://tampaelectric.com/projects), or leave a message at **(813) 630-5231**.

Sincerely,



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