BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COST DOCKET NO. 880001-EI

RECOVERY CLAUSE AND GENERATING ORDER NO. 20323

PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE FACTOR ISSUED: 11-17-88

 ORDER REGARDING CONFIDENTIALITY

 This is a tentative ruling regarding the confidential nature of information filed with the Florida Public Service Commission in this Docket. In the absence of a protest to this Order, this ruling will serve as a final determination with respect to the confidentiality of the matters in issue.

 Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) has requested specified confidential treatment for certain filings in the above-styled Docket before the Florida Public Service Commission. The particular filing for which specified confidential treatment is requested is as follows:

DATE OF

REQUEST COMPANY DOCKET NO. DOCUMENT NUMBER(S)/REQUEST

02/16/88 TECO 880001-EI 1663-88 - (Forms 423-1(a)

 l(b), 2(a), and 2(b) for
 December, 1987).

The above document contains information related to TECO's fuel contracts. Disclosure of this information, TECO contends, would likely impair its ability to negotiate future fuel and transportation contracts because potential bidders would be informed of current prices paid for these services.

 Section 366.093(l), Florida Statutes, provides in pertinent part:

 "Upon request of the public utility, any records received by the Commission which are shown to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from 119.07(l)."

Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes, defines proprietary confidential business information as, among other things, information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the utility to contract for services on favorable terms.

 Based upon an examination of the document identified in the above-referenced Request for Specified Confidential Treatment, I find that said document does contain confidential information which, if released, could affect the ability of TECO to contract for fuel on favorable terms.

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In consideration of the above, it is

 ORDERED that the Request for Specified Confidential Treatment specified above is approved for the filing identified. It is further

 ORDERED that if, pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(2)(f), Florida Administrative Code, a protest is filed within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Order, it will be resolved by the appropriate Commission panel pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3)(d), Florida Administrative Code.

 By ORDER of Commissioner John T. Herndon, as Prehearing Officer, this 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1988.

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 JOHN T. HERNDON, Commissioner

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