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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Petition by Tampa Electric Company for approval of plan to bring generating Re: units into compliance with Clean Air Act; FPSC Docket No. 992014-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Objection to Reliant Energy Power Generation, Inc.'s Request No. 4 of its First Request for Production of Documents to Tampa Electric Company (Nos. 1-10).

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

James D. Beasley

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cc:

All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

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TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S OBJECTION TO RELIANT ENERGY POWER GENERATION, INC.'S REQUEST NO. 4 OF ITS FIRST REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY (NOS. 1-10)

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure issued January 14, 2000 in this proceeding, objects to Request No. 4 of Reliant Energy Power Generation, Inc.'s ("Reliant") Request No. 4 contained in Reliant's First Request for Production of Documents to Tampa Electric Company (Nos. 1-10) and, as grounds therefor, says:

- 1. Reliant's Document Request No. 4 asks Tampa Electric to provide copies of all communications between Tampa Electric and the major bond rating agencies during calendar years 1998, 1999 and 2000 to date. Tampa Electric objects to this request on the grounds that it calls for information that is not relevant to the subject matter of this proceeding nor is it likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 2. In addition, Tampa Electric objects because its communications with bond rating agencies are conducted on a confidential basis and include information that is proprietary and sensitive from a business planning and operations standpoint. Tampa Electric objects to providing Reliant with such information which might be used by Reliant to more effectively compete with Tampa Electric.

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3. Communications with rating agencies take place over a continuum with much of the information being supplied in verbal form. The sum total and effect of such communications would be more easily discerned by examining the rating agencies' reports pertaining to Tampa Electric. Such reports constitute the end result of the rating agencies' analysis of all information, including that supplied by Tampa Electric as well as that gleaned from other sources. Tampa Electric would be willing to provide Reliant with copies of the rating agencies' reports for the years in question in an effort to comply with Reliant's request but at the same time avoid disclosing proprietary confidential business information.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric submits the foregoing objection to Reliant's Request No. 4 in its First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-10).

DATED this <u>7</u> day of February 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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