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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

Re: Review of the appropriate application of incentives to wholesale power sales by investor-owned electric utilities; FPSC Docket No. 991779-EI

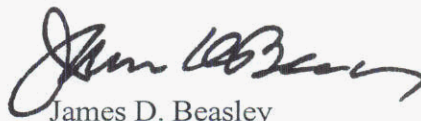
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric company's Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Strike or Prohibit Entry of Evidence.

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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of the Appropriate)
Application of Incentives to Wholesale)
Power Sales by Investor-Owned Utilities.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 991779-EI
FILED: May 4, 2000

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO
PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO STRIKE
OR PROHIBIT ENTRY OF EVIDENCE**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") submits the following in response to Public Counsel's Motion to Strike portions of the exhibit attached to the rebuttal testimony of Tampa Electric witness, W. Lynn Brown:

1. Mr. Brown incorporated in his exhibit portions of the testimony on the subject of incentives relating to wholesale sales that Tampa Electric witness T. L. Hernandez had recently submitted in the fuel adjustment docket. Mr. Brown included the portions of Mr. Hernandez's testimony in his exhibit because they specifically pertain to the appropriateness of incentives for non-separated, non-firm wholesale sales and because Mr. Brown agreed with Mr. Hernandez's points and considered them worthy of consideration by the Commission in this proceeding.

2. Upon consideration of Public Counsel's objections, Tampa Electric has reviewed Mr. Brown's rebuttal testimony and concluded that it stands on its own and effectively rebuts Dr. Dismukes' direct testimony even without the portions of Mr. Brown's exhibit to which Public Counsel has objected. Consequently, and in order to move this matter forward without further argument and delay, Tampa Electric agrees to withdraw those portions of Mr. Brown's exhibit to which Public Counsel has objected and will provide the court reporter with a redacted version deleting those portions.

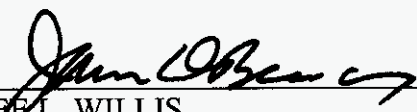
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3. The Florida Industrial Power Users Group ("FIPUG") has filed a joinder in Public Counsel's motion, and this response applies to FIPUG's joinder as well.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric submits the foregoing in response to the Motion to Strike or Prohibit Entry of Evidence filed in this proceeding on May 1, 2000 by the Office of Public Counsel.

DATED this 4th day of May 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Response, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by hand delivery (*) or U. S. Mail on this 4th day of May 2000 to the following:

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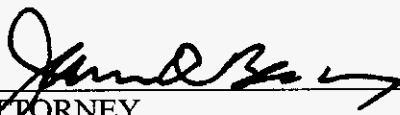
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