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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: Tampa Electric Company Non-Firm Electric Service – 2000 Assessment of Need


Dear Ms. Bayo:

In accordance with Rule 25-6.0438, Florida Administrative Code regarding non-firm electric service, enclosed are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's July 1, 2000 revision to its January 1, 2000 assessment of the level of non-firm load on the Tampa Electric system.

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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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
NON-FIRM ELECTRIC SERVICE
2000 ASSESSMENT OF NEED**

In accordance with Tampa Electric Company's Rate Schedule GSLM-2, the following is the July 1, 2000 revision to the January 1, 2000 assessment of the need for additional interruptible load during calendar year 2000.

1. Tampa Electric Company's tariff requires that the Company complete an assessment twice each year by January 1 and July 1 regarding the need for additional non-firm electric service during the following calendar year. The Company's tariff provision regarding assessment of need was approved on December 4, 1985. Subsequent to that date, the Commission adopted Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-6.0438 to define the character and various types of non-firm electric service to require a procedure for determining a utility's maximum level of non-firm load; and to establish other minimum terms and conditions for the provision of non-firm electric service.
2. Tampa Electric submitted a revised assessment of need procedure in Docket No. 870408-EI, which takes into account the various provisions of Rule 25-6.0438. The Commission approved the Company's proposal in November 1989.
3. Tampa Electric submits that its current assessment of need procedure in Docket No. 870408-EI, in addition to accomplishing the same intent as the procedure approved in Docket No. 850050-EI, Order No. 15451, fully comports with the Commission's intent expressed in Rule 25-6.0438. Moreover, the revised assessment used the assumptions and planning criteria in place for Tampa Electric's 2000 Customer, Demand & Energy Forecast and the Fuel & Interchange Forecast adjusted for wholesale sales. Under the application of the methodology described in Docket No. 870408-EI, non-firm load under Rate Schedule GSLM-2 would be fully subscribed during 2000.
4. The estimated levels of non-firm load on the Tampa Electric system for the month of July 2000 are as follows:

Load Management	259 MW
GSLM 2	0 MW
Interruptible Load	<u>224 MW</u>
 TOTAL:	 483 MW

5. Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is a document entitled *Target Interruptible Load Worksheet* which has been extracted from Tampa Electric's proposal in Docket No. 870408-EI. As this document indicates, no additional MW of non-firm electric service in the form of interruptible load can be offered during 2000.

TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD WORKSHEET

1.	TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE BEGINNING FOR	2000		224	MW
2.	TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE FOR THE YEAR	2003		224	MW
3.	ANNUAL INTERRUPTIBLE INCREMENT	224	-	224	0.0 MW
		(Over	3	Years)	
4.	TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE ENDING FOR	2003		224	MW

**TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD WORKSHEET
FIRM LOAD RESERVE MARGIN WORKSHEET
(WITH COMMITTED CAPACITY ONLY)**

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	
YEAR	TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY (MW)	FIRM CAPACITY INTERCHANGE (MW)	COGEN- ERATION (MW)	TOTAL CAPACITY (MW)	FIRM LOAD ANNUAL PEAK DEMAND (MW)	RESERVE MARGIN (%)
2000	3,594	237	46	3,877	3,257	19
2001	3,780	151	46	3,977	3,408	17
2002	3,780	303	62	4,145	3,495	19
2003	3,576	450	62	4,088	3,605	13

Column (1) Total installed capacity includes the addition of Polk CT 1 in 2001 and Hookers Point retirement as of January 2003.

Column (2) Firm capacity interchange is the net of capacity import and exports. Capacity import includes the Purchase Agreement with Hardee Power Partners (HPP) of 360 MW. Availability of this capacity is subject to back-up requirements for Seminole Electric Cooperative. Capacity export includes 145 MW of Big Bend 4 which will be sold to Hardee Power Partners, on a limited basis, for use by Seminole Electric Cooperative. Capacity export also includes Schedule D transactions.

Column (3) The cogeneration column accounts for cogeneration that will be purchased under firm contracts, the increase in 2002 reflects the return to service of the City of Tampa waste recovery generator.

Column (5) The firm load annual peak demand is firm system peak demand. Firm system peak demand includes firm retail and firm wholesale demand (PR, etc.). Firm demand values are based on the current load forecast.

Column (6) The reserve margin is a winter firm peak reserve margin.

TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD WORKSHEET

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
YEAR	FIRM LOAD ANNUAL PEAK DEMAND (MW)	INTER- RUPTIBLE LOAD (MW)	LOAD MANAGE- MENT (MW)	TARGET NON-FIRM LOAD (MW)	ADJUSTED FIRM LOAD (MW)	ADJUSTED FIRM RESERVE (%)	TARGET INTER- RUPTIBLE (MW)	INCREMENTAL INTER- RUPTIBLE AVAILABLE (MW)
2000	3,257	224	259				224	0.0
2001	3,408	233	264				224	0.0
2002	3,495	232	268				224	0.0
2003	3,605	221	272	470	3,628	13	224	0.0

Column (2) The firm load annual peak demand is firm system peak demand. Firm system peak demand contains firm retail and firm wholesale demand. Firm demand values are based on the current load forecast.

Column (7) The adjusted firm reserve is a winter firm peak reserve margin.