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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 RECEIVED-77-3

Re:

Petition for Approval of Commercial/Industrial Service Rider Tariff by Tampa

Electric Company; FPSC Docket No. 980706-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification.

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: Tampa Electric Company's Request )
For Confidential Classification.

DOCKET NO. 980706-EI FILED: August 14, 2000

## REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), files this its Request for Confidential Classification of certain information contained in Tampa Electric's Commercial/Industrial Service Rider ("CISR") report for the quarter ended June 30, 2000 and, as grounds therefor, says:

- 1. In accordance with the Commission's Order No. PSC-98-1081-FOF-EI, issued August 10, 1998 and Tampa Electric's CISR, the company is submitting a CISR report for the quarter ended June 30, 2000. The confidential version of this report with the confidential information highlighted in yellow is being submitted to the Commission under a separate confidential cover letter. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are two redacted versions of the subject report.
- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a justification for confidential treatment of the highlighted information, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. Public disclosure of this information would be harmful to Tampa Electric and its customers as well as to Tampa Electric's ability to negotiate in the future with any customers requesting CISR negotiations. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

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FINAL-BEAL TRESPONDED

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests confidential classification of the highlighted information contained in the confidential version of the above-described report for the reasons set forth in Exhibit "B" hereto.

DATED this <u>14</u> day of August 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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## JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Entry No.

**Justification** 

Item No. (1)

This information shows the negotiated CSA rate which is entitled to protection from public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida and Tampa Electric Company's Statutes. Commission approved CISR tariff. Disclosure of this rate would be harmful to Tampa Electric in its future Contract Service Arrangement ("CSA") negotiations with other at-risk customers. Those customers, if made aware of this CSA customer's negotiated rate, would know immediately to demand at least the equivalent rate rather than perhaps settling for a higher rate that might be adequate for their decision making purposes. Tampa Electric's customers would be ultimate losers if this information is made public.

Item No. (2)

This CSA information shows the revenues from the CISR customer. A competitor of the customer could use this information to "back into" the negotiated CSA rate, to the detriment of the CISR customer. This would also have a chilling effect on Tampa Electric's ability to negotiate CSAs with other future at-risk customers. As such, this information is entitled to confidential protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.

Item No. (3)

This escalation rate is a negotiated rate the public disclosure of which would cause future at-risk customers to demand at least the equivalent rate rather than perhaps settling for a lower rate. Thus, this rate is in need of confidential protection for the same reasons as Item No. (1) above.