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BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 010577-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Objections to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories (No. 78) to be served by hand delivery, overnight delivery or U. S. Mail.

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

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincefely Willis Lee

LLW/bjd Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record (w/encl.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Review of Tampa Electric Company and impact of its participation in GridFlorida, a Florida transmission company, on TECO's retail ratepayers Docket No. 010577-EI Filed: September 18, 2001

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S OBJECTIONS TO STAFF'S THIRD SET OF INTERROGATORIES

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or the "company") submits the following objections to Staff's Interrogatory No. 78 and as grounds therefore says:

1. Tampa Electric objects to Interrogatory No. 78 to the extent that such request calls for information which is exempt from discovery by virtue of the attorney/client privilege, work product privilege, or other applicable privilege.

2. By agreement of Staff Counsel, this pleading is being filed on September 18,

2001.

WHEREFORE Tampa Electric submits the foregoing as its objection to Interrogatory No.

78 of Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories.

DATED this 18th day of September 2001.

Respectfully Submitted

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Tampa Electric

Company's Objections to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories has been served by hand delivery

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