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## HAND DELIVERED

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:

Environmental Cost Recovery Clause

FPSC Docket No. 050007-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Potential New Environmental Projects for 2006.

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

JDB/pp Enclosure

cc:

All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

Mr. Jim Breman (w/enc.)

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Potential New

Environmental Projects for 2006, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished

by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (\*) on this 15 day of July 2005 to the following:

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## Tampa Electric Company Potential New Environmental Projects for 2006

As of the date of this filing, Tampa Electric anticipates one new project to be included in its 2006 Environmental Cost Recovery Clause ("ECRC") Projection Filing.

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") issued an Administrative Order ("Order") on June 7, 2005 as part of the Industrial Wastewater permit renewal for the H. L. Culbreath Bayside Power Station ("Bayside"). The Order requires Tampa Electric to meet a new groundwater quality standard for arsenic that became effective January 1, 2005. Additionally, the Order requires the company to submit a plan of study ("POS") that will identify "...the specific technology, operational, or wastewater treatment options that will be implemented, a schedule for implementation and the date by which the facility will meet the new arsenic standard."

Tampa Electric anticipates filing a petition requesting ECRC recovery for this arsenic mitigation project within the next month. Costs associated with the POS and its implementation will be categorized as operational and maintenance ("O&M") and are under development. Any corrective measures determined by the POS will be addressed in a later filing with appropriate estimates of capital and O&M expenditures identified at that time.

In addition, the Industrial Wastewater permit for Big Bend Station is also in the renewal process. The permit will contain an Order requiring the new arsenic standard to be met and will require Tampa Electric to submit a POS for meeting the new standard at that facility as well. Therefore, Tampa Electric's petition to seek ECRC recovery of costs associated with meeting the new arsenic standard is anticipated to be a comprehensive request that will encompass projects for both Bayside and Big Bend Station.