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Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 070297-EI

Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Tampa Electric Company

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Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed is Verizon Florida LLC's Petition to Intervene for filing in the above-referenced matter. Service has been made as indicated on the Certificate of Service. If there are any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (770) 284-5498.

Sincerely,

s/ Dulaney L. O'Roark III

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Enclosures

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Tampa Electric) Company

Docket No. 070297-EI Filed: May 29, 2007

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Under Commission Rule 25-22.039, Verizon Florida LLC (Verizon) asks the Commission to allow Verizon to intervene in this proceeding. Verizon is a telecommunications company as that term is defined in Section 364.02 of the Florida Statutes. As such, its regulated intrastate operations are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

Communications in regard to this proceeding should be directed to:

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Verizon is entitled to intervene in this proceeding because its interests as a local exchange telecommunications company will be substantially and directly affected by the decision in this docket.

Respectfully submitted on May 29, 2007.

s/ Dulaney L. O'Roark III By: Dulaney L. O'Roark III General Counsel-Southeast Region Verizon Six Concourse Parkway, Suite 800

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that copies of the foregoing were sent via U. S. mail on May 29, 2007 to:

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