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Re: Petition for expedited approval of temporary territorial variance by Tampa

Electric Company; FPSC Docket No. 070546-EI

Dear Lisa:

As a follow up to your August 21, 2007 letter, I enclosed Tampa Electric Company's answers to Staff's First Data Requests (Nos. 1-8). Please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

James D. Beasley

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- cc:

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Office of Commission Clerk (Docket file) (w/enc.)

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- 1. Has TECO received a written request from Mosaic for electric service at the Altman mining facility? If so, please provide a copy of the request.
- A. No. There was no written request from Mosaic to Tampa Electric to serve its new retail load at Altman, which is located in the PRECO service territory. As a retail customer, Mosaic cannot choose its retail electric supplier. Instead, it must seek retail service from the electric utility in whose service territory its load is located, absent the kind of Commission-approved dispensation requested in Tampa Electric's application in this docket.

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- **2.** What is the distance in miles between the Altman mining facility and TECO's existing meter?
- A. The approximate distance from the Altman mining facility to Tampa Electric's existing meter location is 3.5 miles.

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- 3. Who will be responsible to extend service lines between TECO's existing meter and the Altman mining facility, TECO or Mosaic?
- A. Mosaic will be responsible for constructing a 69 kV transmission line from the Altman mining facility and tying into their existing 69 kV line which is fed from the existing Tampa Electric meter.

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- 4. Will it be necessary for TECO to invest in any additional facilities to provide service to the proposed area? Is so, please provide a cost breakdown of any materials needed.
- A. No. It is not necessary for Tampa Electric to invest in any additional facilities.

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- 5. TECO's filing indicates that the Altman mining facility area in Manatee County is not presently served by any electric utility. Does this apply to both transmission (69 KV and higher) level and distribution level retail services?
- A. Tampa Electric's understanding is this is true with respect to both transmission level and distribution level retail service to Mosaic.

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- 6. After the mining operations are complete at the Altman mining facility, will PRECO be responsible for future retail service in that area?
- A. Yes. Tampa Electric will only be providing service in support of Mosaic's mining operations at the Altman facility under this agreement. When those operations are complete, Tampa Electric's retail obligations will cease.

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- 7. TECO's filing indicates that service will be supplied from an existing meter. Is this existing meter a substation or attached to a substation? If so, does this facility supply service to other transmission level connections that are also phosphate mining operations? Please explain your response.
- A. The existing meter is a stand-alone meter station (no reduction in voltage occurs) currently providing electric service at 69 kV. It currently supplies service to Mosaic's Four Corners Plant which processes phosphate ore within Tampa Electric's service territory.

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- 8. TECO's filing indicated that the meter to be used for this project is within TECO's service area. Based on a review of the territory agreement between TECO and PRECO approved in Order No. 17585, in Docket No. 870303-EU, it appears that the meter is actually located in PRECO's service area. Please verify whose service area the meter is located within and include the supporting order, if available.
- A. While the meter to be used to serve this load is located within the boundaries of the PRECO service area as shown in maps attached to Order No. 17585 in Docket No. 870303-EU, that meter is serving 69kV level phosphate load in that area. As per Article II, paragraph 3 of the Agreement approved in that order, Tampa Electric retained the right to serve such customers in that area and hence, for purposes of service to those customers, the meter is serving Tampa Electric load in its approved service territory.