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HAND DELIVERED

Chairman Julia L. Johnson
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Variance or Waiver
of Certain Aspects of Rule 25-6.015, F.A.C., Record
Retention Requirements; FPSC Docket No. 971617-EG

Dear Chairman Johnson:

Tampa Electric has received a copy of the January 22, 1998 Staff Recommendation on the above matter wherein the Staff expresses concerns regarding the legibility of the company's microfilmed records. The company desires an opportunity to respond to, and hopefully resolve, the Staff's concerns. Rather than withdrawing its petition and refileing at a later date, Tampa Electric requests that this matter be deferred from the February 3, 1998 Agenda Conference and rescheduled for a later Agenda Conference after the company has had an opportunity to meet with the Staff. To facilitate this process, the company waives the 90 day period for disposition of its pending petition.

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Sincerely,


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