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Public Service Commission

February 25, 1997

Tampa Electric Company
Angela Llewellyn
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Dear Ms. Llewellyn:

Docket No. 950379-EI -- Tampa Electric Company
Audit Request - 1996 Review for Excess Earnings

The Florida Public Service Commission will review 1996 financial information to determine the amount of any excess earnings in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Jim McPherson, the district office supervisor, (813) 542-6638, will coordinate this audit.

Rule 25-6.014(5), F.A.C., states that, "Upon direction of the Commission, or in the performance of delegated staff duties, any member of the Commission may make at any reasonable time a personal visit to the utility's offices or other places of business, and may inspect any facility, records, accounts, books, reports, and papers of the utility which may appear necessary in the discharge of Commission duties. During such visits the utility shall provide the staff member(s) with adequate and comfortable working and filing space, consistent with prevailing conditions and climate and comparable with the accommodations provided the company's outside auditors".

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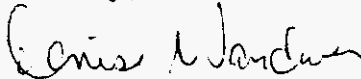
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A formal audit report will be issued for internal official use only by the Commission on or about May 30, 1997. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison officer listed in the Commission Mailing Directory. Comments should be mailed to the Director of Records and Reporting within ten days after receipt.

Questions regarding the audit or staff conduct should be directed to Jim McPherson or myself at (904) 413-6487.

Sincerely,



Denise N. Vandiver

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Enclosure: (1) Excerpts from Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C. and
366.093, F.S.

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