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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Petition for determination of need for an electrical power plant in Okeechobee County by the Okeechobee Generating Company, L.L.C.;
FPSC Docket No. 991462-EU

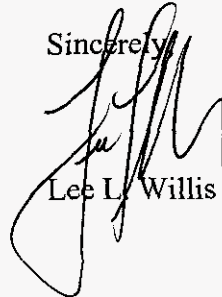
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Response in Opposition to Okeechobee Generating Company's Motion for Continuance and Revised Procedural Schedule.

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,



Lee L. Willis

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2. The Commission and the parties have spent a great deal of time and have expended significant resources in moving this case toward hearings. OGC should not be permitted to further waste this Commission's time by postponing the scheduled hearing to permit additional discovery and major reconstruction of its need analysis. Under the circumstances, OGC's petition should be dismissed without prejudice. If and when OGC can articulate a reasonable argument supporting the need for its proposed project, then it should file a new petition with the Commission. In the alternative, the hearings in this case should proceed as scheduled. If OGC is not able to meet its burden of proof, then the relief requested should be denied.

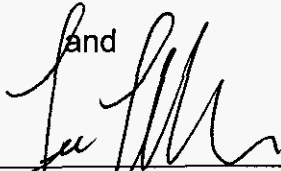
WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests that OGC's Motion for Continuance be denied or in the alternative OGC's petition should be dismissed without prejudice.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2000.

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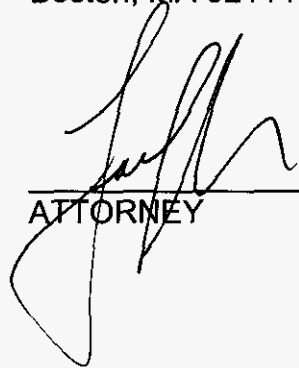
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