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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Complaint of Allied Universal Corporation and Chemical Formulators, Inc.
against Tampa Electric Company; FPSC Docket No. 000061-EI

Withdrawal of Pending Motion For Reconsideration

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On September 6, 2000, Tampa Electric Company filed a Motion For Reconsideration of Order No. PSC-00-1530-PCO-EI in this Docket. Although captioned as a motion for reconsideration, Tampa Electric did not seek reconsideration and change of the Commission's ruling on the matters raised in the motion. Instead, Tampa Electric specified that the sole purpose of the motion was to obtain clarification of the order in question. Specifically, Tampa Electric pointed out that the text of the order in question was inconsistent with the Commission's order as articulated during the August 1st agenda conference. The only relief requested was that the text of the order in question be revised to conform to the Commission's verbal ruling, as set forth in the official transcript of the August 1st agenda conference.

On November 16, 2000, the Commission Staff issued its recommendation with regard to the above-mentioned motion. The Staff took no position on the merits of the motion and based its recommendation of denial on the narrow, technical ground that Rule 25-22.0376(1), Florida Administrative Code, provides that the Commission shall not entertain a motion for reconsideration of any order that disposes of a motion for reconsideration. Consideration of the above-mentioned motion and the associated Staff recommendation has been scheduled for the Commission's December 5, 2000, agenda conference.

While Tampa Electric had hoped that its request for clarification of Order No. PSC-00-1530-PCO-EI could have been addressed on the merits, without regard to the pleading caption, it is clear that the currently scheduled consideration of this motion on purely procedural grounds would not be an efficient use of the Commission's time and resources. Tampa Electric is sensitive to the Commission's already heavy caseload and does not wish to add unnecessarily to the array of matters requiring the attention of the Commission and Staff. However, the absence of a Staff recommendation on the merits of Tampa Electric's September 6th motion leaves the Company with few alternatives. Therefore, Tampa Electric hereby withdraws its September 6,

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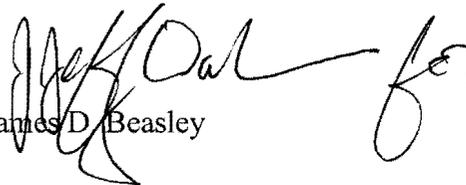
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2000 Motion for Reconsideration. In its place, Tampa Electric has filed, under separate cover letter on this date, a Motion For Clarification of Order No. PSC-00-1530-PCO-EI. The text of this motion is identical to the text of Tampa Electric's September 6, 2000, Motion, with several exceptions: the caption of the pleading has been changed; the referenced authority for the pleading has been changed; and the word "reconsideration" in line two of the motion has been replaced with the word "clarification".

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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cc: All Parties of Record