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December 18, 2009

HAND DELIVERED



Ms. Ann Cole, Director Division of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Review of the Continuing Need and Cost Associated with Tampa Electric Company's Five Combustion Turbines and Big Bend Rail Facility;

FPSC Docket No. 090368-EI

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Notice of Commercial Operation of Big Bend Station Rail Unloading Facility.

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,

James D. Reasley

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of the continuing need and)	
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Company's 5 Combustion Turbines and)	
Big Bend Rail Facility.)	FILED: December 18, 2009
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TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF BIG BEND STATION RAIL UNLOADING FACILITY

Tampa Electric Company furnishes notice of the commercial operation of its Big Bend Station Rail Unloading Facility effective 12:01 a.m., December 16, 2009. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a true copy of the December 16, 2009 signed Commercial Operations Memorandum regarding this facility.

DATED this 18 day of December 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

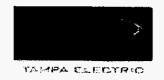
I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Commercial Operation of the Big Bend Station Rail Unloading Facility, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been served by hand delivery (*) or U. S. Mail on this _______ day of December, 2009 to the following:

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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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ATTORNEY



MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 16, 2009

TO:

Big Bend Station Team Members/Support Groups

FROM:

Jim Robertson

SUBJECT:

Big Bend Rail Unloading Facility COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS

The Big Bend Station Rail Unloading Facility has commenced its commercial operation effective December 16, 2009 12:01 a.m. The Big Bend Station Coal Field team which has the responsibility for operating and maintaining Big Bend Solid Fuel Delivery Systems has accepted the project into the normal operations of the plant.

All costs associated with the operations of the Unloading Facility including costs relating to plant staff and operating personnel should now be charged to the proper operations and maintenance accounts.

For all costs associated with final construction activities such as punch list items, engineering, and processing of payments to close out the project, account "H29" will remain open to those charges through March 16, 2010. Any new capital qualifying projects will require approval under the standard capitalization criteria used within Tampa Electric.

Project Management

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Cc:

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