

TECO's Response to Staff's Second Set of  
Interrogatories, No. 4.

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20210001-EI  
STAFF'S SECOND SET OF  
INTERROGATORIES  
INTERROGATORY NO. 4  
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4. The following question is related to fuel price forecast underlying Tampa Electric Company's (TECO or Company) Petition for Approval of Fuel Cost Recovery and Capacity Cost Recovery for the period January through December 2022. Staff observes that both spot and forward pricing (short and medium term) have increased considerably since this past August (presumably near or when the data used to develop TECO's projected 2022 fuel cost was sourced). Does the Company still believe the forward natural gas pricing data underlying (embedded in) its current cost projection of 2022 remains adequate for setting the 2022 fuel cost recovery factor?
  - A. Tampa Electric does not plan to re-file the company's 2022 projection with updated pricing data. As indicated in the notice filed by Tampa Electric in this docket on October 8, 2021, the company now projects an under-recovery in excess of 10 percent is likely to occur absent a modification to the company's 2022 cost recovery factors filed on September 3, 2021. Given current natural gas price volatility, the company will defer a decision regarding whether to file for a mid-course correction to its 2022 fuel cost recovery factors and will provide a further notice by December 1, 2021.

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF Florida )

COUNTY OF Hillsborough )

I hereby certify that on this day 7th of October, 2021, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared M. Ashley Sizemore, who is personally known to me, and he/she acknowledged before me that he/she provided the answers to interrogatories in

Staff's 1st set, (Nos. 1 - 3),

Staff's 2nd set, (Nos. 4),

in Docket No. 20210001-EI, and that the responses are true and correct based on his/her personal knowledge.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid as of this day 7th of October, 2021.

M. Ashley Sizemore  
Witness

Tison C. Vega  
Notary Public  
State of Florida, at Large

My Commission Expires:

