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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental Cost)
Recovery Clause.)
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PETITION OF TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") hereby petitions the Commission for approval of the company's environmental cost recovery true-up and the cost recovery factor proposed for use during the period October 1997 through March 1998, and in support thereof, says:

Environmental Cost Recovery

1. Tampa Electric has calculated that it experienced a final true-up amount for the April 1997 through September 1997 period of an over / (under) recovery of \$613,889. (See Exhibit No. (K02-1, Document No. 1 (Schedule 42-1P), page 1 of 22.)

2. Tampa Electric projects its environmental cost recovery true-up amount for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998, which is based on actual data for the period October 1, 1997 through November 30, 1997 and revised estimates for the period December 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998, to be an over / (under) underrecovery of (\$478,863). This (\$478,863) over / (under) recovery, plus the final true-up amount for the April 1997 through September 1997 period of an over / (under) recovery of \$613,889, produces an end-of-period total net true-up of \$135,026 over / (under) recovery as of March 31, 1998.

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3. The company's projected environmental cost recovery expenditures for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998, when spread over projected kilowatt hour sales for the period April 1, 1998 through September 30, 1998, produce an environmental cost recovery factor for the new period of 0.033 cents per KWH before application of the factors which adjust for variations in line losses. (See Exhibit No. (KOZ-1), Document No. 7, Schedule 42-7P.)

4. The accompanying Prepared Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Karen O. Zwolak present:

(a) A description of each of Tampa Electric's environmental compliance actions for which cost recovery is sought; and

(b) The costs associated with each environmental compliance action.

5. In addition, Ms. Zwolak's testimony provides an explanation of the appropriateness of each compliance action to achieve compliance with the applicable law, order, rule or other matter requiring environmental compliance action. The testimony demonstrates that the environmental activities for which Tampa Electric seeks cost recovery are reasonable, prudent and necessary to enable Tampa Electric to comply with governmentally imposed environmental requirements.

6. For reasons more fully detailed in the Prepared Direct Testimony of witness Karen O. Zwolak, the environmental compliance costs sought to be approved for cost recovery purposes in this

petition are consistent with the provisions of Section 366.8255, Florida Statutes, and with prior rulings by the Commission with respect to environmental compliance cost recovery for Tampa Electric and other investor-owned electric utilities.

Order of Presentation of Witnesses

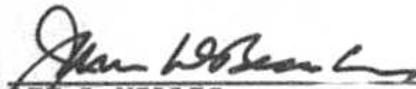
Tampa Electric will present the following witnesses testifying on the subjects indicated:

Environmental cost recovery - Karen O. Zwolak

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company requests that its proposals relative to environmental cost recovery be approved as they relate to prior period true-up calculations and projected cost recovery charges.

DATED this 14th day of January, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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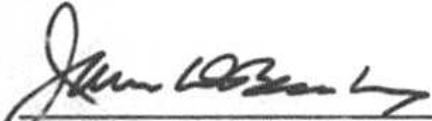
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