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Division of Commission Clerk
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Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause with Generating Performance
Incentive Factor; FPSC Docket No. 030001-EI

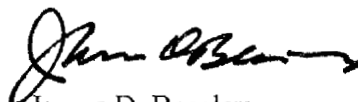
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and ten (10) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification regarding its answer to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories No. 5.

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. Beasley

JDB/pp
Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery)
Clause with Generating Performance Incentive) DOCKET NO. 030001-EI
Factor.) FILED: March 14, 2003
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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Tampa Electric Company (“Tampa Electric” or “the company”), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification of the highlighted information contained in Tampa Electric Company’s answers to Staff’s First Set of Interrogatories No. 5 (the “Confidential Information”) which were filed on a confidential basis in the above docket on March 14, 2003. Two public copies of the company’s answers to Interrogatory No. 5 with the Confidential Information redacted are also enclosed with this request. In support of its request, Tampa Electric states as follows:

1. Subsection 366.093(1) provides that any records “found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1) [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act].” Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to “[i]nformation concerning . . . contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.” Subsection 366.093(3)(d). Proprietary confidential business information also includes “[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.” Section 366.093(3)(e). The Confidential Information falls within these statutory

categories and, thus, constitutes propriety confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006.

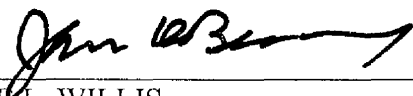
2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a detailed justification for designating the Confidential Information proprietary confidential business information under the above-referenced statute and rule.

3. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been disclosed.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company respectfully requests that the highlighted Confidential Information set forth in the company's answers to Interrogatory No. 5 be accorded confidential classifications for the reasons set forth above.

DATED this 14th day of March 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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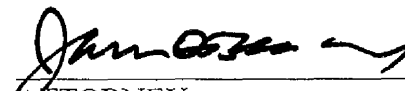
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
ANSWERS TO STAFF'S FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES NO. 5**

Interrogatory No. 5

The highlighted portions of Tampa Electric's answer to Interrogatory No. 5 disclose the marginal cost of the various system resources Tampa Electric relies on in meeting its total load, as well as the extent to which Tampa Electric relies on each resource. Public disclosure of this information would arm present and potential energy suppliers of Tampa Electric with information useful in negotiating a higher price for power supplied to Tampa Electric than might otherwise be the case. It would also disclose to Tampa Electric's wholesale competitors information with which to model Tampa Electric's system operations and thereby gain a competitive advantage over Tampa Electric with respect to potential wholesale sales opportunities. These results would harm the financial interests of Tampa Electric and drive up the cost of power to the retail customers served by Tampa Electric. As a consequence, the highlighted information in question is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. That Statute defines proprietary confidential business information to include, but be limited to:

(d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms.

(e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.

Public disclosure of the highlighted portions of Tampa Electric's answer to Interrogatory No. 5 would harm the competitive interests of Tampa Electric and impair the efforts of the company to

contract for goods and services on favorable terms. As such, the information is entitled to confidential protection.

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