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January 16, 2001

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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: Petition for Approval of Commercial/Industrial Service Rider Tariff by Tampa Electric Company; FPSC Docket No. 980706-EI

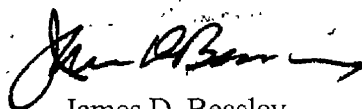
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification.

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

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tampa Electric Company's Request)
For Confidential Classification.)
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DOCKET NO. 980706-EI
FILED: January 16, 2001

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), files this its Request for Confidential Classification of certain information contained in Tampa Electric's Commercial/Industrial Service Rider ("CISR") report for the quarter ended December 31, 2000 and, as grounds therefor, says:

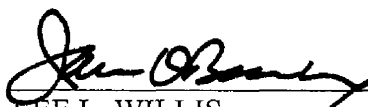
1. In accordance with the Commission's Order No. PSC-98-1081-FOF-EI, issued August 10, 1998 and Tampa Electric's CISR, the company is submitting a CISR report for the quarter ended December 31, 2000. The confidential version of this report with the confidential information highlighted in yellow is being submitted to the Commission under a separate confidential cover letter. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are two redacted versions of the subject report.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a justification for confidential treatment of the highlighted information, pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. Public disclosure of this information would be harmful to Tampa Electric and its customers as well as to Tampa Electric's ability to negotiate in the future with any customers requesting CISR negotiations. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests confidential classification of the highlighted information contained in the confidential version of the above-described report for the reasons set forth in Exhibit "B" hereto.

DATED this 16th day of January 16, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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REDACTED

**Tampa Electric Company
Commercial/Industrial Service Rider Report
For the Quarter Ended December 31, 2000**

In accordance with the Florida Public Service Commission's (Commission) Order No. PSC-98-1081-FOF-EI issued August 10, 1998 and Tampa Electric's Commercial and Industrial Service Rider (CISR), Tampa Electric is submitting this required information for the fourth quarter of 2000. A similar report will be issued quarterly to the Commission under confidential treatment.

Number of CSAs requested	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
Number of CSA prices quoted	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
Number of CSA requests which were canceled by a customer prior to price quotation	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
Number of CSA offers accepted	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
Number of CSA offers rejected	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
Number of CSA offers awaiting decisions by customers	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
Brief description of all CSAs executed during the quarter, including the applicable rates, charges and contract period	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
For each CSA executed during the quarter, a summary of the justification for the offering	None in fourth quarter of 2000.
On an annual basis, the cumulative total of revenues associated with all CSAs executed ¹	\$ [REDACTED] (1)

¹ Includes all applicable taxes, charges, and fees.

JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Entry No.

Justification

Item No. (1)

This CSA information shows the revenues from the CISR customer. A competitor of the customer could use this information to “back into” the negotiated CSA rate, to the detriment of the CISR customer. This would also have a chilling effect on Tampa Electric’s ability to negotiate CSAs with other future at-risk customers. As such, this information is entitled to confidential protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.