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September 27, 2002

### VIA HAND DELIVERY

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

Re:

Docket No.: 020898-EQ

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. (Cargill), enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 1 copy of the following:

Cargill Fertilizer, Inc.'s Objection to Tampa Electric Company's Amended Request for Confidential Classification.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy of each and return the stamped copy to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Vicki Gordon Kaufman

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. To engage in self-service wheeling of Waste heat cogenerated power to, from and Between points within Tampa Electric Company's service territory.

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Docket No. 020898-EQ

Filed: September 27, 2002

## Cargill Fertilizer, Inc.'s Objection to Tampa Electric Company's Amended Request for Confidential Classification

Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. (Cargill), hereby files this objection to Tampa Electric Company's (TECo) Amended Request for Confidential Classification filed on September 24, 2002. TECo's request should be denied and the information TECo seeks to shield from public disclosure should be immediately made public. As grounds therefor, Cargill states:

- 1. This matter concerns Cargill's request that the pilot self-service wheeling program which this Commission approved in Order No. PSC-00-1596-TRF-EQ, rendered September 6, 2000, in Docket No. 001048-EQ, be continued. It is currently set to expire on September 30, 2002.
- 2. During the pilot study period, TECo was required to file reports with the Commission related to the program. For each of the seven reports that were filed, TECo requested that they be treated confidentially. Staff did so and at the conclusion of their review, the reports were returned to TECo.
- 3. After Cargill filed its petition to continue the program on August 16, 2002, Staff made an informal request to TECo to review the reports again. On September 11, 2002, TECo provided the seven quarterly reports on a confidential basis. Attached to the transmittal letter was "Exhibit A", in which TECo set forth its justification for its request:

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The confidential portions of the Quarterly Report outlined in yellow reflect information concerning the electrical consumption of a single industrial customer of Tampa Electric, Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. Cargill is a participant in a very competitive industry. The confidential information circled in yellow either reflects or can be used to back into the electrical consumption of Cargill. Cargill's competitors could use this information to closely estimate the production activities of Cargill and thereby place Cargill at a distinct competitive disadvantage. As such, the information in question is proprietary confidential business information public disclosure of which could harm Tampa Electric's customer, Cargill's ability to compete in the fertilizer industry. Accordingly, the Commission is requested to treat the highlighted information as confidential and exempt from disclosure. Cargill and Tampa Electric treat the highlighted information as confidential and have not disclosed it publicly.<sup>2</sup>

At no point in its request for confidentiality does TECo assert that any of the information is *TECo* confidential information.

4. Similarly, in a transmittal letter to Cargill counsel enclosing the same reports on September 12, TECo stated:

As we discussed yesterday, enclosed are the seven quarterly reports submitted in connection with the experimental self-service wheeling arrangement for Cargill. We filed copies of these reports with the Commission yesterday under a request for confidential treatment, asking the Commission to recognize that public disclosure of the information contained in these reports will be harmful to your client Cargill.<sup>3</sup>

- 5. On September 16, 2002, Cargill sent a letter waiving confidentiality of the reports.<sup>4</sup> Cargill stated that it was doing so to provide the "staff and Commissioners the opportunity to openly and fully explore the information contained" in the reports.
- 6. Only after Cargill's waiver of confidentiality for the reports, did TECo for the first time, on September 24<sup>th</sup>, asserted that some information in the reports was confidential TECo information. Based on TECo's failure to assert any claim of confidentiality on at least two prior occasions as to the very same reports, such request should be denied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The entire report was outlined in yellow.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Attachment 1, emphasis added.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Attachment 2, emphasis added.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Attachment 3.

- 7. In its "amended" request for confidential classification, TECo asserts confidentiality for the first time for line 7 of the portion of the report entitled "Impact of Cargill Self-Service Wheeling (SSW) Pilot." This line contains three entries: lost retail tariff time-of-use fuel revenues, avoided incremental fuel and purchased power expense; and net impact to fuel recovery clause. TECo's general justification is that disclosing incremental fuel information would put it at a disadvantage in the wholesale market because it might help competitors figure out the price at which TECo would buy and sell in the wholesale market.
- 8. However, much of the information TECo seeks to keep secret is stale information from several years ago. For example, the information contained in TECo's report for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2000 is from October December 2000. There is no justification for keeping this stale information secret. Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes, provides for confidential information to be kept secret, for at most, a period of 18 months, unless good cause is shown. Certain of the information that TECo wants to keep secret is outside this timeframe and TECo has made no such showing of good cause to keep the information confidential.
- 9. Putting aside TECo's waiver of the right to seek confidential treatment for the information discussed above, while more recent information (perhaps from Quarter 2, April June 2002) might arguably be kept confidential, older information does not meet the requisite statutory test and should not be kept secret.

WHEREFORE, Cargill requests that the Commission deny TECo's request for confidential treatment of the information in the Quarterly Reports for the reasons described herein.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HERBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Cargill Fertilizer, Inc.'s Objection to Tampa Electric Company's Amended Request for Confidential Classification has been furnished by (\*) hand delivery on this 27th day of September, 2002 to the following:

- (\*) Rosanne Gervasi Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399
- (\*) Michael Haff Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Gunter Building ECR, Room 225L Tallahassee, Florida 32399
- (\*) James D. Beasley Ausley & McMullen 227 South Calhoun Street Post Office Box 391 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

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# JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION OF HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT

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September 12, 2002

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Re:

Application of Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. to engage in self-service wheeling of waste heat cogenerated power to, from and between points within Tampa Electric Company's Service Territory; FPSC Docket No. 020898-EO

## CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED

Dear Vicki:

As we discussed yesterday, enclosed are the seven quarterly reports submitted in connection with the experimental self-service wheeling arrangement for Cargill. We filed copies of these reports with the Commission yesterday under a request for confidential treatment, asking the Commission to recognize that public disclosure of the information contained in these reports will be harmful to your client Cargill. As we discussed, Cargill has been provided copies of these reports and you have agreed to protect the confidential nature of the information contained in the reports.

Sincerely,

James D. Beasley

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September 16, 2002

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Re:

Application of Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. to engage in self-service wheeling of waste heat cogenerated power to, from and between points within Tampa Electric Company's service territory. Docket No.: 020898-EQ.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On September 11, 2002, Tampa Electric Company ("TECo") filed a package of documents containing seven "Quarterly Reports" (document nos. 09645-02 and 09646-02). Accompanying the documents was a request for confidential classification of these documents by TECo on Cargill's behalf. In the interest of providing the Commission staff and the Commissioners the opportunity to openly and fully explore the information contained in these documents, Cargill waives confidentiality with respect to the reports, but reserves the right to reassert confidentiality in the event future discovery seeks confidential information. You are hereby authorized to make the reports Tampa Electric submitted on September 11th part of the open file in this case.

In addition, TECo failed to provide Cargill's response to the mid-term report in its filing. Cargill's response to the mid-term report and Cargill's response to the seventh quarterly report are submitted with this letter. The reports lack the qualifications for record evidence, but I presume the staff wishes to use them to help in framing its recommendations to the Commission.

Currently, there is a motion pending to continue the pilot study until the eighth and final report is filed by TECo. This motion is supported by the sworn affidavit of Roger Fernandez, and explains the adverse circumstances facing Cargill due to the fact that the pilot program ends when one of its waste heat generators is out of service. Cargill's generator will be down while Tampa Electric's capacity is constrained as a result of its Fall planned maintenance, the Gannon/Bayside Plant conversion and Tampa Electric's commitment to firm off-system sales.

Continuing the Cargill self-service wheeling program while Cargill's application for permanent approval is being studied will enable the two year study to be completed. Further, it should result in

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no lost revenue to TECo when it is supplying power under the optional purchase provision of TECo's cogeneration standby tariff. In addition, other interruptible customers will benefit from the reduction in TECo's need to interrupt or purchase power for Cargill.

Sincerely yours,

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