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7                                   **I.**

8                                   **INTRODUCTION AND WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS**

9    Q.    Please state your name, address and occupation

10   A.    My name is Gerard J. Kordecki My business address is 10301 Orange Grove Drive,  
11        Tampa, Florida, 33618. I am self-employed as an energy and regulatory consultant.

12   Q.    Please summarize your educational background and work experience.

13   A.    I received a Bachelor of Science degree in advertising in 1963 and a Master of Arts  
14        in Marketing in 1965 from the University of Florida. I was enrolled in a graduate  
15        program in Economics when I enlisted in the U. S. Army. I worked for Tampa  
16        Electric Company for 33 years in various capacities involving marketing, sales,  
17        resource planning, conservation and rates and regulation. I have participated in the  
18        development of and supervised the preparation of numerous studies and plans,  
19        involving conservation goals, cost effectiveness studies, cost allocations, rates, load  
20        research and resource plans. Since January 1999, I have consulted with power plant  
21        developers and industrial and institutional utility customers on rates, regulatory  
22        policy and transmission access issues.

23   Q.    Have you previously testified before the Florida Public Service Commission?

1 A. Yes, I have testified regarding the subjects identified above on more than 39  
2 occasions. Proceedings in which I have testified include rate cases, need  
3 certifications, and conservation dockets, including allocation of costs and benefits  
4 between ratepayers and utilities. I have participated in numerous rule hearings,  
5 agenda conferences, and Commission workshops.

6 Q. Describe your experience in evaluating conservation activities.

7 A. I was a member of the Florida Coordinating Group (FCG). The FCG designed the  
8 first cost-effectiveness tests used to evaluate utility conservation programs. I also  
9 supervised the preparation and evaluation of various conservation programs using  
10 the cost-effectiveness tests both under the FCG methodology and later under the  
11 Florida Commission tests adopted in 1991. Both sets of tests are very similar but the  
12 present Manual is modeled after the California Standard Practice Manual and  
13 additionally, it contains the Commission's tests for SSW.

14 Q. On whose behalf are you presenting testimony in this docket?

15 A. I am appearing on behalf of Cargill Fertilizer, Inc. (Cargill). My testimony explains  
16 why Cargill's request to continue the Self-Service Wheeling (SSW) program with  
17 Tampa Electric Company (TECo) should be granted. SSW, in the circumstances of  
18 this case, is beneficial to TECo's customers and helps meet the conservation goals  
19 the Florida Legislature has charged the Florida Public Service Commission  
20 (Commission) to meet.

## 21 II.

### 22 TESTIMONY SUMMARY

23 Q. Please summarize your testimony

1 A. My testimony makes the following points:

2 1. The Cargill industrial waste heat cogeneration is the type of program that  
3 Congress and the Florida Legislature encourage by law and the Commission  
4 encourages by implementing rules. It is the type of program that TECo  
5 charges its customers to promote.

6 2. Cargill's cogeneration, without any conservation payments or other  
7 incentives from TECo, conserves expensive and finite fossil fuels and  
8 reduces environmental impacts. Cargill's SSW program improves the  
9 efficiency of the cogeneration operation.

10 3. Using the incomplete information TECo supplied, I find that Cargill's SSW  
11 program benefited TECo's customers during the two-year pilot study by  
12 [REDACTED] under the TECo Rate Impact Measure (RIM) test and by \$1,081,000  
13 under the TECo Total Resource Cost (TRC) Test, without considering the  
14 other factors the Cost Effectiveness Manual says the Commission will study.

15 4. The study TECo submitted in response to the Commission's order to assist in  
16 the findings it must make when it evaluates SSW does not conform to the  
17 minimum requirements of the Commission's Cost Effectiveness Manual.

18 **III.**

19 **LEGISLATIVE MANDATES REGARDING COGENERATION AND SSW**

20 Q. What are the legislative goals delegated to the Commission that are pertinent to this  
21 case?

22 A. The Florida Legislature has directed that cogeneration be encouraged. Section  
23 366.81, *Florida Statutes*, provides:

1                   ... [T] the Legislature intends that the use of ...cogeneration... be  
2                   **encouraged.**

3                   In addition, section 366.82(2), *Florida Statutes*, states:

4                   **Definition; goals; plans; programs; annual reports; energy**  
5                   **audits.--**

6                   **The commission shall adopt appropriate goals for increasing the**  
7                   **efficiency of energy consumption and *increasing the development***  
8                   ***of cogeneration, specifically including goals designed to increase***  
9                   ***the conservation of expensive resources, such as petroleum fuels ...***

10                  The Legislature has directed the Commission to ensure that appropriate conservation  
11                  measures, including cogeneration, are encouraged and in place.

12        Q.        Has the Florida Legislature enacted any mandates regarding SSW?

13        A.        Yes. Section 366.051, *Florida Statutes*, provides:

14                  366.051 Cogeneration, small power production; commission  
15                  jurisdiction.—

16                  Electricity produced by cogeneration and small power production is  
17                  of *benefit to the public* when included as part of the total energy  
18                  supply of the entire electric grid of the state or consumed by a  
19                  cogenerator or small power producer. ... Public utilities *shall provide*  
20                  transmission or distribution service to enable a retail customer to  
21                  transmit electrical power generated by the customer at one location to  
22                  the customer's facilities at another location, if the commission finds

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1           that the provision of this service, and the charges, terms, and other  
2           conditions associated with the provision of this service, are not likely  
3           to result in higher cost electric service to the utility's general body of  
4           retail and wholesale customers or adversely affect the adequacy or  
5           reliability of electric service to all customers. ...

6           This statutory section is phrased in the affirmative --- public utilities *shall provide*  
7           SSW so long as it results in no higher cost. As I will demonstrate later in this  
8           testimony, there is no higher cost to ratepayers, but TECo ratepayers are better off  
9           due to Cargill's SSW.

10    Q.    How has the Commission implemented these goals as they apply to SSW?

11    A.    In Order No. 24745, Docket No. 891324-EU, the Commission adopted a Cost  
12           Effectiveness Manual for Demand Side Management Programs and Self Service  
13           Wheeling Proposals (Manual). The Commission adopted the Manual in Rule 25-  
14           17.008, Florida Administrative Code.

15                   Section III of the Manual sets out the tests to be applied to SSW -- the Rate  
16           Impact Measure test and the Total Resource Cost test, discussed below. On page 12  
17           of its Order, the Commission stated: "In addition to the Rate Impact and Total  
18           Resource tests, there are additional considerations listed for self-service wheeling  
19           projects." These include.

20                   (1) The type of fuel used at the cogeneration project.

21                   (2) The fuel efficiency of the project.

22                   (3) The likelihood of a cogenerator building its own transmission line to its  
23           other location.

1 (4) The materiality of any lost revenues indicated by the Rate Impact Test.

2 (Manual at 23).

3 Thus, the Commission will evaluate matters in addition to the tests when considering  
4 the propriety of SSW. In addition, rule 25-17.0883, Florida Administrative Code,  
5 requires a "consideration of the unique load characteristics of the qualifying facility  
6 compared to other conservation programs."

7 Q. Are there mandates in federal law as well to encourage cogeneration?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Please describe the history of the national cogeneration policy.

10 A. The National Energy Act (1978) contains a section called Public Utility Regulatory  
11 Policies Act (PURPA). This section establishes a federal policy of encouraging  
12 cogeneration and small power production. The Federal Energy Regulatory  
13 Commission (FERC) promulgated rules and guidelines to implement this federal  
14 policy. The federal regulations require electric utilities to purchase and to sell  
15 electricity to cogenerators that meet specified fuel efficiency standards. These  
16 cogenerators are called "Qualifying Facilities" or QFs. The Cargill facilities at  
17 Millpoint and Ridgewood, seeking to engage in SSW, are QFs.

18 State regulatory agencies are required to establish just and reasonable rates  
19 for QF electricity. In 1981, the Commission adopted rules to implement this  
20 cogeneration policy. (See rules 25-17.080-.091, Florida Administrative Code).  
21 Without going into detail, there have been numerous dockets and thousands of hours  
22 of workshops and hearings to implement the cogeneration mandate.

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1 IV.

2 CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

3 Q. What is the practical effect of the government encouraged cogeneration policy?

4 A. Producing electricity from captured waste heat instead of burning fossil fuel meets  
5 the national policy of conserving fuel and provides an additional bonus. Fewer  
6 emissions are emitted into the air and water from the utility and its industrial  
7 customers.

8 Q. Has TECo reacted to the cogeneration legislation, rules and mandates to provide  
9 these benefits to its customers?

10 A. Yes. TECo received authority to charge its customers \$331,218 this year to promote  
11 cogeneration. Since 1981, TECo has spent over five million dollars on these  
12 administrative expenses to promote cogeneration DSM.

13 Q. Is cogeneration important to TECo and its customers?

14 A. Yes. The most important gauge of the significance of cogeneration to TECo is the  
15 way it affects its system planning. In TECo's most recent 10 Year Site Plan, TECo  
16 forecasts that Demand Side Management from self-service cogeneration will provide  
17 36.8% of its summer demand reduction and 19.5% of its winter demand reduction  
18 for 2003. Cogeneration obviously plays a major role in avoiding power plant  
19 construction in TECo's generation planning. I haven't attempted to quantify this  
20 benefit in my testimony, but needless to say it is important.

21 Q. How does SSW make Cargill more efficient?

22 A. Mr. Fernandez will explain this in greater detail, but in general Cargill has  
23 cogeneration at more than one location in sufficient quantities to meet much of its

1 own needs and to also supply firm power to Progress Energy. Cargill wants to  
2 provide back up power to its locations from its own generators rather than relying  
3 solely on TECo. This is because Cargill occasionally has programmed maintenance  
4 or an internal production loss of some kind at one of its locations and wishes to send  
5 power from another location. Cargill also proposes to use self-service wheeled  
6 power when TECo is capacity constrained and it must purchase power in the open  
7 market (usually at very high prices). TECo, in turn, charges the costs of the  
8 purchases directly to Cargill. Cargill wants to have first call on the use of its own  
9 temporary excess power rather than having power interrupted or paying market  
10 prices.

11 Q. Does this proposed operation meet the Commission's directives?

12 A. Yes. Allowing Cargill to wheel its self-generated power in either of the above  
13 situations meets several important Commission criteria: fuel efficiency (industrial  
14 waste heat is substituted for utility fuel) and cogeneration is encouraged.

15 **V.**

16 **COMMISSION COST-EFFECTIVENESS CRITERIA**

17 Q. Please describe the cost-effectiveness tests that the Commission uses as a guide in  
18 approving or rejecting utility conservation programs and activities.

19 A. The Commission uses three tests -- Participant Test, Total Resource Cost (TRC)  
20 Test, and the Rate Impact (RIM) Test.

21 The Participant Test is used to evaluate whether a conservation measure is  
22 cost effective to the utility customer who participates in the program by installing a  
23 particular conservation measure, such as installing ceiling insulation in a home. This

1 test ensures that the customer has a reasonable payback for out-of-pocket  
2 expenditures.

3 The TRC test evaluates conservation programs on a total resource cost basis.  
4 The Commission's TRC test includes both the utility program costs and the  
5 participants' costs. This test excludes "lost revenues" as a cost.

6 Finally, the RIM test measures the generation savings plus any increased  
7 revenues versus utility program costs plus any decreased revenues. The RIM test  
8 assumes that all utility costs, including "lost revenues" (reduction in utility base rate  
9 revenues due to customer participation) are recovered on an instantaneous basis.

10 Q. Elaborate on the "instant recovery" aspect of the RIM test.

11 A. If a conservation measure installed through a utility program reduces the customer's  
12 electric bill by \$10, the RIM test *assumes* that base rates increase to recover the \$10.  
13 In reality, however, this recovery of "lost revenues" can take place only in the  
14 context of a permanent revenue adjustment in a rate case. And, this "recovery" may  
15 not occur at all since the Commission will analyze all revenue and expense sources,  
16 as well as the company's rate of return, to determine if an increase or a decrease is  
17 warranted.

18 Q. Has the Commission recognized this aspect of the RIM test?

19 A. Yes. The Commission has recognized that rate or revenue increases are not assured  
20 simply because the RIM Test may yield a certain result. In Order No. 24745, at page  
21 2, the Commission stated:

22 The use of the Rate Impact Test does not, in any way, predetermine  
23 whether lost revenues will actually be recovered.

1 In the same Order (at p. 82), the “lost revenues” perspective was reiterated.

2 the use of the lost revenues analysis is only as to this cost

3 effectiveness review; in no way are we making a decision on the

4 recovery of dollars. That occurs later when the rate impact is

5 reviewed in a rate case

6 Q. Does the RIM test address rate of return issues?

7 A. No. The theoretical RIM test, for reasons that I will not discuss in detail, assumes

8 that the utility’s current authorized return is correct. It further assumes that when

9 one customer uses less electricity under a conservation program, the other customers

10 immediately pay more to bring the utility back to its authorized return

11 In the real world, these impacts are not simultaneous. For instance, TECo’s

12 last base rate increase was a decade ago. Since that time it has added a major power

13 plant, the facilities at Polk I, without a base rate increase. TECo’s most recent

14 surveillance report shows that for the twelve months ending June 2003, TECo earned

15 a 12.43% return on equity on its rate base, including construction work in progress.

16 This return on equity is 68 basis points above the mid-point of its last authorized

17 return. No base rate increase or reduction occurred during the pilot study period. It

18 is unlikely that base rates will change in the foreseeable future. If they do,

19 appropriate adjustments can be factored in at that time to protect the general body of

20 customers from any adverse impacts that Cargill SSW might cause. This is an

21 important caveat in using the RIM test, but to be conservative, my calculations

22 following the Commission Cost Effectiveness Manual employ the base rate revenue

23 loss fiction even though it is doubtful that other customers will face a base rate

1 increase arising out of the fact that Cargill hopes to use less utility generated  
2 electricity in its SSW program.

3 Q. How are “lost revenues” relevant to the SSW program at issue here?

4 A. TECo has admitted that any reduction in base charges will have *no* adverse impact  
5 on TECo's general body of ratepayers until TECo requests a base rate increase.  
6 (TECo response to Cargill's 1<sup>st</sup> Request for Admissions, No 1). A rate case, which  
7 includes the effects of customer conservation of energy, may not take place for a  
8 number of years, and even when it does, it may not result in a rate increase for  
9 TECo.

10 Q. Are the tests required for SSW the same as those for evaluation of other conservation  
11 programs?

12 A. Not completely. The test for SSW does not include a Participant Test. A SSW  
13 program may have benefits to a participant that inure specifically to that customer  
14 and are therefore difficult to measure with a Participant Test. The Manual assumes  
15 that a self-service wheeling customer is aware of the overall benefits and costs,  
16 whereas, a typical retail customer may not be able to perform a thorough analysis for  
17 a conservation program.

18 Q. Are the RIM and TRC tests the same for utility conservation programs and self-  
19 service wheeling?

20 A. While there are minor differences in the types of costs and benefits due to the  
21 differences in the activities, the basic analyses are the same -- the tests measure the  
22 total costs and weigh these costs against the total benefits. All the tests in the Manual  
23 are based on estimating future costs and benefits.

1 VI.

2 CALCULATIONS USING THE COST EFFECTIVENESS MANUAL

3 Q. Did TECo use the tests in the Manual to calculate the costs and benefits of the  
4 Cargill SSW program?

5 A. No, despite the Manual's requirements, when TECo submitted its analyses of the  
6 Cargill SSW program to Staff, it did not use the Commission-required tests.

7 Q. Is Cargill fully informed as to TECo's future costs that the Commission must use in  
8 making its findings in this case?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Has TECo responded fully to Cargill's request for this information?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did the Commission order TECo to do a study report on the SSW program?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Should TECo be required to perform the tests the Commission ordered be used for  
15 the cost-effectiveness analyzes using the RIM and TRC tests from the Manual to  
16 assist the Commission in its findings?

17 A. Yes. Rule 25-17 008(1) requires the use of the Manual "whenever an evaluation of  
18 the cost effectiveness of a self-service wheeling program is required by the  
19 Commission." In Order No. PSC-03-0945-PCO-EQ, the Prehearing Officer found  
20 that Cargill has the burden of proof in this case. Cargill is respectfully suggesting that  
21 the Order be reconsidered and that of necessity TECo must go forward with the  
22 preparation of the Manual tests for the Commission to make the required findings as  
23 to TECo costs.

1 Q. What is the problem with Cargill performing the required tests?

2 A. A cogenerator, such as Cargill, does not have sufficient information to perform the  
3 tests. The utility -- TECo in this case -- has all the data. Despite this, all the data and  
4 calculations necessary are not included in the TECo quarterly reports. TECo agreed  
5 to an experiment with Cargill. TECo has most of the necessary basic data. TECo  
6 collected and analyzed the data and then reported the data on a quarterly basis to  
7 Staff. Almost a year after the "experiment" period was completed, TECo filed (on  
8 August 8, 2003) a revised analysis incorporating many of Cargill's suggestions.  
9 Because TECo controls the data and analyses, TECo should have performed the  
10 analyses set out in the Manual.

11 Q. Mr Kordecki, what data is needed to adequately perform the tests in the Manual?

12 A. The tests require forecasts of rates, cost recovery clauses, fuel clauses, marginal fuel  
13 costs, certain direct or allocated expenses, FERC transmission tariffs, etc. For  
14 instance, without a forecast of the retail fuel clause and marginal fuel costs, there is  
15 no rational way to estimate the effect of SSW on customers' fuel costs.

16 Q. Did Cargill attempt to obtain this data from TECo?

17 A. Yes, Cargill requested the necessary data in its second set of interrogatories and  
18 request for production of documents. At the time Cargill anticipated that TECo  
19 would be performing the tests. The discovery was intended to capture the underlying  
20 support for the tests that TECo would file.

21 Q. Could Cargill perform the tests with the TECo data?

22 A. Yes, the requested data would be sufficient to calculate the various cost-effectiveness  
23 tests.

1 Q. What data did Cargill receive as a result of its discovery requests?

2 A. The requests asked for 16 categories of cost/benefit data forecast for 10 years. In  
3 response, TECo replied that it had no forecast for 9 of the data items beyond the  
4 present levels; it had 4 forecasts out 10 years; and 3 of the data forecasts were  
5 objected to by TECo.

6 Q. Were the discovery responses adequate for Cargill to perform the costs-benefit  
7 analyses required by the Manual?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Why not?

10 A. It is unreasonable to expect that average expenditures per MWH by TECo for  
11 conservation, environmental outlays, etc. will remain constant or that rate schedules,  
12 both retail and wholesale, will remain the same over the next 10 year period. TECo  
13 objected to supplying estimates of fuel clauses. Without these estimates, there is no  
14 possible way to calculate the effect of SSW on fuel costs. Cargill also asked for data  
15 on outages in order to measure potential wheeling costs and optional purchase  
16 savings. TECo objected to these questions as well.

17 Q. Mr. Kordecki, if TECo did not supply adequate data to perform the Manual's cost-  
18 benefit analyses, how did you perform your SSW evaluations?

19 A. I used the August 8<sup>th</sup> revised TECo quarterly reports for the RIM test. For the TRC  
20 test, I used TECo's response to Cargill Interrogatory No. 18.

21 Q. What kind of "analyses" did TECo perform for its RIM test in the quarterly reports?

22 A. Aside from data omissions and errors discussed later in my testimony, TECo used a  
23 test whose application to customers is different than the Manual anticipates.



1 Q. What kind of test did TECo use?

2 A. TECo used a test that could be characterized as a non-participant test as opposed to  
3 the all ratepayers test in the Manual. For example, TECo excludes rate benefits to  
4 Cargill (cost reductions in the form of reduced third party purchases). Exclusion of  
5 these benefits is contrary to the way in which customer rate reductions are handled in  
6 the evaluation of utility conservation and load management programs.

7 Q. Please explain the difference between the non-participant test that TECo performed  
8 and the RIM Test calculation which the Manual anticipates.

9 A. TECo's non-participant test excludes the benefits received by the participant, Cargill.  
10 The Commission Manual RIM Test includes *all* benefits to all ratepayers, including  
11 Cargill. In the many years that I was involved in the evaluation of conservation and  
12 load management programs, I never saw a demand side utility program this  
13 Commission approved where participant benefits (customers or classes of customers)  
14 were excluded from the overall program benefits in the cost-benefit calculation.

15 Q. Could the data from Cargill's SSW experiment be applied to other potential  
16 cogenerators?

17 A. Probably not. The SSW experiment at issue in this docket allowed Cargill at times  
18 to maximize the use of its generators between various locations. The combination of  
19 locations and processes are unique to Cargill. TECo itself recognized the uniqueness  
20 of the Cargill situation in a letter to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
21 (FERC) describing the transaction-specific service agreement request for Cargill's  
22 self-service wheeling. In October 2002, TECo told the FERC in its service  
23 agreement filing that: "Cargill's situation as a QF with both generation and remote

1 load on Tampa Electric's system is unique and there is no current expectation that  
2 additional retail self-service wheeling transactions will occur."

3 **VII.**

4 **CORRECTION OF TECo's ERRONEOUS RIM CALCULATIONS**

5 Q. Do you agree with all the specific data elements TECo used in calculating the costs  
6 and benefits of the SSW program?

7 A. No. TECo's August 8, 2003 revised monthly analyses of the Cargill SSW pilot,  
8 while an improvement over TECo's previously filed reports, still omits customer  
9 savings, inappropriately includes non-recurring costs and benefits, and fails to use  
10 the most current data. Thus, these reports do not give this Commission the most  
11 current and accurate picture of Cargill's SSW program.

12 Q. Please describe TECo's omissions.

13 A. TECo has omitted, as mentioned earlier, the benefits that occur when TECo is  
14 capacity short and must purchase power from other sources to serve customers with  
15 optional provision purchase rights. These customers are non-firm and when TECo  
16 does not have the resources to serve them, TECo can buy power from other sources  
17 and allocate the costs to the non-firm customers. When the optional purchase power  
18 provision is in effect and Cargill uses its generation to self-serve, some of these off-  
19 system purchases are eliminated. This optional purchase situation was the basis of  
20 Cargill's initial self-service request. Some of Cargill's self-service generation went  
21 off-line and TECo did not have sufficient capacity to serve. Cargill was forced to  
22 purchase very expensive power through TECo from other utilities. This specific  
23 situation was addressed in the Order approving the SSW experiment. (Order No.

1 PSC-00-1596-TRF-EQ, Docket No. 001048-EQ)

2 Despite this, TECo has treated SSW during third party purchase situations as  
3 if it didn't exist. In the footnotes to TECo's quarterly reports on the page titled  
4 "Overview of Self-Service Wheeling Experimental Program," TECo admits

5 SSW energy occurring during hours of optional provision purchase is  
6 excluded from the actual energy reduction amount in the Ratepayer  
7 Impact Section of this report. Lost revenues and avoided fuel expense  
8 are not applicable to this energy as it would have otherwise been  
9 served through optional provision purchases and not by Tampa  
10 Electric

11 Q. What is the effect of this omission?

12 A. TECo has failed to account for avoided fuel costs in the form of reduced optional  
13 purchases. This is a savings, most of which, is enjoyed by Cargill. To ignore  
14 ratepayer savings because the preponderance of the savings accrue to the  
15 participating customer, has the effect of rejecting the tests in the Commission  
16 approved Manual. TECo, in its quarterly reports, adopted a non-participant test  
17 contrary to the all-customer savings format the Manual anticipates.

18 In the initial study, TECo did not properly calculate the reserved transmission  
19 capacity for SSW billing during both third party purchase periods and non-purchase  
20 periods. These errors appear to be corrected in the August 8<sup>th</sup> revisions.

21 Q. Are there other errors or omissions in TECo's calculations?

22 A. Yes. TECo's original quarterly reports had no credits for reductions in production O  
23 & M costs when TECo's generation resources were reduced due to Cargill's

1 wheeling of its power between locations. This benefit, of reduced production  
2 maintenance expense, also occurs when Cargill sends more power than the Cargill  
3 loads require. TECo's production levels are reduced since Cargill is exporting  
4 increased capacity into the TECo system thus reducing the production O&M  
5 expenses. These errors were corrected in the August 8<sup>th</sup> filing by TECo after Cargill  
6 pointed out the errors to TECo

7 Q. Are there any other benefits that TECo did not capture?

8 A. Yes. TECo's analyses (both the original and the August 8<sup>th</sup> filings) exclude any  
9 allowance for reduced environmental costs. The quarterly reports give no credit for  
10 the environmental benefits that occur during the applicable SSW periods. There is no  
11 doubt that when Cargill wheels power between its locations and TECo generation  
12 resource output is reduced, pollutants in the Tampa Bay Area are correspondingly  
13 reduced. As Commissioner Bradley recognized when discussing a TECo program  
14 intended to reduce Nox emissions.

15 Commissioner Bradley: And as a result of the reduction of NOX  
16 emissions, is there a direct benefit to the ratepayer? I'm from Tampa  
17 Bay and I know that we've had ... we always had a major discussion  
18 about NOX emissions coming from Big Bend and polluting the area.  
19 And I wouldn't want us to make a decision that discourages TECO  
20 from installing a system that improves the quality of life in that area,  
21 not only for the citizens, but for Tampa Bay in general, the bay itself,  
22 the estuary and the environment.

23 (Docket No 030226-EI, Agenda Conference Transcript at 26-27, June 3, 2003)

1 Q Are there other factors that indicate that reduced environmental costs should be  
2 included in the analyses?

3 A Yes TECo allocates and collects the environmental costs that are not in base rates  
4 on a per kilowatt-hour basis as part of the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause.  
5 Cost recovery on a per kilowatt-hour basis indicates that environmental costs vary  
6 with energy output. In TECo's 1983 rate case (Docket No. 830012-EU, Order No  
7 12663), TECo advocated, and the Commission accepted, the classification of the  
8 environmental costs of Big Bend Unit Four (both capital and O&M) on an energy  
9 per kilowatt-hour basis. This allocation means that pollution and the cost to control  
10 pollution are incurred as energy is used. Logically, the converse should also be true:  
11 if energy generated by TECo is reduced, then pollution control costs must also be  
12 reduced.

13 The same logic used in the treatment of pollution control costs applied to the  
14 collection of the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause (ECRC) charges should be  
15 applied here. Therefore, when Cargill reduces TECo's generation output due to  
16 SSW, it reduces TECo's pollution and, therefore, TECo's pollution costs.

17 There should be regulatory symmetry between how TECo allocates and  
18 collects its environmental costs and how the cost reductions are calculated when  
19 Cargill engages in SSW. To accomplish regulatory symmetry, Cargill should be  
20 credited the same \$/MWH as the ECRC clause when Cargill is using SSW and  
21 reducing the need for TECo generation resources. Regulatory consistency requires  
22 like treatment for a MWH generated and consumed versus a MWH saved. This  
23 rationale places an appropriate value on the environmental benefits of Cargill's SSW

1 program. There are also additional environmental benefits when Cargill replaces  
2 third party purchases with self-service wheeling. These optional purchases emanate  
3 from other utilities or independent generators that are primarily located in Florida.  
4 Therefore, there is reduced pollution in other areas of Florida besides the Tampa Bay  
5 area.

6 Q. What is the value of symmetrical treatment of pollution's costs and benefits on  
7 TECo's cost effectiveness analysis?

8 A. It adds \$14,004 of benefits

9 Q. How have you corrected TECo's cost-benefit calculations to reflect the errors of  
10 omission you described above?

11 A. Yes. I have added the environmental savings of \$14,004 and customer savings of  
12 third party purchases of \$137,142 to the RIM calculation.

13 Q. Are there non-recurring costs that should be excluded from the cost-effectiveness  
14 valuation?

15 A. Yes. TECo has included the monitoring system established for the wheeling  
16 experiment as a cost in its analysis. TECo also included refunds as a benefit. Since  
17 refunds are non-recurring, removal from the calculations is appropriate

18 Q. What are the non-recurring costs and benefits that you removed from the TECo  
19 RIM?

20 A. TECo has listed \$16,922 in administrative, billing, etc. for the pilot study. The  
21 majority of these costs were in the initial setup. Under a permanent SSW, this  
22 oversight would not be needed. TECo already has administrative and billing costs in  
23 its rates. Administrative costs are found in Cargill's retail rates, third party optional

1 purchases, and the FERC transmission services have administrative cost components,  
2 etc. TECo's administrative charges would collect the same costs twice.

3 TECo gave Cargill credit for not receiving \$7,111 in refunds. I removed this  
4 item because it was non-recurring and won't be in effect in the future.

5 Q. Any other changes?

6 A. I have updated, where appropriate and reasonable, the current clause factors and the  
7 TECo transmission rate.

8 Q. What is the effect of updating the data?

9 A. These changes are similar to pro forma adjustments that would take place in a utility  
10 rate case. More current and precise data gives the Commission a more realistic and  
11 accurate picture of the benefits of Cargill's SSW.

12 Q. Mr. Kordecki, have you detailed the changes made to the TECo RIM?

13 A. Yes, I have provided 3 exhibits which do this:

- 14 • Exhibit No. 1 shows the non-recurring costs and benefits that have  
15 been removed.
- 16 • Exhibit No. 2 shows the environmental benefits of SSW and optional  
17 purchase power savings that arise from Cargill's SSW.
- 18 • Exhibit No. 3 contains the current cost data from TECo's most recent  
19 quarterly report (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2003). It includes the current retail  
20 clauses (except for fuel) and TECo's current transmission tariff.

21 Q. Why haven't you used the current fuel clause information?

22 A. The calculation of fuel benefits requires the comparison of the retail fuel tariff versus  
23 the incremental fuel costs that are in effect during the periods in which Cargill is

1 using SSW. There is no data available to predict TECo's incremental fuel costs for  
2 those SSW periods.

3 Q. After your data corrections and adjustments, what is your conclusion about the cost  
4 effectiveness of the Cargill SSW experiment?

5 A. Cargill's SSW has a net benefit of [REDACTED]. There is a current benefit of [REDACTED].

6 Q. What do you mean by current benefit?

7 A. A current benefit excludes any costs or benefits that may be dealt with in a future  
8 rate/revenue proceeding. TECo would have to be successful in prosecuting a full rate  
9 case and receiving an increase before these "lost revenues" would have any  
10 relevance. The current benefit is the reduced costs that customers enjoy due to the  
11 SSW. In fact, using TECO's August 8<sup>th</sup> analyses, during the experiment period, the  
12 customers benefited by [REDACTED] without including any third party optional purchase  
13 reductions (See Exhibit No \_\_\_\_\_ GJK-4).

14 Q. Did TECo perform a TRC test?

15 A. Yes, but only after the Commission ordered them to do so.

16 Q. Do you agree with TECo's analysis?

17 A. No, I do not agree with some of the inputs nor TECo's conclusion that the TRC is  
18 negative for the Cargill SSW.

19 Q. What are the points of agreement?

20 A. TECo's estimate of Cargill's incremental O&M to schedule transactions appears  
21 reasonable since Cargill uses a marketer whose charges are incremental. The  
22 estimates of variable production O&M savings are acceptable as a benefit but not as  
23 a cost.



1 Q. What are the points of disagreement?

2 A. First, I disagree with the inclusion of any “utility program costs” which represent  
3 TECo’s estimate of \$27,000 of programming costs and recurring annual  
4 administrative costs of \$6,000. There are three reasons, any one of which could be  
5 relied upon, to remove the utility program costs.

6 First, if Cargill’s SSW application for permanent status is approved, it is no  
7 longer necessary to spend monitoring dollars to ascertain “lost revenues”,  
8 comparisons of incremental fuel costs to retail tariff fuel tariffs, etc. There is no  
9 need for a new billing system since each activity (retail rates, third party option  
10 purchases, the GSI and FERC transmission rates) have customer charges or use  
11 charges which account for any costs incurred by TECo.

12 Second, no support has been provided to show that these “costs” are  
13 incremental as opposed to an allocation of present costs. No cost justification has  
14 been provided to support the costs as incremental.

15 Third, these “costs,” if any occur, should be considered as “lost revenues” or  
16 transfer payments as defined by the Manual test.

17 Q. Are there other points of disagreement?

18 A. Yes The major flaw in the TECo TRC is the inclusion of avoided fuel savings in the  
19 form of as-available energy payments and avoided variable production O&M as a  
20 cost—in this case, TECo calls this a “lost opportunity” cost.

21 The SSW section of the Manual has specifically excluded the Participant  
22 Test. The Commission states on page 3 of the Manual: “A participant Test is not  
23 specified for self-service wheeling since it is assumed the proposal is cost-effective

1 to the party requesting the wheeling” If the Commission were to accept TECo’s  
2 “opportunity cost” argument, then Cargill would not be acting in an economically  
3 rational manner. TECo’s calculation can only be true in the situation where its as-  
4 available energy payments are higher than Cargill’s base rates plus cost recovery  
5 clauses and miscellaneous charges. This situation might occur theoretically but not  
6 practically. If TECo was paying as-available energy payments higher than Cargill’s  
7 average total cost per MWH, I would expect the cogenerators around the state would  
8 be lining up to send any excess cogenerated energy to TECo. In fact, TECo’s as-  
9 available energy payments shown in its TRC test are well below Cargill’s average  
10 cost per MWH

11 Q. Have you performed a TRC Test?

12 A. Yes. I performed a TRC Test using the TRC analysis that TECo prepared as a basis.

13 Q. What did your analysis show?

14 A. My TRC test shows Cargill’s self-service experiment is overwhelmingly positive.  
15 The TRC test is shown on Exhibit No \_\_\_\_\_ (GJK-5).

16 Q. Is Cargill’s SSW program cost effective?

17 A. Absolutely, based on the data from the experiment period and the calculations I have  
18 provided and discussed above. There is no doubt that all customers have and will  
19 benefit from Cargill SSW.

## 20 VIII.

### 21 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

22 Q. Are these other matters the Commission must consider beyond the tests you  
23 discussed above?

1 A. Yes. Even if the Commission disagrees with my cost-effectiveness analysis, the  
2 criteria set out in Order No. 24745, and described earlier in my testimony, provide  
3 the basis on which this Commission should approve permanent SSW for Cargill.

4 Q. Please explain.

5 A. First, the revenue effect of the SSW program, even under TECo's calculation, is de  
6 minimus (TECo submissions show it to be [REDACTED] over the two-year period).  
7 Further, there are other Commission criteria, which should be used in the approval  
8 process. The criteria, which are applicable to Cargill's situation, are:

9 • **Type of fuel**: The fuel Cargill uses is waste heat gathered from its  
10 processes. Fossil fuel is not used nor are there any adverse  
11 environmental effects. In fact, Cargill's use of waste heat reduces the  
12 pollution emitted from TECo's generators.

13 • **Fuel efficiency**: Cargill's generators are rated based on process  
14 needs, not generation needs. The most important aspect of the  
15 generation is the use of waste heat which is "free" fuel. Since no fuel  
16 is needed to fuel Cargill's generation and or SSW, fossil fuels are  
17 being conserved and cogeneration is encouraged.

18 • **Materiality**: The materiality of any lost revenues, as indicated by the  
19 RIM test TECo performed, is negligible. TECo's RIM test shows a  
20 negative [REDACTED]. My analysis shows a positive [REDACTED]. Either way  
21 the amount is not material. The negative impact of the TECo study is  
22 [REDACTED]. The positive impact of my study is [REDACTED].

23 TECO's annual revenues during the 24 months of the SSW experiment averaged

1 around 1.5 billion dollars. Dividing the hypothetical "lost revenues" TECo estimates  
2 by TECo's total revenues during the period yields three thousandths of one percent.  
3 This statistic is not material to TECo.

4 **IX**

5 **CONCLUSION**

6 Q. Should the Commission permanently approve the Cargill/TECo SSW program?

7 A. Yes. As my testimony discusses in detail, the SSW program furthers important  
8 federal and state environmental goals and is clearly cost-effective. Congress, the  
9 Florida Legislature, and this Commission have enacted laws and promulgated rules to  
10 encourage cogeneration and conservation. Cargill's SSW secures the benefits of  
11 capturing waste heat to make electricity instead of letting the heat escape into the  
12 atmosphere. Cargill's SSW program, though perhaps small in a global sense, is a  
13 perfect example of a program which keeps accomplish important legislative goals in  
14 a cost-effective manner.

15 Q. Does that conclude your direct testimony?

16 A. Yes.

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**IMPACT OF CARGILL SELF-SERVICE WHEELING PILOT PROGRAM (2000 – 2002)**

<b>TECO CALCULATION OF COSTS (-) AND BENEFITS (+)</b>		<b>CALCULATION WITHOUT NON-RECURRING COSTS AND BENEFITS</b>
Implementation costs	(\$ 16,922)	\$ 0
Base Energy	(\$ 94,428)	(\$ 94,428)
Environmental Clause	(\$ 14,004)	(\$ 14,004)
Conservation Clause	(\$ 2,572)	(\$ 2,572)
Capacity Clause	(\$ 1,555)	(\$ 1,555)
Retail Fuel Clause	(\$262,632)	(\$262,632)
Avoided Fuel Charges	██████████	██████████
Avoided Var. O&M	\$ 15,768	\$ 15,768
Transmission Revenue	\$ 23,452	\$ 23,452
Net GSI Charges	\$ 6,547	\$ 6,547
Customer Savings— Avoided 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Purchases	\$ 0	\$ 0
Refund	\$ 7,111	\$ 0
TOTAL	██████████	██████████

**IMPACT OF CARGILL SELF-SERVICE WHEELING PILOT PROGRAM (2000 – 2002)**

**TECO CALCULATION OF COSTS (-)  
 AND BENEFITS (+)**

**CALCULATION WITHOUT  
 NON-RECURRING COSTS AND  
 BENEFITS WITH CUSTOMER  
 SAVINGS ADDED**

Implementation costs	(\$ 16,922)	\$ 0
Base Energy	(\$ 94,428)	(\$ 94,428)
Environmental Clause	(\$ 14,004)	\$ 14,004
Conservation Clause	(\$ 2,572)	(\$ 2,572)
Capacity Clause	(\$ 1,555)	(\$ 1,555)
Retail Fuel Clause	(\$262,632)	(\$262,632)
Avoided Fuel Charges	██████████	██████████
Avoided Var. O&M	\$ 15,768	\$ 15,768
Transmission Revenue	\$ 23,452	\$ 23,452
Net GSI Charges	\$ 6,547	\$ 6,547
Customer Savings— Avoided 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Purchases	\$ 0	\$ 137,412
Refund	\$ 7,111	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	██████████	██████████

**IMPACT OF CARGILL SELF-SERVICE WHEELING PILOT PROGRAM (2000 – 2002)**

<b>TECO CALCULATION OF COSTS (-) AND BENEFITS (+)</b>		<b>CALCULATION WITHOUT NON-RECURRING COSTS AND BENEFITS WITH CUSTOMER SAVINGS ADDED, CURRENT DATA</b>
Implementation costs	(\$ 16,922)	\$ 0
Base Energy	(\$ 94,428)	(\$ 94,428)
Environmental Clause	(\$ 14,004)	\$ 14,004
Conservation Clause	(\$ 2,572)	(\$ 1,856)
Capacity Clause	(\$ 1,555)	(\$ 1,578)
Retail Fuel Clause	(\$262,632)	(\$ 262,632)
Avoided Fuel Charges	██████████	██████████
Avoided Var. O&M	\$ 15,768	\$ 15,768*
Transmission Revenue	\$ 23,452	\$ 53,182
Net GSI Charges	\$ 6,547	\$ 6,547
Customer Savings— Avoided 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Purchases	\$ 0	\$ 137,412
Refund	\$ 7,111	\$ 0
<b>TOTAL</b>	██████████	██████████

\*Current Credit not calculated due to unresolved applicable MWH

Current Clause Charges Exclusive of Fuel Clause <sup>1</sup>		Transmission Rate <sup>2</sup>	
		On-Peak	Off-Peak
Environmental Clause	\$1.27/MWH	0.06136	0.06136
Conservation Clause	\$0.20/MWH	0.21452	0.10187
Capacity Clause	\$0.17/MWH	Schedule 2	0.10187
		Schedule Transmission	
		Non-Firm	\$3.49 rounded
		Total	\$1.66 rounded
			\$3.77 rounded
			\$1.82 rounded

<sup>1</sup> Data taken from TECo SSW Quarterly Report, 2d Quarter 2003.

<sup>2</sup> Scheduling Charges corrected from Report.

**IMPACT OF CARGILL SELF-SERVICE WHEELING PILOT PROGRAM (2000 – 2002)  
 SAVINGS TO CUSTOMERS DURING PILOT**

**TECO CALCULATION OF COSTS (-)  
 AND BENEFITS (+)**

**CUSTOMER SAVINGS**

Implementation costs	(\$ 16,922)	\$ 0
Base Energy	(\$ 94,428)	\$ 0
Environmental Clause	(\$ 14,004)	(\$ 14,004)
Conservation Clause	(\$ 2,572)	(\$ 2,572)
Capacity Clause	(\$ 1,555)	(\$ 1,555)
Retail Fuel Clause	(\$262,632)	(\$262,632)
Avoided Fuel Charges	██████████	██████████
Avoided Var. O&M	\$ 15,768	\$ 0
Transmission Revenue	\$ 23,452	\$ 23,452
Net GSI Charges	\$ 6,547	\$ 6,547
Customer Savings— Avoided 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Purchases	\$ 0	\$ 0
Refund	\$ 7,111	\$ 7,111
<b>TOTAL</b>	██████████	██████████



YEAR	INCREASED SUPPLY COSTS S (000)	UTILITY PROGRAM COSTS S (000)	PARTICIPANT PROGRAM COSTS S (000)	OTHER COSTS S (000)	TOTAL COSTS S (000)	AVOIDED PRODUCTION BENEFITS S (000)	AVOIDED T & D BENEFITS S (000)	PROGRAM FUEL SAVINGS S (000)	OTHER BENEFITS S (000)	TOTAL BENEFITS S (000)	NET BENEFITS S (000)
2004	0	0	11		11	12	0	124	0	136	125
2005	0	0	11		11	12	0	148	0	160	149
2006	0	0	12		12	13	0	156	0	168	156
2007	0	0	12		12	13	0	164	0	177	165
2008	0	0	12		12	13	0	170	0	184	172
2009	0	0	13		13	14	0	179	0	193	180
2010	0	0	13		13	14	0	186	0	200	187
2011	0	0	13		13	14	0	207	0	222	208
2012	0	0	14		14	15	0	209	0	224	210
2013	0	0	14		14	16	0	230	0	245	231
Nominal.	0	0	125	0	125	136	0	1,773	0	1,909	1,783
NPV	0	0	76	0	76	65	0	1,070	0	1,155	1,081

Discount Rate 9.39%

Benefit Cost Ratio 14.2 : 1

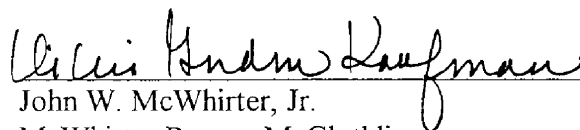
Notes

- 1) 2004 is assumed to be the start date
- 2) No increased supply costs are assumed
- 3) Utility program costs.
- 4) Participant program costs include variable O & M, assumed @ 2MWH escalating @ 2.5% per year times the total SSW MWH's generated in issues is assumed to be 5,549 MWH per year
- 5) No other costs assumed as it has not been proven that the SSW generation is incrementally new
- 6) Sum of cols (2) through (5)
- 7) Avoided production benefits include variable O & M project @ \$2.5 MWH escalating at 2.5% per year. This amount is applied to annual reduced MWH's of 4.758 includes adjustment for optional provision overlap hours and line losses.
- 8) No avoided T & D expense is assured
- 9) Fuel savings are based on projected on-peak and off-peak marginal fuel costs at a ratio of 38.62%. This blended rate is multiplied by the annual reduced MWH's of 4.758 including adjustments optional provisions overlap hours and line losses
- 10) No other costs included
- 11) Sum of cols (7) through (10)
- 12) Col (11) minus col (6)

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