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Re: Docket No.: 030001-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 15 copies of the following:

• The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Response in Opposition to Tampa Electric Company's Motion to Compel Discovery.

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

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause and generating performance incentive factor.

Docket No. 030001-EI Filed: November 7, 2003

THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITON TO TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY

The Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), pursuant to rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code, files its response in opposition to Tampa Electric Company's (TECo) Motion to Compel Discovery filed November 4, 2003. TECo's motion seeks the disclosure of a document clearly protected by the work product privilege and exempt from discovery pursuant to rule 1.280(b)(3), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. TECo's motion must be denied. In support thereof, FIPUG states:

Introduction

1. On October 30, 2003, pursuant to the Notice of Deposition Duces Tecum ("Deposition Notice"), TECo deposed FIPUG witness, Sheree L. Brown. The Deposition Notice requested that Ms. Brown bring with her all documents that she used in the preparation of her testimony, all documents referred to in her testimony, and all mathematical calculations that formed the basis of her testimony or the numbers used in her testimony. Pursuant to the Notice, Ms. Brown brought with her two six cubic foot containers of documents. TECo counsel examined the papers and withdrew the document in dispute entitled "TECO Fuel Hearing, Preparation for Deposition and Cross, Motions to Strike." Counsel for FIPUG stated that it appeared that the document from its title might constitute privileged attorney work product. Counsel for TECo responded that the privilege did not run to such documents in the possession of an expert and proceeded to examine the document.

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2. During the deposition, TECo's attorney asked the court reporter to mark the disputed item as Exhibit 3 to the deposition. At the time the request was made, FIPUG's counsel objected to the admission of the document on the grounds that it contained attorney work product and is privileged. Counsel for FIPUG said: "I'm going to object to that document on the grounds that it's attorney work product and is privileged." ¹ Prior to the deposition's conclusion, FIPUG's counsel took custody of the document marked Exhibit 3 to prevent its disclosure. Further, counsel for FIPUG explained that the document was prepared from notes taken in Ms. Brown's discussions with FIPUG's counsel, Ms. Kaufman, and that the document contained privileged, work product information.²

3. On November 4, 2003, TECo filed its Motion to Compel FIPUG to produce the privileged document. TECo raises two claims in its quest for the privileged document. First, TECo alleges that the document is not trial preparation material containing the mental impressions and theories of counsel and other party representatives. Second, TECo claims that even if the materials sought are privileged, the privilege has been waived. Both these arguments are without merit.

The Document is Work Product and is Absolutely Privileged

4. TECo claims that Ms. Brown's preparation for deposition and hearing, *based upon and prepared in consultation with FIPUG attorneys*, is not protected work product.³ TECo's position is at odds with the law and important public policy which clearly protects such materials.

5. Pursuant to Rule 1.280(b)(3), Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, materials prepared

¹ See Attachment A, Excerpts of the Deposition of Sheree L. Brown, page 16, lines 6-8.

² Attachment A, page 42, line 18- page 43, I. 4; page 44, l. 13-15.

³ The document TECo inappropriately seeks is titled "TECO Fuel Hearing, Preparation for Deposition and Cross, Motions to Strike."

in anticipation of litigation, by or for a party or its representative are absolutely protected from discovery. The rule provides that when discovery of particular materials is allowed, "*the court shall protect against* disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions or legal theories of an attorney or other representative of a party concerning the litigation." *Id.*, emphasis added. As explained in *Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company v. Deason*, 632 So.2d 1377, 1384 (Fla. 1994), such work product is generally protected from disclosure:

Opinion work product consists primarily of the attorney's mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, and theories. . . . opinion work product generally remains protected from disclosure..

6. The privileged document contains the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, theories and trial strategy of FIPUG's attorney prepared for litigation of this case. Therefore, the document is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Rule 1.280(b)(3). The fact that the document was transcribed by Ms. Brown from her handwritten notes of a telephone conversation with FIPUG counsel, and was in Ms. Brown's possession does not change the privileged nature of the document. See, Deason, 632 So.2d at 1386 (Southern Bell was allowed to redact any notes, thoughts, or impressions of its counsel from documents created by Southern Bell prior to production of the documents); Panzer v. Johnson, 384 So.2d 58, 59 (Fla. 4th DCA 1980)(the trial court was required to protect against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney concerning the litigation contained in an expert witness's trial preparation materials); Krisa v. The Equitable Life Insurance Policy, 196 F.R.D. 254, 260 (M.D. PA 2000)(notes of a telephone conversation between an expert witness and attorney that encompassed attorney's mental impressions was not subject to discovery); Moore v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, 194 F.R.D. 659 (S.D. IA 2000)(attorney opinion work product is to be protected against disclosure even when it has been shared with an expert witness in preparation for testifying at trial).

There Was No Waiver of the Work Product Privilege

7. In its second argument, based on waiver, TECo appears to admit that the document is privileged. It then argues that any such privilege has been waived because TECo was inadvertently allowed to briefly inspect the privileged document. The privileged document was in a box containing a large volume of documents, most of which were responsive to TECo's Deposition Notice request. However, the privileged document was outside the scope of TECo's Deposition Notice. It was not used in the preparation of Ms. Brown's testimony, it was not referred to in her testimony, and it did not contain any mathematical calculations that form the basis of her testimony or the numbers used in her testimony. Thus, the privileged document should not have been included among the responsive documents brought to the deposition and its brief, inadvertent disclosure when TECo counsel reviewed the large boxes of responsive documents does not result in waiver of the privilege.

8. Under Florida law, courts have determined that an inadvertent disclosure of a privileged document does not constitutes a waiver of the privilege when several factors are weighed. *See, General Motors Corporation v. McGee,* 837 So.2d 1010, 1040 (Fla. 4th DCA 2002) *rev. denied* 851 So.2d 728 (Fla. 2003); *Abamar Housing and Development, Inc. v. Lisa Daly Lady Decor, Inc.,* 698 So.2d 276, 279 (Fla. 3d DCA 1997) *rev. denied* 704 So.2d 520 (Fla. 1997). Based on the above case law, there has been no waiver of the work product privilege in the circumstances described herein.

9. The circumstances in this case do not rise to the level of a waiver because any disclosure was only brief and inadvertent. Importantly, FIPUG immediately rectified the brief, inadvertent disclosure by objecting to the admission of the exhibit both at the time it was identified and again at the conclusion of the deposition. Counsel for FIPUG retained the documents for safekeeping and to any prevent further disclosure of the document. Finally, the

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overriding interests of justice require that this document, containing the mental impressions and opinions of counsel, be protected. To do otherwise, would contravene important public policy goals governing trial preparation and strategy embodied in Rule 1.280(3)(b) which explicitly protects against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney or its representative.

WHEREFORE, the Commission TECo's motion should be denied.

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| | changed to reflect the first number shown on line 12, | 1 | in subsidies of certain subsidiaries"; is that correct? |
| 2 | page 19? | 2 | A. No, I didn't say "certain." |
| | A. Yel | 3 | Q. Okay. You said "those"; is that - |
| | Q. Any other changes to your testimony? | 4 | A. Yes, I did. |
| 5 | A. Well, as I said, this is something I haven't gone | 5 | Q. That's the change? |
| | all the way through with legal counsel yet, but I have | 6 | |
| 7 | prepared a modified table to replace the table on 26 to | 1.7 | you, that there have been subsidies from Tampa Electric to |
| 5 | reflect the change we just discussed. | 8 | other subsidiaries of TECO Energy; is that correct? |
|) | Q. Do you have that table with you? | 9 | A. Yes. |
|) | A. Yes. | 10 | Q. Can you tell me what subsidiaries have been |
| ĺ | MR. HART: Thank you. I'd like to have this table | 11 | subsidized and in what amounts? |
| 2 | marked as Exhibit No. 2, please. | 112 | |
| 5 | (Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.) | 13 | Energy, then going to TPS, if you would, as a result of the |
| ļ | BY MR. HART: | 14 | gain on the sale of HPP. And also I believe that there has |
| ; | Q. Any other changes that you're aware of? | 15 | been a subsidy related to the acquisition of the turbine |
| ; | A. Not at this time. | 16 | rights that were then subsequently canceled. |
| | | 10 | |
| 7 • | Q. Are there any other substantive changes that you're | 18 | Q. Are those the two subsidies that you're talking |
| l | considering making? | | about? |
| • | A. Not at this time. | 19 | A. Those are the two contractual relationships that I |
|) | Q. Now, in your materials you brought with you | 20 | believe resulted in subsidies. I believe there are other |
| | today - can I look at these, please? - are some additional | 21 | subsidies that are just created by the transfer of funds from |
| | documents and a written analysis of Ms. Jordan's rebuttal | 22 | Tampa Electric earnings. |
| | testimony; is that correct? | 23 | Q. Did you identify any of those in your testimony? |
| | A. Yes. | 24 | A. Specifically, no. |
| | Q. This is a document consisting of a number of pages. | 25 | Q. So that's just a general statement by you, your |
| | Page 16 | | Page 18 |
| | MR. HART: I'd like to take a short break to look | 1 | testimony doesn't support or analyze or demonstrate what |
| | at this for a second. It's got a number of pages. | 2 | those subsidies are, does it? |
| | (Brief recess was taken.) | з | A. Which subsidies? |
| | MR. HART: I would like to ask that these ten pages | 4 | Q. The ones that you're referring to other than the |
| | be marked as Composite Exhibit No. 3, please. | 5 | Hardy Power sales and the turbines that you just raised. |
| | MR. McWHIRTER: I'm going to object to that | 6 | A. I discuss the fact that there is a free flow of |
| | document on the grounds that it's attorney work product | 7 | cash created and that it also creates incentives, but I do |
| | and it's privileged. | 8 | not put numbers on it, no. |
| | (Exhibit No. 3 was marked for identification.) | 9 | Q. Well, what I want to talk about is your testimony |
| | MR. HART: The last document, Exhibit No. 3, that | 10 | on page 2, line 16 that refers to contractual relationships |
| | we just identified, I think we need to have that put | 11 | between Tampa Bleetric and other subsidiaries of TECO Energy. |
| | under seal at this point. It contains a lot of | 12 | I mean, that's what the statement refers to, doesn't it? |
| | information that's confidential | 13 | A. Yes. |
| | THE REPORTER: Yes, sir. | 14 | Q. Okay, Now, from Tampa Electric, what subsidies go |
| | MS. RODAN: This is Jennifer Rodan. What is | 15 | to what subsidiaries of TECO Energy that you're referring to |
| | | 16 | in that statement? |
| | Exhibit 3? MP. HART: It is an analysis by Mc. Brown of | 17 | |
| | MR. HART: It is an analysis by Ms. Brown of | | A. As I said before, it would be the acquisition of |
| | Ms. Jordan's rebuttal testimony. | 18 | the turbine rights, the rights to purchase the turbines, that |
| | MS. RODAN: Can you say that again? | 19 | were then subsequently exaceled, and also I believe that the |
| | MR. HART: It's an analysis by Ms. Brown of | 20 | relationship with the Hardy Power Partners created the |
| | Ms. Jordan's rebuttal testimony. | 21 | opportunity to result in the sale which subsidized TECO |
| | BY MR. HART: | 22 | Energy, to use in whatever manner they want to use it. |
| | Q. Ms. Brown, on page 2 of your testimony, you make | 23 | Q. Do you think there was or there could have been a |
| | the statement that "Contractual relationships between Tampa | 24 | subsidy from Tampa Electric to TECO Energy? |
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| 1 | felt like it was conservative compared to the purchased power | 1 | 5 | |
| 2 | costs that were atilized, which I believe Mr. Smith discusses | 2 | | |
| 3 | that it was replaced with purchased power. Those costs were | 3 | | |
| 4 | all higher than five cents. And the Commission also had used | 4 | | |
| 5 | a number of about \$52. | 5 | A. In that instance, I'm not even sure that you would | r |
| 6 | Q. Is it your testimony that you believe based on the | 6 | be replacing it with gas. You would probably be replacing it | |
| 7 | information you used that the price per kilowatt hour for gas | 7 | with purchased power, which would have an even higher cost. | |
| 8 | will be the same at different levels of generation? | 8 | That's why I shower to use the lower cost. | - |
| ° 9 | A. No, that's not my testimony. | 9 | Q. Do you have a calculation that shows the | |
| 9 10 | | | | |
| | Q. Well, whether it's higher or lower, then, for | 10 | conclusions you reached at the bottom of page 20 and the top | - |
| 11 | purposes of this discussion, you would agree that the number | 11 | of page 21 on lines 19 through line 5 on 21 - excuse me, | |
| 12 | that you've used is not the accurate number? | 12 | lize 3 on 21? | |
| 13 | A. The accurate number could only be derived by | 13 | A. Yes, it was filed with my original testimony. | |
| 14 | ranning a pro-mod or something like that to determine the | 14 | Q. Which calculation would that be? | |
| 15 | dispatch with and without Gannon. I had to use a proxy. I | 15 | A. If you look on Exhibit SLB-6, page 4 of 4. | |
| 16 | chose in use a prory of what the fuel costs were for Bayside. | 16 | MR, HART: Let's go off the record for just one | |
| 17 | Q. Do you know the megawatt hours that was used in | 17 | second. | |
| 18 | that calculation? | 18 | (Discussion was held off the record.) | |
| 19 | A. In the company's calculation of the 4.6 cents? Is | 19 | BY MR. HART: | |
| 20 | that the question? | 20 | Q. Ms. Brown, would you show me - for example, on | |
| 21 | Q. The company's - yes. | 21 | page 21 line 2, there's a number - the first number that's | |
| 22 | A. I do not have the summary with me; however, it | 22 | there, show me where that is in your calculations. | |
| 23 | would be the sum of all of the kilowatt hours shown op | 23 | A. It's the first row where it says "Total 1 through | |
| 24 | Schedule E4 for each month from January through December | 24 | 4," the far right-hand number. | |
| 25 | of Schedulz E4 of Ms. Jordan's testimony. | 25 | Q. On my copy, that secans to be the number that's on | |
| | Page 40 | | Page 42 | |
| 4 | - | 1 | | |
| 1 | Q. Let me ask it another way. In your assumption in | 2 | line 1 at the end, not the number that's on the heginning of line 2. | |
| 2 | your calculation, you assume that hat price will stay the | 3 | | |
| 3 | same if Bayside 5 is not run; is that correct? | 4 | A. Ob, Fm surry. I missurderstood you. The beginning | |
| 4 | A. I'm not following you. Bayside 5 will not run? O. Excuse me. Bayside 2. Bayside 2 is not run. | | of line 2 would be the third number over from where it says | |
| 5 | | 5 | "Total 1 to 4." That's the 2004 number, and the far right | |
| 6 | Let's start over again. Are you trying to capture | 6 | number is the 2003 number. | |
| 7 | the difference that results in fuel costs between coal and | | Q. Ckay. | |
| 8 | gas and to compare the scenario that's actually occurring | .8 .0 | MR. HART: Let's go off the record for just a | |
| 9 | with what you think would have been the costs if the units | 9 | second. | |
| | had stayed there and been run longer? | 10 | (Brief recess was taken.) | |
| | A. Yes, I'm comparing the cost of replacing Gamon | 11 | MR. HART: I think that's all the questions we have | |
| 12 | generation with gas fire generation, using the Bayside cost | ,12 | at this time. | |
| 13 | as a proxy for gas fire generation. | 13 | MR. McWHIRTER: Staff have any questions? | |
| (4 | Q. And in these calculations, you're assuming that a | 14 | MS. RODAN: No. | |
| | portion of the transportation costs can be avoided if | 15 | MR. VANDIVER: We have no questions. | |
| б | Bayside 2 is not run; is that correct? | 16 | MR. McWHIRTER: All right, FIPUG has no - I guess | |
| 17 | A. I am assuming that it is very likely that when the | 17 | you would call it cross-examination of the witness, our | |
| 8 | company doubles their gas requirements, they would also | 18 | own witness. We do, however, object to two documents | |
| 9 | change their transportation contract, and that in that | 19 | that have been marked as exhibits. Exhibit 1 is the | |
| | instance, that would make that a variable cost. | 20 | expert witness' personal notes taken in a discussion | |
| 1 | Q. Is the answer to my question you're assuming that | 21 | with the attorney in preparation for the hearing, and | |
| | that portion of the transportation costs associated with the | 22 | the second is her transcribed notes of a discussion with | |
| | gas used in Bayside 2 can be avoided if the Bayside Unit 2 is | 23 ' | Attorney Kaufman in Tallahassee concerning the use of a | 1 |
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| 13 | not run; is that correct? | 24 | deposition. | |
| 3 | - | 24 25 | deposition. We think these items are attorney work product. | |

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| 1 | The people came across them because Mrs. Brown broaght | 1 | kinds of analysis unrelated to any conversations. |
| 2 | with her two large boxes of materials, and we allowed | 2 | MR. McWHIRTER: We can extract - if that is the |
| 3 | the attorneys to go through those materials, and we | 3 | case - and I haven't looked at the document, other than |
| 4 | found work product in there. | 4 | what she has told me it is. If it is underlying facts |
| 5 | Mr. Hart assures me that the law permits you to | 5 | that she's developed independently that she bases her |
| 6 | invade attorney's work product, and Fil be pleased to | 6 | opinion on and don't arise as a result of trial |
| 7 | see his written position on that, because we may want to | 7 | preparation with the attorney, we will let you have |
| 8 | use it ourselves in the future. But if he gives us that | 8 | those. But we won't let you have invade our trial |
| 9 | information and adequately points out the law, well be | 9 | preparation activities, because that's work product and |
| , 10 | happy to furnish these two exhibits. | 10 | projection and many occurs and when product and |
| 11 | MR_HART: What do you mean "firmish these two | in | MR. HART: We have nothing else to add at this |
| 12 | exhibits"? Have you taken them back? | 12 | |
| | | ŧ. | point. |
| 13 | MR. VANDIVER: I have not entered an appearance, | 13 | (Deposition concluded at 3:00 p.m.) |
| 14 | but I would like to have the court reporter get a | 14 | |
| 15 | transcript to me at some point. The court reporter can | 15 | |
| 16 | contact me off-line. My name is Robert Vandiver. And | 16 | 1 |
| 17 | she can give me a call at her convenience. I can be | 17 | |
| 18 | reached at (850) 487-8258. | 18 | |
| 19 | THE REPORTER: Thank you. | 19 | |
| 20 | MR. VANDIVER: I'm attomey for the citizens of the | 20 | |
| 21 | state of Florida. And my address is Room \$12, 111 West | 21 | |
| 22 | Madison Street, Tallabassee, Florida 32399-1400. | 22 | |
| 23 | MR. HART. Johnny, I just object to you taking the | 23 | |
| 24 | exhibits off the table that the court reporter has | 24 | • |
| 25 | siready marked and attached to the deposition, | 25 | |
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| 1 | especially when your characterization of it it wasn't | 12 | |
| 2 | important until now - is not correct. | 3 | WITNESS' SIGNATURE PAGE |
| 3 | That document - that ten-page document includes | 4 | |
| 4 | numerous analysis by your expert witness regarding her | 5 | I have read the foregoing pages, and, |
| | testimony and what she intends to say and what she | | |
| 5 | - | 6 | except for any changes or |
| 6 | intends to testify to and why, and that's not work | 6 7 | except for any changes or amendments I have indicated on the |
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