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> Re: Review of Tampa Electric Company's waterborne transportation contract

with TECO Transport and associated benchmark; FPSC Docket No.

031033-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of TECO Transport Company's Reply to The Office of Public Counsel's Response to the Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum, and Request for Oral Argument.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to the undersigned.

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Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

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

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of Tampa Electric Company's)
Waterborne transportation contract with
TECO Transport and associated benchmark.

DOCKET NO. 031033-EI FILED: January 30, 2004

TECO TRANSPORT CORPORATION'S REPLY TO THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO QUASH SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM AND REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

TECO Transport Corporation (TECO Transport), a non-party to the above entitled and numbered proceeding, files its reply to statements made by the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) in its response to TECO Transport's Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum, and states:

- 1. OPC's response fails to address the arguments made and precedent cited in TECO Transport's motion. OPC's response simply cites two orders from the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) that address motions filed to compel a <u>party</u> to produce documents in the party's possession that are relevant to the Commission's inquiry. <u>See</u> Order No. PSC-01-1725-PCO-EI; Order No. PSC-01-2475-PCO-EI. Neither order addresses the present situation where the OPC has served a <u>nonparty</u> with a broad subpoena requesting information that is entirely irrelevant to the Commission's inquiry.
- 2. OPC's response states that OPC requested the broad array of information from TECO Transport based on a concern that TECO Transport could be using revenue derived from Tampa Electric Company to "subsidize" its business with other customers. See OPC's Response ¶ 3 ("The concern here is that the regulated entity revenues could be used to subsidize the non-regulated business."). OPC's concern, however, has nothing to do with this Commission's present inquiry. This Commission's present inquiry concerns the reasonableness of what Tampa

Electric Company pays for waterborne transportation services under the terms of the contract with TECO Transport, and whether the benchmark used to determine that payment should be revisited. This Commission's inquiry does not concern what TECO Transport's nonregulated customers pay for waterborne transportation services. If OPC is seeking an open market pricing comparison for waterborne transportation services, it should do so though proper and less invasive means (such as through its own industry expert), without forcing TECO Transport to expend tremendous resources and compromise its position in this highly competitive industry.

- 3. Although OPC recognizes the unreasonableness and oppressiveness of its subpoena by offering "to reduce the volume of information," OPC provides no guidance as to how it could make its request reasonable under the circumstances of this proceeding. Offering to accept reducted records does not eliminate the unreasonableness and oppressiveness of an expansive subpoena that requests irrelevant information from a nonparty, especially when disclosure of any such information will undoubtedly harm the nonparty's legitimate business interests. See Naples Cmty. Hosp., Inc v. State, 687 So. 2d 62, 63-64 (Fla. 1st DCA 1997). The act of reducting the requested information would alone require hundreds of hours of manpower even if the actual volume of information requested is reduced.
- 4. TECO Transport reiterates that it is not a party to the above-entitled proceeding and is not regulated by the Commission. By filing this reply, TECO Transport does not subject itself to the Commission's jurisdiction and does not waive any objections to the Commission's jurisdiction over TECO Transport.
- TECO Transport respectfully requests an opportunity to present oral argument regarding this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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