

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Review of Tampa Electric Company's)
Waterborne transportation contract with) DOCKET NO. 031033-EI
TECO Transport and associated benchmark.) FILED: February 20, 2004
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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests an opportunity to present oral argument in support of the company's Motion for Reconsideration or Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Motion to Compel and, in support thereof, says:

Oral argument on Tampa Electric's Motion will assist the Commission in its consideration of such Motion by affording Tampa Electric an opportunity to explain and respond to Commission questions concerning the importance of observing the corporate boundaries of separate corporate affiliates which is a central issue addressed in the Motion. Oral argument will also enable Tampa Electric to explain and respond to Commission questions regarding the efficiencies associated with a bifurcated disposition of the issues in this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests an opportunity to present oral argument in support of the above-entitled Motion.

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DATED this 20th day of February 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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