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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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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

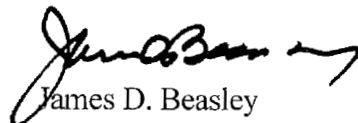
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Specified Confidential Classification regarding certain highlighted information contained in portions of its responses to Staff's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-15).

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

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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Enclosure

cc: Wm. Cochran Keating IV (w/enc.)
All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

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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: March 24, 2004
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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification of certain highlighted information contained in portions of its Responses to First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-15) of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff (the "Confidential Information"). A single copy of the above production answers was filed with a Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification of Information on March 3, 2004. The Confidential Information is contained in Tampa Electric's responses to Production of Documents Nos. 10, 11 and 13. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a justification for designating the Confidential Information proprietary confidential business information under the above-referenced statute and rule.

1. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that any records "found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s.119.07(1) [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act]." The proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

(d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. (Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes)

2. Proprietary confidential business information also includes:

(e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. (Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes)

3. The Confidential Information falls within the above statutory categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006.

4. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been disclosed.

5. The request for confidential classification is intended to serve as Tampa Electric's motion for a protective order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests that the highlighted Confidential Information set forth in its Responses to First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 10, 11 and 13) of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth above.

DATED this 24th day of March 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Request for Specified Confidential Treatment, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 24th day of March 2004 to the following:

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF PORTIONS OF
TAMPA ELECTRIC'S RESPONSES TO STAFF'S FIRST
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (FILED MARCH 3, 2004)**

<u>Bates Stamp Page No.</u>	<u>POD No.</u>	<u>Detailed Description</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
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32-47	13	All of the Information on the Listed Pages	(2)

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- (1) The information contained on the listed pages contains the proprietary work product of Tampa Electric's consultant, Dibner Maritime Associates LLC or "DMA". The disclosure of this information could allow duplication of the consultant's work without compensation for the consultant's efforts to gather and update the information and develop methods of analysis. This information is in the nature of a trade secret owned by DMA. It is also in the nature of information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair DMA's competitive business interests by diminishing the demand for DMA's proprietary work product. As such, the information in question is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093 (3)(a) and (e), Florida Statutes.
- (2) The information contained on the listed pages contains Tampa Electric's evaluation of bid information provided in response to Tampa Electric's currently active solicitation to purchase coal. Disclosing bidders' identities and the information included in their confidential proposals would discourage those bidders from participation in future RFPs as they do not desire for their competitors to have access to the terms and conditions under which they will bid. The contract rates that will be paid for transportation services under Tampa Electric's contract with TECO Transport that took effect January 1 are also shown on these pages. This information is competitive contractual information, the disclosure of which would be harmful to the position of TECO Transport in negotiating future contracts with other clients. Disclosing this information would also harm Tampa Electric's position in determining rates for future transportation contracts since the providers bid responses might be influenced if they had knowledge of the previous or current contract rates. As such public disclosure of the information contained on these pages would adversely affect the competitive interests of TECO Transport, the bidders and the ability of Tampa Electric to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. The disclosure of this information would therefore be harmful to competitive interests, and as such, the information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093(d) and (e), Florida Statutes.