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Ms. Ann Cole, Director Office of Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Re: Petition by Tampa Electric Company for Approval to Modify its Renewable Energy Program

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Approval to Modify its Renewable Energy Program.

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.

JDB/pp Enclosure Sincerely,

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James D. Beasley

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by Tampa Electric) Company for Approval to Modify Its) Renewable Energy Program) DOCKET NO. **080367** Filed: June 23, 2008

PETITION BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY <u>RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM</u>

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") pursuant to Section 366.075, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-17.015 (4) and (5), Florida Administrative Code, files this petition with the Florida Public Service Commission ("the Commission") for approval of a modification to the company's Renewable Energy Program which would allow for increased customer participation and in support thereof states:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner are as follows:

Tampa Electric Company Post Office Box 111 Tampa, FL 33601 (813) 228-4111 (813) 228-1770 (fax)

2. Tampa Electric requests that copies of all pleadings, orders, notices and other documents submitted in this proceeding be furnished to the following:

Paula Brown Administrator, Regulatory Coordination Tampa Electric Company Post Office Box 111 Tampa, FL 33601 (813) 228-1934 (813) 228-1770 (fax) Lee L. Willis James D. Beasley Ausley & McMullen Post Office Box 391 Tallahassee, FL 32302 (850) 224-9115 (850) 222-7952 (fax)

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3. In this petition, Tampa Electric seeks (a) approval of allowing customers the opportunity to make one time purchases of renewable energy through the company's Renewable Energy Program, and (b) approval of the Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6.400 Renewable Energy Rider, which is attached in standard and legislative format.

Background

4. In Docket No. 060678-EG, Order No. PSC-06-1063-TRF-EG, issued on December 26, 2006, the Commission approved the company's pilot renewable energy program and renewable energy tariff for permanency. Tampa Electric's Renewable Energy Program is a voluntary program through which all customers have the option to purchase an unlimited quantity of 200 kWh blocks of renewable energy at the rate of \$5.00 per block. Customers are asked to maintain a minimum term of service of one year. All of the company's renewable energy for its program is produced locally or within the state of Florida and is derived from photovoltaic arrays, biomass fuel or landfill gas. In accordance with the above referenced order, program revenues and expenses are recorded in accounts associated with Tampa Electric's Energy Conservation Cost ("ECCR") clause.

5. Since becoming a permanent, voluntary program, Tampa Electric has experienced a rapid increase in program participation. Through May 2008, a total of 3,143 customers are participating through the monthly purchase of 4,169 blocks of renewable energy. This equates to the purchase of almost 1,000,000 kWh of renewable energy each month and the volume is steadily growing. Many of the more recent participants are commercial customers who are seeking to make an environmental difference in the communities in which they reside.

Proposal

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6. Since early 2008, Tampa Electric has received numerous inquiries from commercial and residential customers as to the possibility of making one time purchases of renewable energy on a periodic basis for less than the one year minimum term of service. The commercial customers include convention centers, hotels that have large scale conference facilities and sporting event venues that regularly host clients wanting the energy consumed during their events to be renewable. Additionally, residential customers have inquired as to the ability to make a one time annual purchase of a block of renewable energy in order to make one annual payment for that purchase rather than monthly payments.

7. Responding to the customers' inquiries and expressed interest, Tampa Electric is requesting the elimination of the one year term of service required under the current program thereby allowing the various facilities hosting conferences to be able to purchase locally produced renewable energy on a one time basis for their environmentally conscious clients who request that option. The amount of renewable energy purchased for any upcoming event will be determined through facility billing history and in consultation with Tampa Electric and the specific conference facility. Attached as Exhibits A and B to this petition is the Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6.400 Renewable Energy Program in standard and legislative formats, respectively.

8. This program modification can be implemented almost immediately upon Commission approval of Tampa Electric's request. The minor programming change to the company's billing system has been identified and can be facilitated quickly and seamlessly.

9. The requested modification to Tampa Electric's Renewable Energy Program will have the same purposes as the company's current program, namely, to increase renewable energy

production in the state of Florida and to increase the number of options available to customers wanting to be environmentally sensitive to their clients and the surrounding communities.

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10. The proposed program modification will enable organizations conducting conventions, meetings and other events to publicize the fact that their event utilizes renewable energy, thereby promoting the concept in a positive way. It will also provide a renewable energy option to residential customers who might not be in a position to participate on a regular monthly basis.

11. Tampa Electric will continue to abide by Order No. PSC-06-1063-TRF-EG for the tracking of program revenues and expenses through the ECCR clause.

12. Tampa Electric's requested modification to its Renewable Energy Program is timely and consistent with the Florida Legislature's and Governor's initiatives of increasing renewable energy production within the state. The requested modification also aligns well with the Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act by promoting the development of renewable energy. Program administration, costs, revenues and activity levels will continue to be monitored and yield measurable results.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests the Commission to grant approval of these modifications to its Renewable Energy Program and Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6.400 Renewable Energy Program. It is further requested that the effective date of the modification be immediately after Commission approval so as to quickly expedite customer requests that are anticipated in the near future. DATED this 23rd day of June, 2008.

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Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

Tampa Electric Company Exhibit A Proposed Tariff Sheet – Standard Format

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FOURTH REVISED SHEET NO. 6.400 CANCELS THIRD REVISED SHEET NO. 6.400

RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAM (OPTIONAL)

SCHEDULE: RE

RATE CODE: 910

AVAILABLE: To all customers served throughout the Company's service area.

<u>APPLICABLE</u>: Applicable, upon request, to all customers in conjunction with all standard rates. Customer billing will start on the next billing cycle following receipt of the service request.

<u>CHARACTER OF SERVICE</u>: Renewable Energy Rider customers will be served from the existing electrical system. Customers may purchase 200 kWh blocks of renewable energy produced at or purchased from photovoltaic facilities, facilities utilizing biomass fuel, and/or specifically delivered from other clean, renewable energy sources. The renewable energy may not be delivered to the customer, but will displace energy that would have otherwise been produced from traditional fossil fuels.

LIMITATION OF SERVICE: Customers requesting service under the rider will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis subject to availability of renewable energy. If additional renewable energy is not available, customers requesting service under the optional rider may request to be put on a waiting list until additional renewable energy can be secured to serve request.

MONTHLY RATE: \$5.00 per 200 kWh premium in addition to charges applied under otherwise applicable rate schedules.

<u>TERM OF SERVICE</u>: Service under the RE rider shall be for a minimum term of one (1) billing period.

DATE EFFECTIVE:

Tampa Electric Company Exhibit B Proposed Tariff Sheet – Legislative Format



FOURTH THIRD REVISED SHEET NO. 6.400 CANCELS THIRD SECOND REVISED SHEET NO. 6.400

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ISSUED BY: C. R. Black, President