BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR PROPOSED ELECTRICAL POWER PLANT

TO

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 120234-EI

PETITION TO DETERMINE NEED FOR POLK 2-5 COMBINED CYCLE CONVERSION, BY TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

ISSUED: September 19, 2012

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule 25-22.080(3), Florida Administrative Code, that the Florida Public Service Commission has received a petition from Tampa Electric Company (TECO) for a determination of need for Polk 2-5 combined cycle conversion. TECO proposes to construct Polk 2-5, a natural gas combined cycle power plant, at the Polk Power Station, a 2,800-acre site located in Polk County, Florida, 40 miles southeast of Tampa. Polk 2-5 will allow TECO to meet a projected need for additional generating resources that begins in 2017 and increase each year thereafter. This matter has been assigned Commission Docket No. 120234-EI.

Copies of the petition and supporting documentation are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location:

Florida Public Service Commission Office of Commission Clerk Room 110, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

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The final hearing in this docket has been scheduled for December 12, 2012.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>19th</u> day of <u>September</u>, <u>2012</u>.

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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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