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

Re: Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Expedited Approval of Asset Optimization Incentive Mechanism; FPSC Docket No. 130024-EI

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Motion to Hold Petition in Abeyance.

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: Ms. Martha F. Barrera (w/enc.)
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for expedited approval of)
asset optimization incentive mechanism by)
by Tampa Electric Company.)
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DOCKET NO. 130024-EI

FILED: May 30, 2013

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
MOTION TO HOLD PETITION IN ABEYANCE**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") moves the Commission for entry of an order holding in abeyance Tampa Electric's Petition in this proceeding and, as grounds therefor, says:

1. On January 23, 2013 Tampa Electric filed its Petition in this proceeding seeking expedited approval of an asset optimization incentive mechanism. That proposal was patterned after the incentive mechanism proposed by Florida Power & Light Company and approved by the Commission in January of this year.¹ Tampa Electric sought expedited approval in light of the Commission's determination that the similar FPL incentive mechanism was appropriate and in the public interest.

2. Tampa Electric's proposal came before the Commission at its April 25 Agenda Conference. After considerable discussion by the Commission and input from other interested persons, the matter was deferred until the June 25, 2013 Agenda to afford Staff the opportunity to address matters raised during the Agenda Conference discussion.

3. Tampa Electric continues to assert that its proposed incentive mechanism is appropriate and in the public interest and, if implemented, will likely stimulate significant incremental benefits for its retail customers. However, the company is mindful of the issues

¹ Order No. PSC-13-0023-S-EI issued January 14, 2013 in Docket No. 120015-EI.

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raised by the Commission and interested persons at the April 25 Agenda Conference. Given these considerations and the pendency of a number of other dockets and proceedings commanding the attention of the Commission, Tampa Electric and other participants, it appears to makes sense to hold this proceeding in abeyance beyond the targeted June Agenda Conference. Doing so may give Tampa Electric and other interested parties an opportunity to fashion a resolution of the issues that have been raised and perhaps come back to the Commission with a compromise that is beneficial to all concerned.

4. Holding the company's Petition in abeyance will also enable the Commission and all affected persons to focus needed attention on other pending proceedings and, at the same time, preserve the issues raised in the company's Petition so that they may be addressed and ultimately resolved.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company moves the Commission for entry of an order holding the company's Petition in abeyance beyond the June 25 Agenda Conference date. Once Tampa Electric has had an opportunity to discuss its proposed incentive mechanism with the other interested parties the company will report back to the Commission regarding the status of this matter.

DATED this 30th day of May 2013.

Respectfully submitted,



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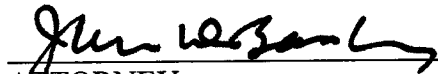
ATTORNEYS FOR TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been served by hand delivery (*) or U. S. Mail on this 30th day of May, 2013 to the following:

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