



**BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DOCKET NO. 20210007-EI**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY FACTORS**

**PROJECTIONS**

**JANUARY 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 2022**

**TESTIMONY  
OF  
BYRON T. BURROWS**

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6   **Q.**   Please state your name, address, occupation, and  
7           employer.

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9   **A.**   My name is Byron T. Burrows. My business address is 702  
10           North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed  
11           by Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "company")  
12           as Director, Environmental Services Department.

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14   **Q.**   Please provide a brief outline of your educational  
15           background and business experience.

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17   **A.**   I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil  
18           Engineering from the University of South Florida in 1995.  
19           I have been a Registered Professional Engineer in the  
20           state of Florida since 1999. Prior to joining Tampa  
21           Electric, I worked in environmental consulting for  
22           sixteen years. In January 2001, I joined TECO Power  
23           Services as Manager-Environmental with primary  
24           responsibility for all power plant environmental  
25           permitting, and I have primarily worked in the areas of

1 environmental, health and safety. In 2005, I became  
2 Manager of Air Programs. My responsibilities included air  
3 permitting and compliance related matters. In 2020, I was  
4 promoted to my current position, Director of  
5 Environmental Services. My responsibilities include the  
6 development and administration of the company's  
7 environmental policies and goals. I am also responsible  
8 for ensuring resources, procedures, and programs comply  
9 with applicable environmental requirements, and that  
10 rules and polices are in place, function properly, and  
11 are consistently applied throughout the company.

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13 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?  
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15 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to demonstrate that the  
16 activities for which Tampa Electric seeks cost recovery  
17 through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause ("ECRC")  
18 for the January 2022 through December 2022 projection  
19 period are activities related to programs previously  
20 approved by the Commission for recovery through the ECRC.  
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22 **Q.** Please provide an overview of the environmental  
23 compliance requirements that are the result of the Consent  
24 Final Judgment ("CFJ") entered into with the Florida  
25 Department of Environmental Protection ("FDEP") and the

1 Consent Decree ("CD") lodged with the U.S. Environmental  
2 Protection Agency ("EPA") and the Department of Justice  
3 ("the Orders").  
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5 **A.** The general requirements of the Orders provide for further  
6 reductions of sulfur dioxide ("SO<sub>2</sub>"), particulate matter  
7 ("PM") and nitrogen oxides ("NO<sub>x</sub>") emissions at Big Bend  
8 Station. Tampa Electric has implemented the requirements  
9 of the Orders, and now these agreements have been  
10 terminated by the corresponding court systems. The  
11 ongoing requirements of these projects, which are further  
12 described later in my testimony, are now part of the Big  
13 Bend Title V operating permit (0570039-128-AV). The  
14 projects that are now required under the operating permit  
15 are listed below.

- 16 • Big Bend Particulate Matter ("PM") Minimization  
17 Program
- 18 • Big Bend NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Reduction Program
- 19 • Big Bend Units 1 - 3 Pre-Selective Catalytic  
20 Reduction ("SCR") Projects
- 21 • Big Bend Units 1 - 4 SCR Projects

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23 **Q.** Does the termination of the Orders change any of the  
24 environmental compliance requirements applicable to the  
25 company's generating units?

1 **A.** No, the termination of the Orders does not change any of  
2 the environmental compliance requirements applicable to  
3 the company's generating units. The requirements of the  
4 Orders are now part of the Title V operating permit.

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6 **Q.** Please describe the Big Bend PM Minimization and  
7 Monitoring program activities and provide the estimated  
8 capital and O&M expenditures for the period of January  
9 2022 through December 2022.

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11 **A.** The Big Bend PM Minimization and Monitoring Program was  
12 approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20001186-EI,  
13 Order No. PSC-2000-2104-PAA-EI, issued November 6, 2000.  
14 In the order, the Commission found that the program met  
15 the requirements for recovery through the ECRC. Tampa  
16 Electric had previously identified various projects to  
17 improve precipitator performance and reduce PM emissions  
18 as required by the Orders. Tampa Electric does not  
19 anticipate any capital expenditures for this program  
20 during 2022; however, the O&M expenses associated with  
21 existing and recently installed Best Operating Practice  
22 ("BOP") and Best Available Control Technology ("BACT")  
23 equipment and continued implementation of the BOP  
24 procedures are expected to be \$259,560.

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1 **Q.** Please describe the Big Bend NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Reduction  
2 program activities and provide the estimated capital and  
3 O&M expenses for the period of January 2022 through  
4 December 2022.

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6 **A.** The Big Bend NO<sub>x</sub> Emission Reduction program was approved  
7 by the Commission in Docket No. 20001186-EI, Order No.  
8 PSC-2000-2104-PAA-EI, issued November 6, 2000. In the  
9 order, the Commission found that the program met the  
10 requirements for recovery through the ECRC. Tampa  
11 Electric does not anticipate any capital expenditures for  
12 this program in 2022; however, the company will perform  
13 maintenance on the previously approved and installed NO<sub>x</sub>  
14 reduction equipment. This activity is expected to result  
15 in approximately \$2,089 of O&M expenses during 2022.

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17 **Q.** Please describe the Big Bend Units 1 through 3 Pre-SCR  
18 and the Big Bend Units 1 through 4 SCR projects and  
19 provide estimated capital and O&M expenditures for the  
20 period of January 2022 through December 2022.

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22 **A.** In Docket No. 20040750-EI, Order No. PSC-2004-0986-PAA-  
23 EI, issued October 11, 2004, the Commission approved cost  
24 recovery of the Big Bend Units 1 through 3 Pre-SCR and  
25 the Big Bend Unit 4 SCR projects. The Big Bend Units 1

1 through 3 SCR projects were approved by the Commission in  
2 Docket No. 20041376-EI, Order No. PSC-2005-0502-PAA-EI,  
3 issued May 9, 2005. The purpose of the Pre-SCR  
4 technologies is to reduce inlet NO<sub>x</sub> concentrations to the  
5 SCR systems, thereby mitigating overall SCR capital and  
6 O&M expenses. Those Pre-SCR technologies include windbox  
7 modifications, secondary air controls, and coal/air flow  
8 controls. The SCR projects at Big Bend Unit 1 through 4  
9 encompass the design, procurement, installation, and  
10 annual O&M expenses associated with an SCR system for  
11 each unit. The SCR for Big Bend Units 1 through 4 were  
12 placed in service April 2010, September 2009, July 2008,  
13 and May 2007, respectively.

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15 For the period of January 2022 through December 2022,  
16 there are not any capital or O&M expenditures anticipated  
17 for the Big Bend Units 1 through 3 Pre-SCR projects. There  
18 are not any anticipated capital expenditures for the Big  
19 Bend Units 1 through 4 SCR. There are no O&M expenses  
20 anticipated for Big Bend Unit 1 SCR and Big Bend Unit 2  
21 SCR. The O&M expenses are projected to be \$372,522 for  
22 Big Bend Unit 3 SCR, and \$1,397,376 for Big Bend Unit 4  
23 SCR. These expenses are primarily associated with ammonia  
24 purchases and maintenance.

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1   **Q.**   Please identify and describe the other Commission-  
2       approved programs, or those pending Commission approval,  
3       that you will discuss.

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5   **A.**   The programs previously approved or pending approval by  
6       the Commission that I will discuss include the following  
7       projects:

- 8       1)   Big Bend Unit 3 Flue Gas Desulfurization ("FGD")  
9           Integration.
- 10       2)   Big Bend Units 1 and 2 FGD
- 11       3)   Gannon Thermal Discharge Study
- 12       4)   Bayside SCR Consumables
- 13       5)   Clean Water Act Section 316(b) Phase II Study
- 14       6)   Big Bend FGD System Reliability
- 15       7)   Arsenic Groundwater Standard
- 16       8)   Mercury and Air Toxics Standards ("MATS")
- 17       9)   Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Reduction Program
- 18       10)  Big Bend Gypsum Storage Facility
- 19       11)  Coal Combustion Residuals ("CCR") Rule
- 20       12)  Big Bend Unit 1 Section 316(b) Impingement Mortality
- 21       13)  Big Bend Effluent Limitations Guidelines ("ELG")  
22           Rule Compliance
- 23       14)  Bayside Section 316(b) Compliance (pending approval  
24           in Docket No. 20210087-EI, filed on April 21, 2021)

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1     **Q.**     Please describe the Big Bend Unit 3 FGD Integration and  
2             the Big Bend Units 1 and 2 FGD activities and provide the  
3             estimated capital and O&M expenditures for the period of  
4             January 2022 through December 2022.

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6     **A.**     The Big Bend Unit 3 FGD Integration program was approved  
7             by the Commission in Docket No. 19960688-EI, Order No.  
8             PSC-1996-1048-FOF-EI, issued August 14, 1996. The Big  
9             Bend Units 1 and 2 FGD program was approved by the  
10            Commission in Docket No. 19980693-EI, Order No. PSC-1999-  
11            0075-FOF-EI, issued January 11, 1999. In these orders,  
12            the Commission found that the programs met the  
13            requirements for recovery through the ECRC. The programs  
14            were implemented to meet the SO<sub>2</sub> emission requirements of  
15            the Phase I and II Clean Air Act Amendments ("CAAA") of  
16            1990. Portions of Big Bend Units 1 & 2 FGD will be retired  
17            as part of the Big Bend Modernization project. Specific  
18            treatment of the retired ECRC assets is being addressed  
19            in the company's current general base rate proceeding,  
20            Docket No. 20210034-EI, filed on April 9, 2021.

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22            The company does not anticipate any capital or O&M  
23            expenditures during January 2022 through December 2022  
24            for the Big Bend Unit 3 FGD Integration project, nor any  
25            capital or O&M expenditures for the Big Bend Units 1 & 2

1 FGD project during January 2022 through December 2022.

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3 **Q.** Please describe the Gannon Thermal Discharge Study  
4 program activities and provide the estimated O&M  
5 expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
6 December 2022.

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8 **A.** The Gannon Thermal Discharge Study program was approved  
9 by the Commission in Docket No. 20010593-EI, Order No.  
10 PSC-2001-1847-PAA-EI, issued September 14, 2001. In that  
11 order, the Commission found that the program met the  
12 requirements for recovery through the ECRC. For the period  
13 of January 2022 through December 2022, there are not any  
14 projected O&M expenditures for this program. In the intent  
15 to issue the permit renewal, dated August 9, 2013, FDEP  
16 indicated that the proposed NPDES permit authorizes a  
17 thermal variance under Section 316(a) of the Clean Water  
18 Act for the permit period. Bayside Power Station applied  
19 for renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge  
20 Elimination System ("NPDES") Permit in February 2018, and  
21 the permit is still pending. If a thermal study is  
22 required, Tampa Electric will incur O&M expenses and will  
23 include them in the true-up filing.

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25 **Q.** Please describe the Bayside SCR Consumables program

1 activities and provide the estimated O&M expenditures for  
2 the period of January 2022 through December 2022.

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4 **A.** The Bayside SCR Consumables program was approved by the  
5 Commission in Docket No. 20021255-EI, Order No. PSC-2003-  
6 0469-PAA-EI, issued April 4, 2003. For the period of  
7 January 2022 through December 2022, Tampa Electric  
8 projects O&M expenses associated with the consumable  
9 goods, primarily anhydrous ammonia, to be approximately  
10 \$151,000.

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12 **Q.** Please describe the Clean Water Act Section 316(b) Phase  
13 II Study Program activities and provide the estimated O&M  
14 expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
15 December 2022.

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17 **A.** The Clean Water Act Section 316(b) ("Section 316(b)") Phase  
18 II Study program was approved by the Commission in Docket  
19 No. 20041300-EI, Order No. PSC-2005-0164-PAA-EI, issued  
20 February 10, 2005. The final rule adopted under Section  
21 316(b), the Cooling Water Intake Structures ("CWIS") Rule,  
22 became effective October 14, 2014. The rule establishes  
23 requirements for CWIS at existing facilities. Section  
24 316(b) requires that the location, design, construction,  
25 and capacity of CWIS reflect the best technology available

1 ("BTA") for minimizing adverse environmental impacts. Tampa  
2 Electric is working with the regulating authority to  
3 determine the scheduling for biological, financial, and  
4 technical study elements necessary to comply with the rule.  
5 These elements will ultimately be used by the regulating  
6 authority to determine the necessity of cooling water  
7 system retrofits.

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9 At this time, CWIS Rule compliance alternatives for Bayside  
10 Power Station have been evaluated. The biological,  
11 financial, and technical study elements have been completed  
12 for Bayside Power Station and submitted with the station's  
13 NPDES permit renewal application in February 2018. Selected  
14 cost effective BTA retrofits for impingement mortality  
15 reduction include the installation of screening facilities.

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17 The estimated Clean Water Act Section 316(b) Phase II Study  
18 related O&M expenses for Big Bend Station and Bayside Power  
19 Station for the period January 2022 through December 2022  
20 are \$10,150.

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22 For Big Bend Unit 1, which will be repowered to a clean,  
23 natural gas-fired combined cycle unit, the permit will  
24 require installation of impingement mortality controls.  
25 Therefore, in Order No. PSC-2018-0594-FOF-EI, issued on

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December 20, 2018, the Commission approved cost recovery for the Big Bend Unit 1 Section 316(b) Impingement Mortality project.

The estimated O&M expense for NPDES Annual Surveillance Fees for Big Bend, Bayside, and Polk generating plants for the period January 2022 through December 2022 are \$34,500.

**Q.** Are other plants expected to require retrofits to comply with Section 316(b)?

**A.** Yes. As stated earlier and outlined in the company's Bayside Power Station Section 316(b) Compliance petition, filed with the Commission on April 21, 2021, in Docket No. 20210087-EI, Tampa Electric plans to install traveling screens to reduce impingement mortality to comply with Section 316(b).

**Q.** Please describe the Big Bend Unit 1 Section 316(b) Impingement Mortality project activities and provide the estimated capital and O&M expenditures for the period of January 2022 through December 2022.

**A.** The Big Bend Unit 1 Section 316(b) Impingement Mortality project was approved by the Commission in Docket No.

1 20180007-EI, Order No. PSC-2018-0594-FOF-EI, issued  
2 December 20, 2018. In that order, the Commission found that  
3 the program met the requirements for recovery through the  
4 ECRC and granted Tampa Electric cost recovery for prudently  
5 incurred costs. For the period of January 2022 through  
6 December 2022, Tampa Electric projects capital expenditures  
7 for the Big Bend Unit 1 Section 316(b) Impingement Mortality  
8 Project to be \$1,705,374. There are no O&M expenses  
9 anticipated for 2022.

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11 **Q.** Please describe the Bayside Section 316(b) Compliance  
12 project activities and provide the estimated capital and  
13 O&M expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
14 December 2022.

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16 **A.** The Bayside Section 316(b) Compliance project petition was  
17 filed with the Commission on April 21, 2021, in Docket No.  
18 20210087-EI. The petition relates to impingement mortality  
19 reduction methods to be applied to comply with the EPA rule.  
20 The petition is currently pending approval. For the period  
21 of January 2022 through December 2022, Tampa Electric  
22 projects capital expenditures for the Bayside Section  
23 316(b) Compliance Project to be \$5,689,564. There are no  
24 O&M expenses anticipated during 2022.

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1 **Q.** Please describe the Big Bend FGD System Reliability  
2 program activities and provide the estimated capital  
3 expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
4 December 2022.

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6 **A.** Tampa Electric's Big Bend FGD System Reliability program  
7 was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20050958-EI,  
8 Order No. PSC-2006-0602-PAA-EI, issued July 10, 2006. The  
9 Commission granted approval for prudent costs associated  
10 with this project. For the period of January 2022 through  
11 December 2022, there are no anticipated capital  
12 expenditures for this project.

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14 **Q.** Please describe the Arsenic Groundwater Standard program  
15 activities and provide the estimated O&M expenditures for  
16 the period of January 2022 through December 2022.

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18 **A.** The Arsenic Groundwater Standard program was approved by  
19 the Commission in Docket No. 20050683-EI, Order No. PSC-  
20 2006-0138-PAA-EI, issued February 23, 2006. In that  
21 order, the Commission found that the program met the  
22 requirements for recovery through the ECRC and granted  
23 Tampa Electric cost recovery for prudently incurred  
24 costs. This groundwater standard applies to Tampa  
25 Electric's Bayside, Big Bend, and Polk Power Stations. A

1 detailed plan of study was submitted to the FDEP, and  
2 after reviewing the study, FDEP requested a site wide  
3 groundwater evaluation. Tampa Electric submitted the  
4 results of this evaluation in 2020 and a proposal for  
5 modification of the site groundwater monitoring network  
6 to evaluate ongoing compliance. The proposal is under  
7 review by FDEP. Once FDEP completes its review, additional  
8 O&M expenses may be incurred if additional monitoring and  
9 assessment are required. For the period of January 2022  
10 through December 2022, the anticipated O&M expenses  
11 associated with the program are \$37,080.

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13 **Q.** Please describe the MATS program activities.

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15 **A.** The MATS program was approved by the Commission in Docket  
16 No. 20120302-EI, Order No. PSC-2013-0191-PAA-EI, issued  
17 May 6, 2013. In that order, the Commission found that the  
18 program met the requirements for recovery through the ECRC  
19 and granted Tampa Electric approval for cost recovery of  
20 prudently incurred costs. Additionally, the Commission  
21 granted the subsumption of the previously approved CAMR  
22 program into the MATS program.

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24 On February 8, 2008, the Washington D.C. Circuit Court  
25 vacated EPA's rule removing power plants from the Clean

1 Air Act list of regulated sources of hazardous air  
2 pollutants under Section 112. At the same time, the court  
3 vacated the Clean Air Mercury Rule. On May 3, 2011, the  
4 EPA published a new proposed rule for mercury and other  
5 hazardous air pollutants according to the National  
6 Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants section  
7 of the Clean Air Act. On February 16, 2012, the EPA  
8 published the final rule for MATS. The rule revised the  
9 mercury limits and provided more flexible monitoring and  
10 record keeping requirements. Additionally, monitoring of  
11 acid gases and particulate matter is required. Compliance  
12 with the rule began on April 16, 2015. Tampa Electric is  
13 currently meeting or exceeding the standards required by  
14 the MATS rule for mercury, particulate matter, and acid  
15 gases at Polk Power Station and Big Bend Power Station.

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17 **Q.** Please provide MATS program estimated capital and O&M  
18 expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
19 December 2022.

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21 **A.** For 2022, Tampa Electric does not anticipate capital  
22 expenditures under the MATS program. O&M expenditures are  
23 projected to be approximately \$2,000 for testing  
24 requirements and equipment maintenance.

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1 **Q.** Please describe the GHG Reduction program activities and  
2 provide the estimated O&M expenditures for the period of  
3 January 2022 through December 2022.

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5 **A.** Tampa Electric's GHG Reduction program, which was  
6 approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20090508-EI,  
7 Order No. PSC-2010-0157-PAA-EI, issued March 22, 2010, is  
8 a result of the EPA's GHG Mandatory Reporting Rule  
9 requiring annual reporting of greenhouse gas emissions.  
10 Tampa Electric was required to report greenhouse gas  
11 emissions for the first time in 2011. Reporting for the  
12 EPA's GHG Mandatory Reporting Rule will continue in 2022.  
13 For 2022, there are no O&M expenditures anticipated.

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15 **Q.** Please describe the Big Bend Gypsum Storage Facility  
16 activities and provide the estimated capital and O&M  
17 expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
18 December 2022.

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20 **A.** The Big Bend Gypsum Storage Facility program was approved  
21 by the Commission in Docket No. 20110262-EI, Order No.  
22 PSC-2012-0493-PAA-EI, issued September 26, 2012. In that  
23 order, the Commission found that the program meets the  
24 requirements for recovery through the ECRC. For 2022,  
25 Tampa Electric does not anticipate capital expenditures;

1           however, the projected O&M expenses for this program are  
2           expected to be \$1,213,236.

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4           **Q.** Please describe the company's EPA CCR Rule compliance  
5           activities and provide the estimated capital and O&M  
6           expenditures for the period of January 2022 through  
7           December 2022.

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9           **A.** On April 17, 2015, the EPA issued a final rule to regulate  
10          CCR as non-hazardous waste under Subtitle D of the  
11          Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). The  
12          rule, which became effective on October 19, 2015, covers  
13          all operational CCR disposal facilities, as well as  
14          inactive impoundments which contain CCR and liquids. The  
15          Big Bend Unit 4 Economizer Ash Ponds, the East Coalfield  
16          Stormwater Pond (converted former slag fines pond), and  
17          the North Gypsum Stackout Area are regulated under the  
18          rule.

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20          The initial phase of the company's CCR compliance was  
21          approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20150223-EI,  
22          Order No. PSC-2016-0068-PAA-EI, issued February 9, 2016.  
23          In that order, the Commission found that the CCR Rule -  
24          Phase I program met the requirements for recovery through  
25          the ECRC. Incremental ongoing O&M expenses resulting from

1 the groundwater monitoring program, berm inspections, and  
2 general maintenance of regulated units were approved  
3 under the Order. In order to determine the best option to  
4 remain in compliance with the new rule, the company  
5 evaluated whether to continue operation of the regulated  
6 CCR units or close them. Tampa Electric chose a  
7 combination of closure and retrofit projects to remain in  
8 compliance with the CCR Rule, as discussed later in this  
9 section.

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11 Two CCR retrofit projects were also approved for Tampa  
12 Electric's CCR Rule - Phase I program under Order No.  
13 PSC-2016-0068-PAA-EI. These included: 1) removal of  
14 remaining residual slag from the East Coalfield  
15 Stormwater Runoff Pond and lining the pond to continue  
16 operating it as part of the station's stormwater system;  
17 and 2) installing secondary stormwater containment  
18 facilities and lining drainage ditches for the North  
19 Gypsum Stackout Area to make it fully compliant with the  
20 rule's requirements.

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22 Phase II of Tampa Electric's CCR Rule program was approved  
23 by the Commission in Docket No. 20170168-EI, Order No.  
24 2017-0483-PAA-EI, issued December 22, 2017. In that  
25 Order, the Commission found that the Phase II program met

1 the requirements for recovery through the ECRC. Expenses  
2 for the Economizer Ash Pond System Closure project, which  
3 includes removal and offsite disposal of all CCR and  
4 restoration of the area, were approved by the Commission's  
5 Order.

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7 The Economizer Ash Pond System Closure began in the fourth  
8 quarter of 2018 with initial dewatering and removal of  
9 CCR for disposal. Due to the large amount of CCR in the  
10 Economizer Ash Ponds that needed to be dewatered and  
11 shipped to the landfill, this project has continued and  
12 is expected to be completed in late 2021. The East  
13 Coalfield Stormwater Runoff Pond (slag pond) closure and  
14 retrofit project was originally scheduled to be completed  
15 in 2019 but was delayed due to unusually high rainfall  
16 amounts throughout that year. As a result, this project  
17 was initiated in 2020 and completed in early 2021, in  
18 accordance with state regulatory requirements. The North  
19 Gypsum Stackout Area Drainage Improvements Project was  
20 also delayed to finalize engineering and construction  
21 scope details, but is currently underway, with completion  
22 expected in 2022.

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24 Tampa Electric expects to incur \$1,500,000 in capital  
25 expenditures for the North Gypsum Stackout - Phase I

1 project during 2022. The company expects to incur O&M  
2 expenses of \$930,000 for this CCR Rule - Phase I project  
3 in 2022. There are no capital or O&M expenditures  
4 anticipated for the CCR Rule - Phase II (Economizer Ash  
5 Closure) project in 2022.

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7 **Q.** Please describe Tampa Electric's ELG Rule activities,  
8 both study and compliance related and provide the  
9 estimated capital and O&M expenditures for the period of  
10 January 2022 through December 2022.

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12 **A.** On November 3, 2015, the EPA published the final Steam  
13 Electric Power Generating ELG Rule, with an effective date  
14 of January 4, 2016. The ELG establish limits for  
15 wastewater discharges from FGD processes, fly ash, and  
16 bottom ash transport water, leachate from ponds and  
17 landfills containing CCR, gasification processes, and  
18 flue gas mercury controls. Big Bend Station's FGD system  
19 is affected by this rule. The blow-downstream from the  
20 FGD system is currently sent to a physical chemical  
21 treatment system to remove solids, some metals, and  
22 ammonia and adjust pH prior to discharge to Tampa Bay via  
23 the once through condenser cooling system water. This  
24 treatment system will need to be modified or replaced to  
25 achieve compliance with the new EPA regulations. The rule

1 requires compliance after November 1, 2018, but no later  
2 than December 31, 2023. EPA issued a temporary stay of  
3 these compliance deadlines beginning April 25, 2017 for  
4 certain waste streams, including FGD wastewater.

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6 The Big Bend ELG Study Program ("ELG Study") was approved  
7 by the Commission in Docket No. 20160027-EI, Order No. PSC-  
8 2016-0248-PAA-EI, issued June 28, 2016.

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10 The ELG Study, which was completed in 2018, identified  
11 viable technologies to treat the Tampa Electric Big Bend  
12 Station combined effluent streams to bring the streams into  
13 compliance with the more stringent requirements under the  
14 ELG Rule and resulted in the selection of the deep well  
15 injection solution.

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17 The Big Bend ELG Compliance project was approved by the  
18 Commission in Docket No. 20180007-EI, Order No. PSC-2018-  
19 0594-FOF-EI, issued December 20, 2018. In that order, the  
20 Commission found that the program met the requirements for  
21 recovery through the ECRC and granted Tampa Electric cost  
22 recovery for prudently incurred costs.

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24 On June 6, 2017, the EPA issued proposed rulemaking to  
25 postpone these deadlines until it has completed

1 reconsideration of the 2015 rule. On August 11, 2017, EPA  
2 issued a letter to the Utility Water Act Group ("UWAG")  
3 and the U.S. Small Business Association regarding  
4 petitions received by the EPA requesting reconsideration  
5 of the rule. In this letter, EPA stated that it would be  
6 appropriate to conduct rulemaking to "potentially revise"  
7 the limitations for bottom ash transport water and FGD  
8 wastewater. The compliance deadlines for these waste  
9 streams were revised to be as soon as possible after  
10 November 1, 2021, but no later than December 31, 2023.  
11 Tampa Electric expects that the selected compliance  
12 option will continue to be required as the best option  
13 for customers even if some changes are made to the rule.  
14 For the year January 2022 through December 2022, Tampa  
15 Electric projects capital expenditures to be \$13,510,436.  
16 The company projects \$4,944 in O&M expenditures for this  
17 project for the period.

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19 **Q.** Please summarize your testimony.

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21 **A.** The settlement agreements Tampa Electric had with FDEP  
22 and EPA required significant reductions in emissions from  
23 Big Bend and Gannon Power Stations. These settlement  
24 agreements have been terminated due to the company having  
25 satisfied all requirements as set forth by the CFJ and

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CD. Ongoing requirements for projects originating with the CFJ and CD have been incorporated into Big Bend's Title V Operating permit (0570039-128-AV) and are discussed throughout my testimony. I described the progress Tampa Electric has made to achieve the more stringent environmental standards. I identified estimated costs, by project, which the company expects to incur in 2022. Additionally, my testimony identified other projects that are required for Tampa Electric to meet environmental requirements, and I provided the associated 2022 activities and projected expenditures.

**Q.** Does this conclude your direct testimony?

**A.** Yes, it does.