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2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Fl 32399

Re: Docket No. **970007-EI**
Environmental Cost Recovery Factor

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and fifteen (15) copies of Prehearing Statement of the Office of Public Counsel. A diskette in Wordperfect 6.1 is also submitted.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Environmental Cost Recovery)
Factor.)

DOCKET NO. 970007-EI
FILED: January 27, 1997

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, Order No. PSC-97-0043-PCO-EI, issued January 9, 1996, submit this Prehearing Statement.

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On behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida.

A. WITNESSES:

None.

B. EXHIBITS:

None.

C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

None necessary.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS

GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY ISSUES

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period ending September 30, 1996?

QPC: TECO: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period October, 1996, through March, 1997?

QPC: TECO: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What are the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be collected during the period April, 1997, through September, 1997?

QPC: TECO: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate projected environmental cost recovery amounts to be included in the recovery factors for the period April, 1997, through September, 1997?

QPC: TECO: No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new environmental cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

QPC: The factor should be effective beginning with the specified environmental cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period April, 1997, through September, 1997. Billing cycles may start before April 1, 1997, and the last cycle may be read after September 30, 1997, so that each customer is billed for six months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

Issue 6: What depreciation rates should be used to develop the depreciation expense included in the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be collected during the period April, 1997, through September, 1997?

QPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 7: How should the newly proposed environmental costs be allocated to the rate classes?

QPC: TECO: No position at this time.

ISSUE 8: What are the appropriate Environmental Cost Recovery Factors for the period April, 1997, through September, 1997 for each rate group?

QPC: TECO: No position at this time.

Company-Specific Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

Tampa Electric Company

Issue 9A: Should the Commission approve Tampa Electric Company's request for recovery of costs of the Gannon Station Coalfield Diesel Tank Upgrade through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?

QPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 9B: Should the Commission approve Tampa Electric Company's request to recover the cost of the Gannon Station Ignition Oil Tank Upgrade through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause?

QPC: No position at this time.

E. STATEMENT OF LEGAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None at this time.

F. STATEMENT OF POLICY ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None at this time.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES: None.

H. PENDING MOTIONS: None.

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE:

There are no requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure with which the Office of Public Counsel cannot comply.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL has been furnished by *hand-delivery or by U.S. Mail to the following parties on this 27th day of January, 1997.

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