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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Planning Hearings on Load Forecasts, Generation
Expansion Plans and Cogeneration Prices for Florida
Electric Utilities; FPSC Docket No. 970004-EU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Notice of Reaffirming Party Status.

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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Planning Hearings on)
Load Forecasts, Generation)
Expansion Plans, and)
Cogeneration Prices for)
Florida Electric Utilities.)
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DOCKET NO. 970004-EU
FILED: January 31, 1997

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
NOTICE OF REAFFIRMING PARTY STATUS**


Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-0004-PCO-EU, hereby gives notice of the company's intent to remain a party to this active and on-going docket. Please send copies of all notices and communications in this docket to the following:

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DATED this 31st day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Reaffirming Party Status, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 31st day of January, 1997 to the following:

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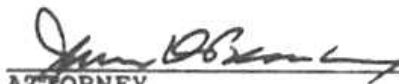
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