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HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Joint Petition of Tampa Electric Company and the City of Lakeland for Approval of Temporary Power Service by Lakeland to a Customer Located in Tampa Electric's Service Area; FPSC Docket No. 970999-EU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and one copy of Tampa Electric Company's Notice of Service of Answers to Staff's First Set of Interrogatories Nos. 1-5 propounded and served by U. S. Mail on August 19, 1997.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to this writer.

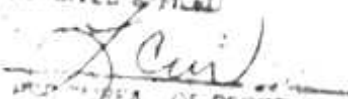
Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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Enclosure

cc: All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint Petition of Tampa)
Electric Company and the City of)
Lakeland for Approval of Temporary)
Power Service by Lakeland to a)
Customer Located in Tampa)
Electric's Service Area.)

DOCKET NO. 970999-EU
FILED: September 23, 1997

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF ANSWERS TO FIRST SET OF INTERROGATORIES
OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF**

Tampa Electric Company has this day furnished to the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission its Answers to the First Set of Interrogatories (No. 1-5) propounded and served by U. S. Mail on August 19, 1997.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Notice of Service, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 23rd day of September, 1997 to the following:

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