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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Environmental Cost )  
Recovery Clause. )  
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DOCKET NO. 980007-EI  
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PETITION OF TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") petitions the Commission for an interim continuation of Tampa Electric's currently approved Environmental Cost Recovery Clause ("ECRC") factors during the period October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, pending the approval and effectiveness of new ECRC factors for the annual cost recovery period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 and as grounds therefor, says:

1. Tampa Electric's current ECRC factors were approved by the Commission in Order No. PSC-98-0408-FOF-EI issued March 18, 1998 in this docket. The ECRC factors were approved for use during the period April 1998 through September 1998, "and until such factors are modified by subsequent Order."

2. Subsequent to the entry of Order No. 98-0408 the Commission voted to change the ECRC from a six month cost recovery period to an annual calendar cost recovery period.<sup>1</sup> The Commission's decision in this regard requires a transition from the existing bi-annual hearing schedule to an annual schedule. Under the transition a hearing will be conducted in November of 1998 to set the cost recovery factors to be applied during the period

<sup>1</sup>Order No. PSC-98-0691-FOF-PU issued in Docket No. 980269-PU on May 19, 1998.

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3. As indicated above, the currently effective ECRC factors were approved for use through September 1998. Tampa Electric has analyzed its environmental compliance costs and kilowatt hour sales, both for the current six month cost recovery period and projected through the three month transition period ending December 31, 1998, and has concluded that a continuation of the company's currently approved ECRC factors will not have a material impact on the total amount charged to retail customers. Moreover, maintaining the current factors will avoid potential customer confusion over fluctuating ECRC factors and will save all parties the administrative costs of placing new factors in place for the brief three month transition period. These are the same types of considerations that formed the basis for the Commission's decision to move to an annual cost recovery schedule. Consequently, the company petitions the Commission for a continuation of its currently approved ECRC factors during the period October 1998 through December 1998.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests that its currently approved environmental cost recovery factors remain in effect through December 31, 1998.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1998.

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