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

Re: Tampa Electric Company Non-Firm
Electric Service - 1998 Assessment of Need

Dear Ms. Bayo:

In accordance with Rule 25-6.0438, Florida Administrative Code regarding non-firm electric service, enclosed is a copy of Tampa Electric Company's July 1, 1998 revision to its January 1, 1998 assessment of the level of non-firm load on the Tampa Electric system.

The values presented in this filing represent the current expectations and projections of Tampa Electric including the current filed 10-Year Site Plan, internal forecasts of energy and customer mix between rate classes and load forecasts. As these expectations and forecasts change, or if unexpected or intervening events result in changes in any of these factors, the results contained herein could be subject to change. In addition, Tampa Electric is constantly reviewing its rate and service offerings to assess their value and ability to meet the changing needs and expectations of our customers. Should such a review lead Tampa Electric to seek changes in its rate or service offerings, such changes could also have an impact on the result contained herein.

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.

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Sincerely,

James D. Beasley
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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
NON-FIRM ELECTRIC SERVICE
1998 ASSESSMENT OF NEED**

In accordance with Tampa Electric Company's Rate Schedule IS-3, the following is the July 1, 1998 revision to the January 1, 1998 assessment of the need for additional interruptible load during calendar year 1998.

1. Tampa Electric Company's tariff requires that the Company complete an assessment twice each year by January 1 and July 1 regarding the need for additional non-firm electric service during the following calendar year. The Company's tariff provision regarding assessment of need was approved on December 4, 1985. Subsequent to that date, the Commission adopted Florida Administrative Code Rule 25-6.0438 to define the character of non-firm electric service and various types thereof; to require a procedure for determining a utility's maximum level of non-firm load; and to establish other minimum terms and conditions for the provision of non-firm electric service.
2. Tampa Electric submitted a revised assessment of need procedure in Docket No. 870408-E.I., which takes into account the various provisions of Rule 25-6.0438. The Commission approved the Company's proposal in November 1989.
3. Tampa Electric submits that its current assessment of need procedure in Docket No. 870408-E.I., in addition to accomplishing the same intent as the procedure approved in Docket No. 850050-E.I., Order No. 15451, fully comports with the Commission's intent expressed in Rule 25-6.0438. Moreover, the revised assessment used the assumptions and planning criteria in place for Tampa Electric's 1997 Customer, Demand & Energy Forecast and the Fuel & Interchange Forecast adjusted for wholesale sales. Under the application of the methodology described in Docket No. 870408-E.I., non-firm load under Rate Schedule IS-3 would be fully subscribed during 1998.
4. The estimated levels of non-firm load on the Tampa Electric system for the month of January 1998 are as follows:

Load Management	275 MW
Interruptible Load	<u>197 MW</u>
 TOTAL:	 472 MW

5. Attached hereto as "Exhibit A" is a document entitled *Target Interruptible Load Worksheet* which has been extracted from Tampa Electric's proposal in Docket No. 870408-E.I.. As this document indicates, no additional MW of non-firm electric service in the form of interruptible load can be offered during 1998.

TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD WORKSHEET

1.	TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE BEGINNING FOR	1998			197	MW
2.	TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE FOR THE YEAR	2003			197	MW
3.	ANNUAL INTERRUPTIBLE INCREMENT	197	-	197	0.0	MW
		(Over	5	Years)		
4.	TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE ENDING FOR	1998			197	MW

TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD WORKSHEET
FIRM LOAD RESERVE MARGIN WORKSHEET
(WITH COMMITTED CAPACITY ONLY)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
YEAR	TOTAL INSTALLED CAPACITY (MW)	FIRM CAPACITY INTERCHANGE (MW)	COGEN- ERATION (MW)	TOTAL CAPACITY (MW)	FIRM LOAD ANNUAL PEAK DEMAND (MW)	RESERVE MARGIN (%)
1998	3,615	103	62	3,780	3,048	24
1999	3,615	202	62	3,879	3,118	24
2000	3,615	201	62	3,878	3,195	21
2001	3,615	215	62	3,892	3,277	19
2002	3,615	215	62	3,892	3,343	16
2003	3,580	360	62	4,002	3,431	17

Column (1)

Total installed capacity includes Polk Unit 1 (in service as of October 1996) and Hookers Point retirement (as of January 2003).

Column (2)

Capacity interchange is the net of capacity import and exports. Capacity import includes the Purchase Agreement with TECO Power Services (TPS) beginning in 1993 (360 MW). Availability of this capacity is subject to back-up requirements for Seminole Electric Cooperative. Capacity export includes 145 MW of Big Bend 4 which will be sold to TECO Power Services, on a limited basis, for use by Seminole Electric Cooperative. Capacity export also includes includes firm D transactions.

Column (3)

The cogeneration column accounts for cogeneration that will be purchased under firm contracts.

Column (5)

The firm load annual peak demand is firm system peak demand. Firm system peak demand contains firm retail and firm wholesale demand (PR, etc.). Firm demand values are based on the current load forecast.

Column (6)

The reserve margin is a winter firm peak reserve margin.

EXHIBIT A

TARGET INTERRUPTIBLE LOAD WORKSHEET

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
YEAR	FIRMLoad ANNUAL PEAK DEMAND (MW)	INTER-RUPTIBLE LOAD (MW)	LOAD MANAGEMENT (MW)	TARGET NON-FIRM LOAD (MW)	ADJUSTED FIRM LOAD (MW)	ADJUSTED FIRM RESERVE (%)	TARGET INTER-RUPTIBLE (MW)	INCREMENTAL INTER-RUPTIBLE (AVAILABLE) (MW)
1998	3,048	197	245				197	0.0
1999	3,118	211	254				197	0.0
2000	3,195	209	263				197	0.0
2001	3,277	207	272				197	0.0
2002	3,343	204	280				197	0.0
2003	3,431	203	288	448	3,474	15	197	0.0

Column (2) The firm load annual peak demand is firm system peak demand Firm system peak demand contains firm retail and firm wholesale demand Firm demand values are based on the current load forecast

Column (7) The adjusted firm reserve is a winter firm peak reserve margin