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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

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Re: Petition for Approval of Gas Research and Development Plan by Tampa Electric Company; FPSC Docket No. 950251-EG

Dear Ms. Bayo:

In Order No. PSC-95-1146-FOF-EG issued September 15, 1995, the Commission approved Tampa Electric's Gas Research and Development Plan and required a final report on the results of the Gas R&D by August 1998. Tampa Electric has completed its Gas R&D Program on time and under budget. However, the individual assembling the company's final report on the Gas R&D Program has experienced a serious family medical emergency which has delayed the completion of the final report.

In light of this situation, Tampa Electric requests an extension of time through and including September 14, 1998 within which to submit its final report of the company's Gas R&D Program. To the extent the report can be completed any sooner than September 14, we will, of course, promptly file it with the Commission.

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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cc: Mark Futrell
Howard T. Bryant

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