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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into earnings for 1995 and 1996 of Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 950379-EI

FILED: NOVEMBER 16, 1998

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-0272-PCO-EI, issued February 26, 1996, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

None at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

**ISSUE 1: What is the appropriate cost rate to apply to deferred revenues in the capital structure?**

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 2: Should accrued interest be included in the deferred revenue component of the capital structure if a zero cost is deemed appropriate?**

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

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**ISSUE 3:** What is the appropriate method to calculate the separation of the FMPA and City of Lakeland wholesale contracts from the retail jurisdiction for 1996?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 4:** What is the effect of assigning a zero cost rate to deferred revenues for 1996?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

**ISSUE 5:** Has TECO properly calculated the amount of deferred revenues for 1996?

**STAFF:** No position at this time.

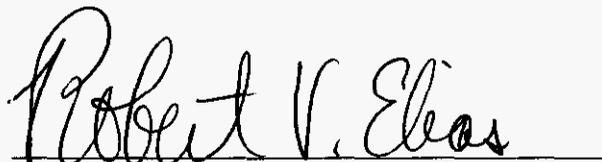
e. Pending Motions

None at this time.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-96-0272-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of November, 1998.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 16th day of November, 1998, to the following:

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