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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause
with Generating Performance Incentive Factor;
FPSC Docket No. 980001-E1

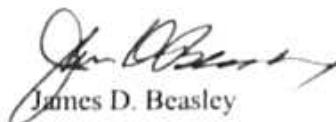
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket, on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, are the original and ten (10) copies of Tampa Electric's Request for Confidential Classification.

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

JDB/pp
Enclosures

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

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and Purchased)
Power Cost Recovery Clause) DOCKET NO. 980001-EI
And Generating Performance) FILED: November 16, 1998
Incentive Factor.)
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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") hereby requests confidential treatment of portions of the following pages being filed this date with the Commission under separate cover:

1. Answer to Staff's 4th Set of Interrogatories, Interrogatory No. 20 (Page 1 of 1); Answer to Staff's 4th Set of Interrogatories, Interrogatory No. 21 (Page 1 of 1); Answer to Staff's 4th Set of Interrogatories, Interrogatory No. 22 (Page 2 of 2); and Exhibit (MJH-1) attached to the testimony of Mark J. Hornick, Document No. 2 (Page 1 of 1). Tampa Electric is also filing ten copies of the above pages with the confidential information redacted from the page.

2. The highlighted portions of the exhibit are entitled to confidential classification and protection by public disclosure in that they constitute proprietary confidential business information under Section 366.093, Fla. Stat. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a detailed justification for the confidential classification requested herein.

3. Tampa Electric requests that the highlighted information be protected from public disclosure through November 30, 2000. Public disclosure of the information prior to that date could adversely affect the competitive interests of Tampa Electric's affiliate, Gatliff Coal

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Company, and thereby adversely affect the ability of Tampa Electric to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.


4. The information sought herein to be treated as confidential has been recognized by the Commission on numerous recent occasions to constitute proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection against public disclosure under Section 366.093, Fla. Stat.

5. The material for which classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric and its affiliate as confidential proprietary business information and has not been disclosed publicly.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric submits the foregoing in support of its Request for Confidential Classification of the highlighted information contained in the above-described pages.

DATED this 16th day of November, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 16th day of November, 1998 to the following:

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**DETAILED JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL
CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS**

Interrogatory No. 20 (Page 1 of 1) – All Highlighted Numbers

The dollar amounts shown either can be used in conjunction with publicly disclosed total tons purchased to determine the weighted average cost of coal received from Gatliff or can be used to back into such calculation. Disclosing the amounts charged by Gatliff to Tampa Electric would permit the affiliate's other customers, who may be paying higher prices for similar coal, to bargain for more favorable terms from Gatliff. If the contractual price charged by Gatliff to Tampa Electric for coal supplied under the parties' current contract is made public, it will adversely affect Gatliff's ability to negotiate higher prices with other purchases. If other potential purchasers know how low Gatliff was willing to price coal sold to Tampa Electric, that price may be viewed by the other potential purchasers as a ceiling on the amount they are willing to pay for Gatliff coal. This would place Gatliff at a competitive disadvantage in the negotiating process.

This Commission on numerous occasions has recognized the need for confidential protection of the same type of information hereby presented, such as in the monthly Form 423 filings Tampa Electric submits to the Commission. The same rationale relied upon by the Commission for protecting the information in the Forms 423 supports confidential classification of that information in this filing.

Exhibit "A"

Interrogatory No. 21 (Page 1 of 1) – All Highlighted Numbers

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Interrogatory No. 22 (Page 2 of 2) – All Highlighted Numbers

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Exhibit (MJH-1) of Testimony of Mark J. Hornick, Document No. 2 (Page 1 of 1) – All Highlighted Numbers

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