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

Re: Generic Investigation into Aggregate Electric Utility Reserve margins Planned for Peninsular Florida; FPSC Docket No. 981890-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in this docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Response in Support of Florida Power Corporation's Request to Bifurcate Investigation.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to this writer.

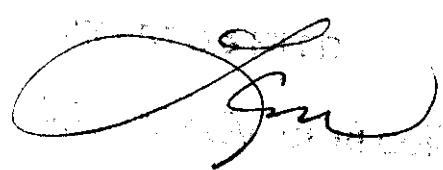
Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Generic investigation into the)
aggregate electric utility reserve)
margins planned for Peninsular)
Florida)
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DOCKET NO. 981890-EU
FILED: July 29, 1999

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE
IN SUPPORT OF FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION'S
REQUEST TO BIFURCATE INVESTIGATION**

Tampa Electric has reviewed and supports the request filed on behalf of Florida Power Corporation to bifurcate this investigation. The approach advanced by Florida Power appears reasonable and manageable and should enable the Commission and interested persons to address reserve margin issues in this investigation in an orderly fashion.

DATED this 29th day of July, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Comments in Support of Florida Power Corporation's Request to Bifurcate Investigation, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been served by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 29th date of July 1999 to the following:

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