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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Re: Tampa Electric Company's Petition to Close Standard Offer Contract

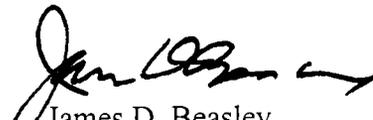
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Petition to Close Standard Offer Contract.

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

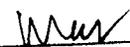
Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tampa Electric Company's Petition)
to Close Standard Offer Contract.)
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DOCKET NO. _____
FILED: November 3, 1999

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION
TO CLOSE STANDARD OFFER CONTRACT**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.051, Florida Statutes, Chapter 28-101, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 25-17.0832, Florida Administrative Code, petitions the Commission to close the company's current Standard Offer Contract for the Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy from a Small Qualifying Facility or Municipal Solid Waste Facility ("Standard Offer Contract") and as grounds therefor, says:

1. The name, address, telephone number and facsimile number of the petitioner are:

Tampa Electric Company
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(813) 228-1770 (fax)

2. The name, address, telephone number and facsimile number of the attorney and qualified representative of the Petitioner are:

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3. Tampa Electric is a Commission regulated electric utility company providing retail electric service to customers in Hillsborough and portions of Polk, Pinellas and Pasco Counties in Florida.

4. On June 29, 1999 the Commission voted to approve a new Tampa Electric Company Standard Offer Contract based on a combustion turbine ("CT") unit with an in-service date of January 1, 2003. Attached hereto as Composite Exhibit "A" are Tampa Electric's Tariff Sheet Nos. 8.285, 8.290, 8.295 and 8.300 which define the open season and evaluation periods associated with the current Standard Offer Contract.

5. The first open season period began on June 30, 1999 (the day after the Commission approved the company's Standard Offer filing). As defined in Tampa Electric's tariff the initial open season period lasts for three weeks (15 business days). At the end of the initial open season period Tampa Electric is afforded 30 days to evaluate any signed Standard Offer Contracts that have been submitted. If no Standard Offer Contracts are submitted or the subscription limit of 180 megawatts has not been exceeded, then the tariff provides that Tampa Electric will initiate a second and final three week open season period 60 days from the expiration of the initial open season period. At the end of the final open season period, Tampa Electric must file a petition to close the Standard Offer Contract. If no Standard Offer Contracts have been submitted for evaluation, Tampa Electric can file to close the Standard Offer Contract the day that the final open season period expires.

6. The initial three week open season period began June 30, 1999 and ran through July 20, 1999 with no Standard Offer Contracts being received.

7. The final three week open season period began on October 13, 1999 and ran through November 3, 1999 with no Standard Offer Contracts being received.

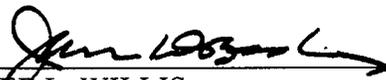
8. In view of the foregoing, Tampa Electric's Standard Offer Contract has expired and should be closed in accordance with the company's Tariff Sheet No. 8.295.

9. Tampa Electric is not aware of any disputed issues of material fact relating to the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company submits the foregoing in support of its Petition to close the company's present Standard Offer Contract for Purchase of Firm Capacity and Energy from a Small Qualifying Facility or Municipal Solid Waste Facility.

DATED this 3rd day of November 1999.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Service Commission

November 4, 1999

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Re: Docket No. 991675-EI

Dear Mr. Beasley:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition by Tampa Electric Company to close standard offer contract, which was filed in this office on November 3, 1999 and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6078 or FAX (850) 413-6079.

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