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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: Petition of Tampa Electric Company for approval of a standard offer contract for qualifying cogeneration and small power production facilities.

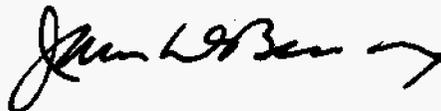
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Approval of a New Standard Offer Contract for Qualifying Cogeneration and Small Power Production Facilities.

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

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In re: Petition of Tampa Electric Company)
for approval of a new standard offer)
contract for qualifying cogeneration and)
small power production facilities.)
_____)

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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL
OF A NEW STANDARD OFFER CONTRACT FOR QUALIFYING
COGENERATION AND SMALL POWER PRODUCTION FACILITIES**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.051, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-17.0832, Florida Administrative Code, petitions the Florida Public Service Commission ("the Commission") to approve a new Standard Offer Contract ("Standard Offer"). As grounds therefor the company says:

1. Tampa Electric is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under Chapter 366, Florida Statutes.

2. All notices, pleadings, and correspondence required to be served on the petitioner should be directed to:

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3. The standard offer contract and accompanying Rate Schedule COG-2 are consistent with all of the Commission's rules governing Standard Offers and tariffs (Rule 25-17.0832(4)-(6), F.A.C), except that the contract provides for a term of five years. Accordingly,

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concurrent with the filing of this petition, Tampa Electric has filed a petition for a waiver of the requirement in Rule 25-17.0832(4)(e)7, F.A.C., that Standard Offers have a minimum of ten years.

4. Tampa Electric has determined that its next unit appropriate to serve as an avoided unit for use in connection with a Standard Offer is a 5 MW portion of a 180 MW combustion turbine ("CT") scheduled to be placed in service in May 2003. This CT is an integral component of the Gannon Station repowering project, specifically Bayside Unit 1. Using a 5 MW portion of the 2003 CT as the company's avoided unit would enable Tampa Electric to open a standard offer with a reasonable open solicitation period and would provide for a reasonable opportunity to avoid or defer that portion of the unit.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" are Tampa Electric's proposed revised tariff sheets reflecting a Standard Offer based on a CT with an in-service date of May 1, 2003.

7. Attached as Exhibit "B" is a composite exhibit consisting of the tariff pages included in Exhibit "A" but marked in legislative format to show the specific changes which the company is proposing.

8. Tampa Electric is not aware of any disputed issues of material fact relative to the subject matter of this Petition.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric petitions the Commission to approve a new Standard Offer, effective on the date of the Commission's approval, based on a 5 MW segment of a CT with an in-service date of May 1, 2003 as reflected in the revised tariff sheets contained in Exhibit "A".

DATED this 2nd day of June 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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