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Re: Investigation into Earnings for 1995 and 1996 of Tampa Electric Company, FPSC
Docket No. 950379-EI

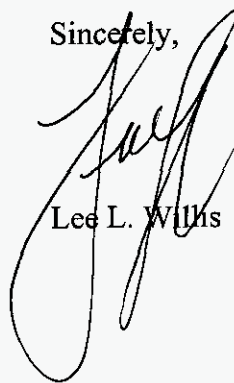
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Specified Confidential Treatment. Also enclosed are two redacted versions of the documents in question.

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,



Lee L. Wilks

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cc: Robert V. Elias (w/encls.)

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In re: Investigation into earnings)
for 1995 and 1996 of Tampa)
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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR SPECIFIED CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Fla. Admin. Code Rule 25-22.006, Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company") submits this its Request for confidential classification of the highlighted portions of the following documents that were submitted under Tampa Electric's August 25, 2000 Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification:

1. Bate Stamp Pages 238, 242, 247, 249, 250 and 275.
2. As is stated above a highlighted version of the above-referenced pages was filed on August 25, 2000. The confidential information is highlighted in yellow.
3. This filing is accompanied by two redacted versions of such documents with the confidential information removed.
4. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as confidential and has not been disclosed to the public.
5. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" a detailed justification for the requested confidential treatment of the highlighted portion of the above-referenced documents.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric submits the foregoing as its Request for confidential classification of the information identified in Exhibit "A".

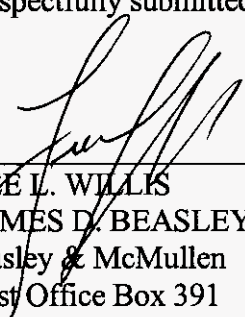
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DATED this 30th day of August 2000.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Request for Specified Confidential Treatment, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 30th day of August, 2000 to the following:

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF PORTIONS OF BATE STAMP PAGES 238, 242, 247, 249, 250 and 275**

<u>Page</u>	<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
Bate Stamp Page 238	All highlighted information	(1)
Bate Stamp Page 242	All highlighted information	(2)
Bate Stamp Page 247	All highlighted information	(3)
Bate Stamp Page 249	All highlighted information	(4)
Bate Stamp Page 250	All highlighted information	(4)
Bate Stamp Page 275	All highlighted information	(5)

- (1) The leverage leased portfolio information reflected on Bate Stamp page 238 pertains to leases TECO Energy, Inc., Tampa Electric's parent, is presently attempting to sell. TECO Energy, Inc., and ultimately Tampa Electric and its customers, would be disadvantaged if bidders knew TECO Energy Inc.'s book value. As such, this is confidential proprietary business information the public disclosure of which would adversely affect TECO Energy, Inc., Tampa Electric and its general body of ratepayers. As such, this information is entitled to confidential protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.
- (2) The highlighted information on Bate Page 242 discloses proprietary information concerning Mid-South operating leases, numbers of barges and annual lease payments. This is competitive information that discloses Mid-South Towing Company's costs. Public disclosure of this information would provide an advantage to competitors of TECO Transport and a corresponding disadvantage to Tampa Electric's affiliate and ultimately Tampa Electric's general body of ratepayers. As such, this information is entitled to confidential protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.
- (3) The highlighted information shows historical results from 1994 through 1998 for TECO Transport in terms of segmented tonnage handled by each subsidiary, operating income and return on investment. Public disclosure of this information would provide a significant competitive advantage to competitors of TECO Transport and its subsidiaries through the disclosure of tonnages handled and the operating income and return derived therefrom. If TECO Transport were able to obtain this type of information regarding its competitors, it would derive a strategic advantage. As such, this information is proprietary competitive business information entitled to confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.

- (4) The highlighted information shows historical results from 1992 through 1998 for TECO Coal in terms of tonnage handled by that subsidiary. Public disclosure of this information would provide a significant competitive advantage to competitors of TECO Coal and its subsidiaries through the disclosure of tonnages handled. If TECO Coal were able to obtain this type of information regarding its competitors, it would derive a strategic advantage. As such, this information is proprietary competitive business information entitled to confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.
- (5) The highlighted information in question represents a prospective breakdown of the functional areas of Tampa Electric's construction focus. This would provide an embedded cost benchmark for companies entering into or already participating in Florida's wholesale electric market. Basically, this would provide Tampa Electric's competition significant information that would enable them to benchmark and determine Tampa Electric's capital investment priorities and strategic plans. This would provide Tampa Electric's wholesale competitors with valuable information with regard to expected expenditures on generation capital projects and enable them to competitively model Tampa Electric's wholesale activity. All of this would work to the detriment of Tampa Electric and its general body of ratepayers by adversely affecting the company's gains on wholesale sales. As such, the highlighted information is competitive, confidential proprietary business information the public disclosure of which would adversely affect Tampa Electric's interests and those of its ratepayers.