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March 22, 2001

#### HAND DELIVERED

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

Re: Complaint of Allied Universal Corporation and Chemical Formulators, Inc.

against Tampa Electric Company; FPSC Docket No. 000061-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above proceeding are the original and fifteen (15) copies of a Settlement Agreement by and between Allied Universal Corporation ("Allied"), Chemical Formulators, Inc. ("CFI") and Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric"). The Contract Service Agreement referred to as Exhibit "A" to the Settlement Agreement has been omitted from this filing and separately submitted to your office on a confidential basis along with a Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification, as has the Force Majeure Clause referred to as Exhibit "B" to the Settlement Agreement. Staff has been notified of these confidential filings so that they may review the CSA and Force Majeure Clause on a confidential basis.

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

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## SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This agreement is made between Allied Universal Corporation, a Florida corporation ("Allied"), Chemical Formulators, Inc., a Florida corporation ("CFI"), (hereinafter jointly referred to as "Allied/CFI"), and Tampa Electric Company ("TECO"), a Florida public utility corporation, effective March 2, 2001.

WHEREAS, Allied/CFI and TECO are parties to that certain matter pending before the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC"), styled "In Re: Complaint by Allied Universal Corporation and Chemical Formulators, Inc. against Tampa Electric Company, etc.," Docket No. 000061-EI ("the PSC Litigation"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the relief it has sought in the PSC litigation, Allied/CFI has requested that the PSC suspend the rates for electric service provided by TECO to Allied/CFI's business competitor, Odyssey Manufacturing Company ("Odyssey"); and

WHEREAS, Odyssey and its affiliate, Sentry Industries, Inc. ("Sentry"), have intervened in the PSC litigation to request that the PSC

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uphold or otherwise approve Odyssey's rates, terms and conditions for electric service from TECO; and

WHEREAS, Allied/CFI and TECO desire to resolve their differences and conclude the PSC litigation on terms which do not affect Odyssey's rates, terms and conditions for electric service from TECO;

NOW, THEREFORE, Allied/CFI and TECO hereby agree to conclude the PSC litigation on the following terms:

1. All prefiled testimony, deposition testimony, and exhibits thereto, which have been filed in the PSC litigation to date, shall be moved into evidence in this docket and shall remain subject to orders previously issued concerning confidential classification of information in the PSC litigation. This evidence shall be permanently retained as a part of the record in Docket No. 000061-EI, to serve, among other things, as a record basis for the PSC's prudence review in this docket. Nothing herein shall limit or abridge the right of any party to petition the Commission to unseal or declassify portions of this evidence.

- 2. Pursuant to its Commercial Industrial Service Rider ("CISR") tariff, TECO and Allied/CFI shall execute a Contract Service Agreement ("CSA") for electric service to a new sodium hypochlorite manufacturing facility to be constructed and operated by Allied/CFI and/or their affiliate(s) in TECO's service territory, upon the same rates, terms and conditions as those contained in the existing CSA between TECO and Odyssey, provided that the new sodium hypochlorite manufacturing facility must begin commercial operations within 24 months from the date of the PSC's order approving this settlement agreement. The TECO-Allied/CFI CSA shall be in a form substantially identical to the CSA attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and shall include the force majeure clause attached to this settlement agreement as Exhibit "B".
- 3. Allied/CFI shall assert no further challenge, before the PSC, to the rates, terms and conditions for electric service provided by

- TECO to Odyssey and set forth in the TECO/Odyssey CSA.
- 4. Order No. PSC-98-1181-FOF-EI, issued August 10, 1998 in Docket No. 980706-EI, approving TECO's CISR tariff, provides in part that: (1) TECO may request a prudence review subsequent to signing a CSA; (2) TECO will have the burden of proof that the company's decision to enter into a particular CSA was made in the interest of the general body of ratepayers; and (3) if the Commission finds that a particular CSA was not a prudent decision, then the revenue difference between the standard rate and the CISR rate could be inputed to TECO. Accordingly, TECO requests that the PSC make the following findings of fact:
  - a. Both the existing Odyssey CSA and the proposed Allied/CFI CSA provide benefits to Tampa Electric's general body of ratepayers and, therefore, the Commission finds that both CSAs are in the best interests of ratepayers.
    - b. The Commission finds that Tampa Electric's decision to

enter into the Odyssey CSA, and the CSA itself, were prudent within the meaning of Order No. 98-1081-FOF-EI in so far as they provide benefits to Tampa Electrics general body of ratepayers.

- c. The Commission finds that Tampa Electric's decision to enter into the Allied/CFI CSA, and the CSA itself, were prudent within the meaning of Order No. 98-1081-FOF-EI in so far as they provide benefits to Tampa Electric's general body of ratepayers.
- determinations requested in paragraphs 4 and 7 of this Settlement Agreement, provided that no findings of fact or conclusions of law shall be made with respect to the allegations of Allied/CFI's Complaint in this proceeding.
- 6. Allied/CFI's Complaint in the PSC litigation shall be deemed withdrawn, with prejudice, upon: (a) the execution of this settlement agreement by TECO and Allied/CFI; and (b) the

- issuance of an order by the PSC approving this settlement agreement, as proposed.
- 7. Allied/CFI and TECO request that the PSC include in its order approving this Settlement Agreement the following rulings and determinations:
  - a. The Commission shall not entertain any further challenge to the existing Odyssey or the proposed Allied/CFI CSA or the rates, terms or conditions contained therein.
  - b. In light of the above findings that both CSAs are prudent and in the best interests of ratepayers, Tampa Electric shall be relieved of any further obligation to report on its surveillance report the potential impact on revenues of these two CSAs.
  - c. The Commission order approving the settlement proposed herein shall have no precedential value.
  - d. The parties shall abide by the various General Release agreements executed among them.
- 8. Allied/CFI shall execute the General Release attached as Exhibit

- "C" hereto. Except as stated in paragraph 3 above, this Settlement Agreement shall not in any way waive, release, discharge, limit or impair any claims that Allied/CFI may have against Odyssey and Sentry, as provided in the General Release.
- 9. In any subsequent litigation against Odyssey, Sentry, and related parties, Allied/CFI will make good faith efforts to avoid imposing unduly burdensome discovery requests on Tampa Electric and its related parties as set forth in the General Release which is Exhibit "C" hereto, without unreasonably restricting the ability of Allied/CFI's counsel to conduct appropriate discovery necessarily involving Tampa Electric and its related parties in such litigation.
- 10. Tampa Electric has agreed not to disclose to Odyssey or Sentry, absent Commission authorization or Allied/CFI's express written approval, the force majeure provision attached hereto as Exhibit "B" in light of Allied/CFI's position that this provision constitutes confidential, proprietary business information. To the

extent it may be deemed necessary to file Exhibit "B" with the PSC in connection with the PSC's approval of this settlement agreement, it shall be filed under seal and protected against disclosure to Odyssey, Sentry and others.

11. This settlement agreement and the exhibits hereto constitute the entire agreement between the parties and may not be modified except by a writing, signed by all parties.

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
By: Wencer Auty
Title: UP Cis tomore Services & MKF
ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION
By:
Title: CEO
CHEMICAL FORMULATORS, INC.
By:
Title: $CEO$

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## **EXHIBIT "A"**

# **Contract Service Agreement**

(Separately filed on a confidential basis with a Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification)

## Exhibit "B"

# Force Majeure Clause

(Separately filed on a confidential basis with a Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification)

#### GENERAL RELEASE

## KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

That, as of March 2, 2001, Allied Universal Corporation and Chemical Formulators, Inc. ("Allied/CFI") and Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric"), for good and valuable considerations the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, including the mutual covenants and agreements the parties hereto have made in effecting the settlement of their disputes in Allied/CFI's complaint proceeding in Docket No. 000061-EI before the Florida Public Service Commission, AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

As a material inducement to Tampa Electric to enter into this Settlement Agreement and General Release, Allied/CFI and their respective officers, directors, employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, general or limited partners, successors, predecessors, assigns, agents, representatives, and attorneys hereby irrevocably and unconditionally release, acquit and forever discharge Tampa Electric and each of Tampa Electric's predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, officers, directors, employees, representatives, attorneys, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, parent company, general and limited partners (and agents, officers, directors, employees, representatives and attorneys of such divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, parent company and general and limited partners) and all persons acting by, through, under or in concert with them or any of them [except: Odyssey Manufacturing Company ("Odyssey"), Sentry Industries, Inc. ("Sentry"), and each of Odyssey's and Sentry's predecessors, successors, assigns, agents, officers, directors, employees, representatives, attorneys, divisions, subsidiaries, affiliates, parent company, general and limited partners, including but not limited to Stephen W. Sidelko and Patrick H. Allman], from any and all charges, complaints, claims, liabilities, obligations, promises, agreements, controversies, damages, actions, causes of

action, suits, rights, demands, costs, losses, debts and expenses (including attorneys' fees and costs actually incurred) of any nature whatsoever for, upon or by reason of any matter, cause or thing whatsoever, from the beginning of the world to the date of this agreement from or in any manner related to Tampa Electric's Commercial Industrial Service Rider (CISR) Tariff, Tampa Electric's dealings with Odyssey Manufacturing Company, Sentry Industries, Allied Universal, Chemical Formulators or their respective officers, directors, agents, employees, affiliates, subdivisions, successors or assigns, which Allied/CFI or any of its officers, directors, employees, affiliates, subsidiaries, general or limited partners, successors, predecessors, assigns, agents, representatives, and attorneys have, own or hold, or which at any time heretofore had, owned or held, or claimed to have had, owned or held, whether known or unknown, vested or contingent.

This release extends and applies to, and also covers and includes, all unknown, unforeseen, unanticipated and unsuspected injuries, damages, loss and liability, and the consequences thereof, as well as those now disclosed and known to exist. The provisions of any state, federal, local or territorial law or statute providing in substance that releases shall not extend to claims, demands, injuries or damages which are unknown or unsuspected to exist at the time, to the person executing such release, are hereby expressly waived.

Signed, sealed and delivered

ALLIED UNIVERSAL CORPORATION

in the presence of:

and

CHEMICAL FORMULATORS, INC.

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By:

Robert M. Namoff