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Re: Review of Tampa Electric Company and impact of its participation in GridFlorida, a Florida transmission company, on TECO's retail ratepayers.
Docket No. 010577-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo :

Foley & Lardner is filing herewith an original and fifteen (15) copies of Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s motion to intervene in the above-referenced docket.

If you or your Staff has any questions regarding this filing, please contact Thomas J. Maida or N. Wes Strickland at (850) 222-6100.

Sincerely,

N. Wes Strickland

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Review of Tampa Electric Company and)
impact of its participation in GridFlorida, a Florida) Docket No. 010577-EI
transmission company, on TECO's retail ratepayers.) Filed September 4, 2001
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SEMINOLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE

Petitioner, SEMINOLE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. ("Seminole Electric"), through undersigned counsel and pursuant Rule 25-22.039, *Florida Administrative Code*, hereby petitions to intervene in the above-styled docket, and in support hereof states the following:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner are as follows:

Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc.
16313 North Dale Mabry Highway
Tampa, Florida 33688-2000
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2. Copies of all correspondence, notices, pleadings, and orders in the above-referenced docket should be provided to representatives of Seminole Electric as follows:

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3. Seminole Electric is a generation and transmission cooperative organized under Chapter 425, Florida Statutes. Seminole Electric provides wholesale electricity to its member distribution cooperatives located throughout peninsular Florida. Seminole Electric's member cooperatives provide retail electric service to more than 700,000 customers in 45 counties located in peninsular Florida.

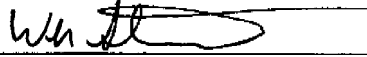
4. Seminole Electric is a wholesale power and transmission customer of Tampa Electric Company ("TECO"). Seminole Electric substantially relies upon TECO's transmission facilities to supply wholesale power to its member cooperatives.

5. The prudence of the formation of and TECO's participation in GridFlorida are at issue in the above-styled docket. The issues regarding prudence of the formation of and TECO's participation in GridFlorida directly and substantially affect Seminole Electric's interests in access to transmission facilities necessary to supply power to its member cooperatives, as well as the reliability, efficiency, and cost of such transmission facilities.

6. In addition, Seminole Electric has been and continues to be an active participant in the development of GridFlorida, including proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). The proceedings in the above-styled docket will substantially affect the formation of and TECO's participation in GridFlorida. Consequently, Seminole Electric's interests in the development of GridFlorida, including Seminole Electric's involvement in the proceedings before FERC, will be substantially and materially affected by the proceedings in the above-styled docket.

WHEREFORE, Seminole Electric respectfully requests the Commission to enter an order granting this Petition and according Seminole Electric full party status in the above-styled docket.

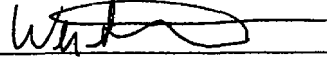
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