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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Proposed amendments to Rule 25-17.0832, F.A.C., Firm Capacity and Energy

Contracts; FPSC Docket No. 001574-EQ

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Prefiled Comments of Tampa Electric Company.

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

JDB/pp Enclosure

cc: Richard Bellak (w/enc.)

PREFILED COMMENTS OF TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY DOCKET NO. 001574-EQ FILED: MARCH 1, 2002

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), 7 pursuant to Rule 25-17.0832, Florida Administrative Code, and 2 Order No. PSC-01-2175-PCO-EQ ("Order No. 01-2175") issued in 3 the above docket on November 5, 2001 offers the following written comments on the proposed amendments to Rule 25-5 17.0832, Florida Administrative Code, entitled "Firm Capacity 6 and Energy Contracts": 7 8 September 4, 2001 the Commission voted to propose 9 amendments to Rule 25-17.0832, Florida Administrative Code, as 10 set forth in the August 23, 2001 Staff Memorandum discussing 11 the various issues and proposing specific amendments to the 12 rule. 13 14 Tampa Electric Company has reviewed the Staff's proposed 15 amendments and is in general agreement with the approach taken 16 by Staff. 17 18 This will serve as Tampa Electric's prefiled comments pursuant 19 to Order No. 01-2175. The company reserves the right to 20 prefile responsive comments or responsive testimony by April 21 1, 2002, as contemplated in Order No. 01-2175, to the extent 22 the company deem it necessary or appropriate. 23 24 25