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

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Re: ~~UNDOCKETED~~: Review of Internal Controls of Florida's Investor-Owned Utilities for Fuel and Wholesale Energy Transactions

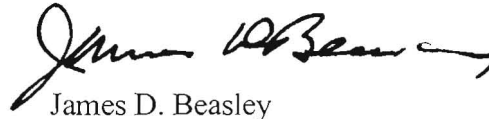
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Treatment.

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

In re: Review of Internal Controls of )  
Florida's Investor-Owned Utilities for )  
Fuel and Wholesale Energy Transactions. )  
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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S  
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential treatment of certain portions of the Bureau of Regulatory Review's Audit of Internal Controls of Florida's Investor-Owned Utilities for Fuel and Wholesale Energy Transactions ("Staff's Audit Report") and portions of Tampa Electric's response thereto. As grounds therefore, the company says:

1. On page 65 of the Staff's Audit Report, reference is made to the duration of a gas transportation supply contract. The duration of the contract is a negotiated term and disclosure of it to the public would disadvantage Tampa Electric in future negotiations for other gas supply contracts. Disclosing the duration of the agreement would inform other potential suppliers concerning the extent to which Tampa Electric is willing to enter into gas supply contracts of a given term. This could adversely affect Tampa Electric in future negotiations and ultimately have an adverse impact on Tampa Electric's retail customers. As such, the information in question constitutes contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of Tampa Electric to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. This being the case the information in question is entitled to protection as confidential proprietary business information pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

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2. All of the information contained in subsection B, appearing at pages 71 through most of page 72 of the Staff's Audit Report, is entitled to confidential protection. Subsection B discloses Tampa Electric's fossil fuel procurement and wholesale purchased power plans. Public disclosure of the information contained in subsection B would put Tampa Electric at a competitive disadvantage in procuring fossil fuel and purchased power by disclosing to potential supplier the company's strategic plans, thereby enabling the suppliers to tailor their bids in a manner likely to generate higher profits for the suppliers and greater costs to Tampa Electric and its general body of ratepayers. As such, the information in question constitute data the disclosure of which would impair Tampa Electric's efforts to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. As such, the information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

3. Exhibit 19, appearing on page 66 of the Staff's Audit Report, discloses a portion of Tampa Electric's purchasing plan. This would place Tampa Electric at a competitive disadvantage in fuel procurement as it would disclose to potential suppliers Tampa Electric's priority concerning reliance of different types of fuels and the duration of fuel contracts. As such, Exhibit 19 contains confidential information the public disclosure of which would harm Tampa Electric's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. As such, the information in question is entitled to protection pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes. Tampa Electric has never disclosed this type of information and doing so in the Staff's Audit Report would place Tampa Electric at a competitive disadvantage.

4. Tampa Electric does not yet have a final version of the Staff's Audit Report, but when it does it will submit under a separate cover letter copies of the pages of the Staff's Audit Report containing the confidential information in question with that confidential information

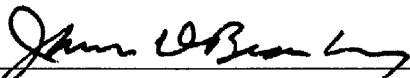
highlighted in yellow. The company will also supplement this request with two copies each of the pages in question from the Audit Report with the confidential information redacted.

5. Tampa Electric treats the information that is the subject of this request confidentially and has not disclosed it publicly.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company urges the Commission to treat as confidential proprietary business information and exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, the confidential information described above.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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