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and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause with Generating
Performance Incentive Factor; FPSC Docket No. 030001-EI

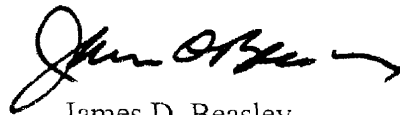
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and ten (10) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification.

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: All parties of record (w/enc.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery)
Clause with Generating Performance Incentive) DOCKET NO. 030001-EI
Factor.) FILED: August 21, 2003
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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

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 classification of certain highlighted information contained in Tampa Electric Company’s answers to Staff’s Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 13-32) and Tampa Electric Company’s Answers to Staff’s Second Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 7-12) (the “Confidential Information”) which are being filed this date on a confidential basis in the above docket. Two redacted copies of Tampa Electric Company’s answers to Interrogatory No. 16, page 4 of 4 (marked Bates Stamp #10), are provided with this request. Inasmuch as the remaining confidential pages are full pages of confidential data no useful purpose would be served by providing fully redacted versions of those pages. In support of its request Tampa Electric says as follows:

1. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that any records “found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s.119.07(1) [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act].” The proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to:

(d) Information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. (Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes)

2. Proprietary confidential business information also includes:

(e) Information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. (Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes)

3. The Confidential Information falls within the above statutory categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006.

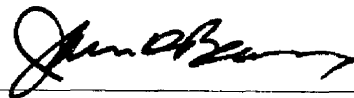
4. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a detailed justification for designating the Confidential Information proprietary confidential business information under the above-referenced statute and rule.

5. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been disclosed.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests that the highlighted Confidential Information set forth in the company's answers to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 13-32) and Second Requests for Production of Documents (Nos. 7-12) be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth above.

DATED this 21st day of August 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 21st day of August 2003 to the following:

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
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ANSWERS TO STAFF'S THIRD SET OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 13-32)
AND SECOND REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (NOS. 7-12)**

Response to Interrogatory No. 16, Page 4 of 4

The highlighted information discusses confidential information about Tampa Electric's current contract with TECO Transport. The need for confidential treatment of contractual information is recognized in Section 366.093 and Rule 25-006, Florida Administrative Code. Disclosing this information would harm the company's position in determining rates for a new transportation contract since the providers bid responses might be influenced if they had knowledge of the current contract rates.

Response to Document Request No. 7, Bates Stamp Page 75

This page discloses a detailed description of Tampa Electric's expected coal needs from different areas on the waterborne supply course during the RFP period (2004-2008). Inasmuch as the company is not already contracted for all of its expected coal needs during the 2004 through 2008 period, public disclosure of this information would harm the company's negotiating position in its attempts to purchase coal at the most economic rate. Consequently, this information, as well, is entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

Response to Document Request No. 10, Bates Stamped Pages 384-387

These pages consist of copyright protected articles from two trade journals. Tampa Electric requested and was granted permission from the publishers to make a single copy of the

pages in question. Tampa Electric will make a copy of these pages available for review by the Commission Staff at a time and place mutually convenient to the company and Staff.

Response to Document Request No. 11, Bates Stamped Pages 389-396

These pages consist of notes regarding bid responses. Bid response information is entitled to confidential treatment as specifically recognized in Section 366.093, Florida Statutes.

Response to Document Request No. 12, Bates Stamped Pages 398-500

These pages consist of bid responses that were submitted as confidential material. Again, bid response information is entitled to confidential treatment as recognized under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. Public disclosure of this information would adversely affect the company's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms.