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Division of Commission Clerk
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Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause with Generating Performance
Incentive Factor; FPSC Docket No. 030001-EI

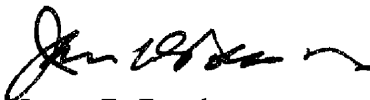
Dear Ms. Bayo:

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: October 8, 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 certain of its Answers to Fifth Request for Production of Documents (Nos.18-27) of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff (the “Confidential Information”). The Confidential Information consists of Tampa Electric’s response to Document Request No. 22, a single copy which is being filed under a separate transmittal letter marked “Confidential” with the confidential information highlighted in yellow. Attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is a justification for designating the Confidential Information proprietary confidential business information under the above-referenced statute and rule.

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.

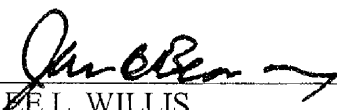
4. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been disclosed.

5. The request for confidential classification is intended to serve as Tampa Electric's motion for a protective order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests that the highlighted Confidential Information set forth in its Answers to Staff's Fifth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 18-28) be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth above.

DATED this 8th day of October 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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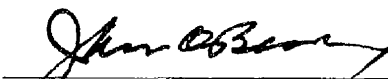
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
OF HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF ANSWERS TO
FIFTH REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (NOS. 18-27)
OF THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STAFF**

Of Tampa Electric Company's answers to Fifth Request for Production of Documents Nos. 18-27 of the Florida Public Service Commission Staff, only the answer to Production Request No. 22 contains confidential information as follows:

<u>Production Request.</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
22	Bates Stamp Page 20-56	All of the Information	(1)

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- (1) The information discloses in great detail Tampa Electric Company's commodity contract rates and transportation rates, by contract on a projected basis going out a number of years into the future. Public disclosure of this information would provide in minute detail the company's projected rates for all of the detail components of the company's projected fuel and fuel transportation costs. As such, this information is entitled to confidential protection pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. These types of rates on a commodity and segmented transportation basis have been recognized by the Commission on numerous occasions to constitute proprietary confidential business information the disclosure of which would be harmful to Tampa Electric's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms and, likewise, harmful to the competitive interests of Tampa Electric and its affiliate, TECO Transfer Corporation. This is the specific type of information described in Section 366.093(3)(d) and (e) as being entitled to confidential protection and exemption from the Public Records Law.