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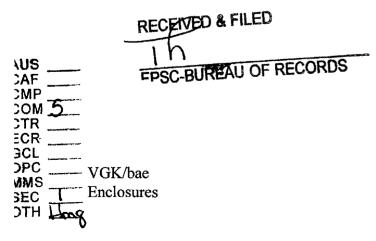
Re: Docket No.: 031033-EI and 031057-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

On behalf of the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), enclosed for filing and distribution are the original and 15 copies of the following:

- 11974-03 The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition to Intervene, Docket 031033-EI; and
- 11975-03 The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition to Intervene, Docket 031057-EI.

Please acknowledge receipt of the above on the extra copy and return the stamped copy to me. Thank you for your assistance.



Sincerely,

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#### **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Review of Tampa Electric Company's 2004-2008 waterborne transportation contract with TECo Transport and associated benchmark.

Docket No.: 031033-EI Filed: November 24, 2003

#### THE FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S PETITION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes and Rules 25-22.039 and 28-106.205, Florida

Administrative Code, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), through its undersigned counsel, submits its Petition to Intervene, and in support thereof states:

1. The affected agency is the Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard

Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

2. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

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3. Copies of all pleadings, notices, and orders in this Docket should be provided to:

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4. FIPUG is an ad hoc association consisting of industrial users of electricity in Florida. The cost of electricity constitutes a significant portion of FIPUG members' overall costs of production. FIPUG members require adequate, reasonably priced electricity in order to compete in their respective markets.

5. <u>Statement of Affected Interests.</u> The decision that the Commission makes in this docket will determine the cost Tampa Electric Company (TECo) should recover for waterborne transportation transactions. Imposition of an unfair or excessive rate due to TECo's transactions with its affiliate will affect FIPUG members by unnecessarily and unjustifiably increasing their costs of electricity, thereby affecting their production costs, their competitive posture, and their levels of employment.

6. FIPUG's interests are of the type that this proceeding is designed to protect.<sup>1</sup> <u>Agrico Chemical Company v. Department of Environmental Regulation</u>, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2d DCA 1981). The purpose of the proceeding is to ensure that only prudent transportation costs are recovered from ratepayers. The purpose of the proceeding thus coincides with FIPUG's interest, which is to ensure that members' electrical bills reflect prudent, economical choices.

7. <u>Disputed Issues of Material Fact.</u> FIPUG anticipates that the issues of disputed fact in this case will include, but are not limited to,:

- a. Is Tampa Electric's June 27, 2003, request for proposals sufficient to determine the current market price for coal transportation?
- b. Are Tampa Electric's projected coal transportation costs for 2004 through 2008 under the winning bid to its June 27, 2003, request for proposals for coal transportation reasonable for cost recovery purposes?
- c. Should the Commission modify or eliminate the waterborne coal transportation benchmark that was established for Tampa Electric by

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The matters which the Commission will consider in this docket were spun out from Docket No.030001-EI, to which FIPUG is a party.

Order No. PSC-93-0443-FOF-EI, issued March 23, 1993, in Docket No. 930001-EI?

8. <u>Statement of Ultimate Facts Alleged.</u> FIPUG alleges that an RFP process that is designed and supervised to allow full and fair competition will result in the identification of appropriate costs for recovery of waterborne transportation.

WHEREFORE, FIPUG requests the Commission to enter an order allowing it to intervene as a fully party in this docket.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing The Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition to Intervene has been furnished by (\*) hand delivery, or U.S. Mail this 24th day of November 2003, to the following:

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