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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Review of Tampa Electric Company's waterborne transportation contract with
TECO Transport and associated benchmark; FPSC Docket No. 031033-EI

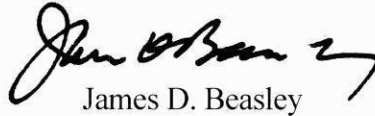
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa
Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification of portions of its answers to Staff's
Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 43-52).


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 Tampa Electric Company's)
Waterborne transportation contract with) DOCKET NO. 031033-EI
TECO Transport and associated benchmark.) FILED: April 8, 2004
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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
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 portions of its answers to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 43-52). The confidential information in question appears on Bates stamp page number 1 of the company's answer to Interrogatory No. 43; Bates stamp page 2 of the company's answers to Interrogatory No. 44, and Bates stamp page number 3 of the company's answer to Interrogatory No. 45 (collectively referred to as the "Confidential Information"). A single copy of the Confidential Information was filed with a Notice of Intent to Seek Confidential Classification of Information on March 18, 2004 in the above proceeding. 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)

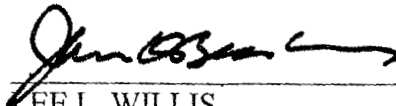
3. The Confidential Information falls within the above statutory categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006.

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.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests that the highlighted Confidential Information set forth in its Answers to Staff's Third Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 43, 44 and 45) be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth above.

DATED this 8th day of April 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 8th day of April 2004 to the following:

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF HIGHLIGHTED
PORTIONS OF TAMPA ELECTRIC'S RESPONSES TO STAFF'S THIRD
SET OF INTERROGATORIES (FILED MARCH 18, 2004)**

<u>Bates Stamp Page No.</u>	<u>Interrogatory No.</u>	<u>Detailed Description</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
1	43	All Yellow Highlighted Information	(1)
2	44	All Yellow Highlighted Information	(1)
3	45	All Yellow Highlighted Information	(1)

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- (1) The information contained on the listed pages contains information about the contract amounts that were paid for transportation services, and together with public information would allow competitors to calculate the contract rates, under Tampa Electric's contracts with TECO Transport during 2002 and 2003. This information is competitive contractual information, the disclosure of which would be harmful to the position of TECO Transport in negotiating future contracts with other clients. Disclosing this information would also harm Tampa Electric's position in determining rates for future transportation contracts since the providers' bid responses might be influenced if they had knowledge of the contract rates for these recent years. The disclosure of this information would therefore be harmful to TECO Transport's competitive interests and to the ability of Tampa Electric to contract for goods and services on favorable terms, and as such, the information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093(d) and (e), Florida Statutes.