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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: Petition for Approval of Tariff Revisions Allowing Waiver of Service Charges for Customers whose Electric Service has been Affected by Natural Disasters or other Declared Emergencies

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Expedited Approval of Tariff Revision.

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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Enclosure

cc: Connie Kummer (w/enc.)
David Wheeler (w/enc.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Approval of Tariff)
Revisions Allowing Waiver of)
Service Charges for Customers whose)
Electric Service has been Affected by)
Natural Disasters or other Declared)
Emergencies)
_____)

DOCKET NO. _____
FILED: August 25, 2004

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION
FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISION**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Chapter 366.06, Florida Statutes, files this its Petition for Expedited Approval of Revised Tariff Sheet No. 3.030, and in support thereof states:

1. Tampa Electric is an investor-owned electric utility operating under the jurisdiction of this Commission and serving retail customers in Hillsborough and portions of Polk, Pinellas and Pasco Counties. The company's principal offices are located at 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602.

2. The persons to whom all notices and other documents should be sent in connection with this docket are:

Mr. Lee L. Willis
Mr. James D. Beasley
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Post Office Box 391
Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Ms. Angela Llewellyn
Administrator,
Regulatory Coordination
Tampa Electric Company
Post Office Box 111
Tampa, Florida 33601

3. In this petition, Tampa Electric seeks expedited approval for revisions to Tariff Sheet No. 3.030, Service Charges, which would allow the company discretion to waive certain service charges for customers whose premises have been damaged in a natural disaster or other declared emergency to the extent that the customer's electric

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service has been affected. The requested revision is attached hereto in standard and legislative format as Composite Exhibit "A". The company also requests that such approval be made effective as soon as practicable.

Background

4. Many of Tampa Electric's customers in Polk County have experienced hardship in recent weeks as a result of Hurricane Charley. Some homes and businesses have sustained damages that have forced customers to forgo electric service until the damages can be repaired while other homes and businesses were totally destroyed requiring customers to relocate entirely. Tampa Electric does not wish to burden these customers with additional costs of service charges that would normally be incurred for the reestablishment of service, service transfers, or late payments.

Proposed Revision

5. The company proposes to add the following language at of the Service Charges section of Tariff Sheet 3.030:

The Company shall have the discretion to waive any of the foregoing charges that would otherwise apply to Customers as a consequence of significant damage to their premises caused by a natural disaster or other similar conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration.

6. Tampa Electric knows of no disputed issues of material fact relative to the tariff revisions proposed herein.

Request for Expedited Approval

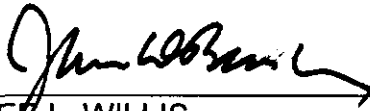
7. Tampa Electric requests expedited approval of this Petition so that it may provide expedited relief to those customers adversely affected by Hurricane Charley.

Consideration of this Petition on the same schedule as similar pending petitions filed on behalf of Florida Power & Light Company and Progress Energy Florida, Inc. will enable Tampa Electric provide expedited relief to its affected customers.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests that this Commission consent to the application of Revised Tariff Sheet No 3.030 as set forth in composite Exhibit "A". The company requests that such approval be made effective as soon as practicable.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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ATTORNEYS FOR TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

EXHIBIT A

SERVICE CHARGES

A \$38.00 service charge will be made for the establishment of each initial service connection.

A \$35.00 service charge will be made for each reestablishment of service after such service has been discontinued as provided for in Section 5, Part 2.14 of this Tariff.

A \$16.00 service charge will be made for all other connections including the changing of an existing customer's account to another customer's name.

A \$8.00 collection charge will be made when a service representative visits a premises for the purpose of discounting service for nonpayment of a delinquent account and does not discontinue service because the customer (1) pays, (2) makes arrangement to pay, or (3) cannot be contacted at the time of the call.

The following service charges shall be added to the customer's bill for electric service for each check dishonored by the bank upon which it is drawn.

Charges for services due and rendered which are unpaid as of the past due date are subject to a Late Payment Charge of 1.5%, except in the accounts of federal, state, and local governmental entities, agencies, and instrumentalities. Accounts of federal, state, and local governmental agencies and instrumentalities are subject to a Late Payment Charge at a rate no greater than allowed, and in manner permitted, by applicable law.

The Company shall have the discretion to waive any of the foregoing charges that would otherwise apply to Customers as a consequence of significant damage to their premises caused by a natural disaster or other similar conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration.

RETURNED CHECK CHARGE

If the check does not exceed \$50.00, the return check charge will be \$25.00.

If the check = \$50.01, but does not exceed \$300.00, the return check charge will be \$30.00. If the check exceeds \$300.00, the return check charge will be \$40.00, or 5% of the face amount of the check, which ever is greater.

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