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DATE: September 23, 2004
TO: Adrienne Vining, Senior Attorney, General Counsel
FROM: Ralph J. VonFossen^{RVF}, Economic Analyst, Division of Economic Regulation
RE: Docket No. 040001 - EI, Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause, Request for Confidentiality of Document No. 04202-04

On April 22, 2004, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) filed its request for confidential classification for Document No. 04202-04. This document is the testimony and exhibit of Joann Wehle. The utility has requested confidentiality be granted for a period of two years.

The information in question reveals the results of TECO's hedging activities. TECO contends that disclosure of this information would adversely impact its ability to negotiate hedging strategies on a going forward basis, would provide hedging counterparties with information useful in ascertaining TECO's hedging strategies, and would disadvantage its future hedging negotiations.

Staff has reviewed this document and recommends that TECO's confidentiality request be approved with the following exceptions. Confidentiality should be denied for the portions of the document as detailed below.

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The above designations reference annual results of hedging activities and do not reveal any information regarding individual transactions, or hedging strategies. TECO has not shown how disclosure of this information would negatively impact future hedging negotiations. For these reasons we recommend that confidentiality be denied.

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