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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Commission Clerk
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Florida Public Service Commission
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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

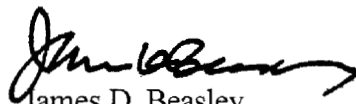
Dear Ms. Bayo:

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 hearing Exhibit Nos.
69, 70, 84 and 89.

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: Review of Tampa Electric Company's)
Waterborne transportation contract with) DOCKET NO. 031033-EI
TECO Transport and associated benchmark.) FILED: October 4, 2005
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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, files this its request for confidential classification of certain information, and says:

1. During the course of the hearing conducted in the above proceeding, certain parties introduced into evidence documents provided by Tampa Electric through discovery on a confidential basis pursuant to confidentiality agreements or other requests for temporary protection from public disclosure. They included the following hearing exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Document Description</u>
69	Letter dated September 25, 2003 regarding right to exercise option under the Transportation Storage and Transfer Agreement between Tampa Electric Company and TECO Transport Corporation, dated June 30, 1998. (TECO's response to CSXT's Seventh Request for Production of Documents.); FPSC Document No. 06645-04
70	Barge loading logs. (TECO's response to OPC's 4 th Request for Production of Documents.); FPSC Document No. 06646-04
84	TECO Fuels Department Prices for the Third Quarter 2003. (TECO's response to OPC's 4 th Request for Production of Documents.); FPSC Document No. 06652-04
89	January 1, 1999 Coal Contract between Tampa Electric Company and The American Coal Company. (TECO's response to CSXT's 2 nd Request for Production of Documents.); FPSC Document No. 06654-04

2. Tampa Electric no longer requires confidential treatment of Exhibit 70, but remains in need of confidential protection of portions of Exhibits 69, 84 and 89 (“the Confidential Information”).

3. 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)

4. 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)

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit “A” is a justification for designating the Confidential Information proprietary confidential business information under the above-referenced statute and rule.

6. 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.

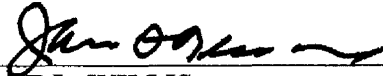
7. The material for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been disclosed.

8. 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 Confidential Information set forth in Exhibits 69, 84 and 89 be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth above, as detailed in Exhibit "A."

DATED this 4th day of October 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing Request for Specified Confidential Classification, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 4th day of October 2005 to the following:

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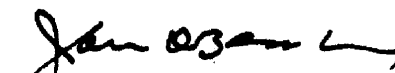
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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF HIGHLIGHTED
PORTIONS OF TAMPA ELECTRIC'S EXHIBITS TO DOCKET NO. 031033-EI**

<u>Bates Stamp Page No.</u>	<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Detailed Description</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
21	69	All of the Information on the Listed Page	(2)
207-229	89	All of the Information on the Listed Page	(1)
818 - 819	84	All of the Information on the Listed Pages	(1), (2)
817	84	All of the Information on the Listed Pages	(1), (2), (3)

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- (1) The information contained on the listed pages reveals the identity of bidders that submitted proposals in response to Tampa Electric's RFP. Disclosing bidders identities and the information included in their confidential proposals would discourage those bidders from participation in future RFPs as they do not desire for their competitors to have access to the terms and conditions under which they will bid on transportation services. As such public disclosure of the information contained on these pages would adversely affect the competitive interests of the bidders and the ability of Tampa Electric to contract for goods and services on favorable terms. The disclosure of this information would therefore be harmful to competitive interests, and as such, the information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093(d) and (e), Florida Statutes.
 - (2) The information contained on the listed pages contains information about the contract terms and rates that were paid for transportation services under Tampa Electric's contracts with TECO Transport during the period 1998 through 2003 or that will be paid for transportation services under Tampa Electric's contract with TECO Transport that took effect January 1, 2004. 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 previous or current contract rates. 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.
 - (3) The information discloses 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 Transport 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.