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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Petition for approval of new environmental program for cost recovery through Environmental Cost Recovery Clause by Tampa Electric Company.

DOCKET NO. 050958-EI

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STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-06-0800-PCO-EI, filed September 25, 2006, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

None at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: Are the following projects in Tampa Electric Company's Big Bend FGD System Reliability Program costs or expenses incurred by Tampa Electric in complying with environmental laws or regulations and, therefore, entitled to be recovered under the environmental cost recovery clause pursuant to Section 366.8255, Florida Statutes?

(a) Big Bend Units 1-4 Electric Isolation

POSITION: No position at this time.

(b) Big Bend Units 3-4 Split Inlet Duct and Split Outlet Duct

POSITION: No position at this time.

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- (c) Gypsum fines filter

POSITION: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: How should the following remaining projects in Tampa Electric Company's Big Bend FGD System Reliability Program be recovered?

- (a) Big Bend Units 1-4 Mist Eliminator Upgrades
- (b) Big Bend Units 1-4 On-line Mist Eliminator Wash System
- (c) Big Bend Units 1-4 On-line Nozzle Wash System
- (d) Gypsum Filter Vacuum Pump Upgrades
- (e) Big Bend Units 1-2 Gypsum Blow Down Line
- (f) Controls Additions
- (g) Big Bend Units 3-4 FGD Booster Fan Capacity Expansion
- (h) Big Bend Units 1-2 Recycle Pump Discharge Isolation Bladders
- (i) Big Bend Units 1-2 Inlet Duct C-276 Wallpaper

POSITION:

The costs of the projects listed under this Issue 2 should be recovered through the Big Bend FGD System Reliability (New) ECRC Program, the Big Bend Units 1 and 2 FGD (Existing) ECRC Program and through base rates, allocated among the three methods of recovery in the manner shown in the chart entitled "Big Bend Flue Gas Desulfurization System Reliability Program Recovery of Expenditures-Revised" filed on March 16, 2006 by Tampa Electric, a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference made a part hereof.

e. Pending Motions

None

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f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None

g. Compliance with Order No.PSC-06-0800-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of February, 2007.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT was furnished to the following, by U.S. Mail and Electronic Mail, on this 14th day of February, 2007:

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