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Ms. Ann Cole, Director
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause with Generating
Performance Incentive Factor; FPSC Docket No. 070001-EI

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Temporary Protective Order of certain highlighted information contained in Late-Filed Exhibit 51 of the company's witness Joann T. Wehle.

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: Fuel and Purchased)
Power Cost Recovery Clause)
and Generating Performance)
Incentive Factor.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 070001-EI
FILED: November 7, 2007

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
AND MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

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 the highlighted information contained in Late-Filed Exhibit 51 filed this date on a confidential basis in the above docket, with the duration of that confidential classification to be a minimum of three years. This request also serves as Tampa Electric's motion for a temporary protective order protecting the confidentiality of the information in question. Two copies of Late-Filed Exhibit 51 with the confidential information redacted are also enclosed with this request. In support of its request, Tampa Electric states as follows:

1. Subsection 366.093(1) 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].” Proprietary confidential business information includes, but is not limited to “[i]nformation concerning . . . 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.” Subsection 366.093(3)(d). Proprietary confidential business information also includes “[i]nformation relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the

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information.” Section 366.093(3)(e). The highlighted portion of Late-Filed Exhibit 51 falls within these statutory categories and, thus, constitutes propriety confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006.

2. Disclosure of the highlighted information in Late-Filed Exhibit 51 would disclose Tampa Electric’s planned risk exposure by disclosing the extent to which the company hedges natural gas purchases. Those who have an interest in supplying Tampa Electric’s fuel and purchased power needs could use this valuable information to help them force more favorable terms, to the detriment of Tampa Electric and its ratepayers, than would otherwise be the case. They could learn of the company’s plans and needs and use that information in exacting better prices for meeting those needs.

3. Disclosing the company’s risk exposure levels would provide an indicator of vulnerability to market price. Knowledge of this information would allow the opportunity for market manipulation through transactions made in anticipation of the company’s entry into the market. Market manipulations based on knowledge of the highlighted information would increase the price of fuel and purchased power paid by Tampa Electric’s customers as well as the price paid by the company to hedge the customers’ price of fuel and purchased power. These effects of disclosure would impair the efforts of Tampa Electric to contract for goods and services on favorable terms for the benefit of its customers.

5. The highlighted information contained in Late-Filed Exhibit 51 for which confidential classification is sought is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

Requested Duration of Confidential Classification

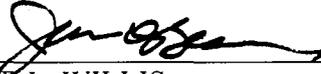
6. Tampa Electric requests that the highlighted information in Late-Filed Exhibit 51 be treated by the Commission as confidential proprietary business information for a minimum of three years. The highlighted information provides details of the company's hedging policy which are of a continuing nature and which could well be in placed beyond the standard eighteen month period that confidential information is treated by the Commission as such. A minimum of three years is essential to prevent those entities in the fuel and purchased power markets from having access to information they could use to the competitive disadvantage of Tampa Electric, which would increase the fuel and purchased power costs borne by Tampa Electric's customers.

7. On October 6, 2006 (Order No. PSC-06-0831-CFO-EI) the Commission approved Tampa Electric's Request for Confidential Classification of the type of information contained in the company's Late-Filed Exhibit 51. That request included a request that the information in question be treated confidentially for a period of three years. The Commission granted that request.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests that the highlighted information set forth in the company's Late-Filed Exhibit 51 be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth above, and that a temporary protective order be entered protecting the confidentiality of the information in question.

DATED this 7th day of November 2007.

Respectfully submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Temporary Protective Order has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 7th day of November 2007 to the following:

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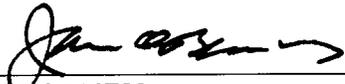
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Tampa Electric Company
Late-Filed Exhibit 51
Witness: Joann T. Wehle

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
HEDGING BREAKDOWN FOR 2007**

During 2007 Tampa Electric Company has hedged approximately [REDACTED] of all of its natural gas purchases and 0% of its oil purchases. 100% of its natural gas price hedges are financial.

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DATE: November 7, 2007

TO: J. Beasley/Ausley Law Firm

FROM: Ruth Nettles, Office of Commission Clerk

RE: Acknowledgement of Receipt of Confidential Filing

This will acknowledge receipt of a **CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT** filed in Docket Number 070001-EI or, if filed in an undocketed matter, concerning Late-Filed Exhibit 51, and filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company. The document will be maintained in locked storage.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Marguerite Lockard, Deputy Clerk, at (850) 413-6770.

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