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Ms. Ann Cole, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Petition for Rate Increase by Tampa Electric Company
FPSC Docket No. 080317-EI

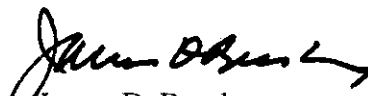
Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Temporary Protective Order.

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

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Rate Increase)
by Tampa Electric Company.)
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DOCKET NO. 080317-EI

FILED: September 26, 2008

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests a temporary protective order protecting certain information provided to Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") from public disclosure, and in support thereof, says:

1. Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, provides a procedure allowing a person who permits OPC to inspect or take possession of information to request a temporary protective order exempting the information from Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes.

2. OPC has requested the production of certain documents, including the documents listed in Exhibit "A" to this request, pursuant to OPC's Production of Documents Request Nos. 69, 71 and 73.

3. The documents listed in Exhibit "A" include presentations to and interactions with different rating agencies by Tampa Electric's parent company and affiliates. Communications and interactions with rating agencies are made pursuant to confidentiality agreements with the rating agencies and involve information of a forward-looking nature, the public disclosure of which could harm the interests of the provider of the information and/or trigger disclosure requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The confidential documents that are

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the subject of this request are consecutively Bates stamp numbered as pages 270 – 1299, are stamped "Confidential" and either printed on yellow paper stock or highlighted in yellow.

4. The information contained in the documents listed in Exhibit "A" to this request is confidential proprietary business information of the type Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, was designed to protect.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric requests the entry of a temporary protective order, protecting from public disclosure the documents listed in Exhibit "A" to this request.

DATED this 26th day of September, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Temporary Protective Order, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been served by hand delivery (*) or U. S. Mail on this 26th day of September, 2008 to the following:

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