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Re: Petition for Rate Increase by Tampa Electric Company
FPSC Docket No. 080317-EI

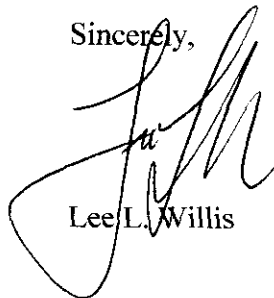
Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and fifteen (15) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Preliminary Response and Objections to FIPUG's Eighth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 54-62).

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,



Lee L. Willis

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cc: All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

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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

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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PRELIMINARY RESPONSE AND OBJECTIONS
TO FIPUG'S EIGHTH REQUEST PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (NOS. 54-62)**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or the "company") submits the following Preliminary Response and Objections to FIPUG's Eighth Requests for the Production of Documents (Nos. 54-62).

I. Introduction

FIPUG's Eighth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 54-62) filed by Florida Industrial Power Users Group ("FIPUG") on November 14, 2008 is part of a series of discovery requests propounded by FIPUG. Tampa Electric has made an immediate and continuing effort to identify documents responsive to this request. Despite the objections stated below, the company plans to either: (1) produce and make available for inspection at Tampa Electric's headquarters documents responsive to FIPUG's requests; or (2) copy and provide documents responsive to this request to FIPUG at its offices depending on the volume of documents that are identified. In some instances it appears that information sought is duplicative of prior requests.

The objections which follow are necessary because of the collectively expansive nature of the multiple requests served by FIPUG and because the process of assembly and review is incomplete as of the date of this pleading.

Tampa Electric will initiate a dialog with FIPUG with the objective of producing documents efficiently for both FIPUG and Tampa Electric. The best approach will become

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apparent once the requested documents have been assembled and the volume of documents is known.

II. General Objections.

Tampa Electric asserts the following general objections to FIPUG's Eighth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 54-62):

1. Tampa Electric objects to each and every individual discovery request, to the extent it calls for information protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the accountant-client privilege, the trade secret privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection afforded by law, whether such privilege or protection appears at the time response is first made or is later determined to be applicable for any reason. Tampa Electric in no way intends to waive any such privilege or protection. The nature of any such document(s) will be described in a privilege log filed/prepared by Tampa Electric.

2. Tampa Electric objects to each individual request to the extent it requires production of information that is proprietary, confidential business information without provisions in place to protect the confidentiality of the information. Tampa Electric in no way intends to waive claims of confidentiality and will only produce such information subject to protective order and the Commission's rule on confidentiality. Tampa Electric will file a request for a protective order prior to providing copies of confidential documents to FIPUG and will also provide non-disclosure agreements for any of FIPUG's outside consultants. Documents that are confidential will be identified and separated for review. In some instances where responsive documents are identified and such documents are sufficiently limited in volume, the company will make such documents available for review in the offices of Ausley & McMullen at a date and time mutually agreeable to FIPUG and Tampa Electric.

3. Tampa Electric objects to any definitions or instructions accompanying the discovery request to the extent that they are inconsistent with and expand the scope of discovery specified in the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure that are incorporated into the Model Rules of Procedure or the Commission's rules on discovery. If some question arises as to Tampa Electric's discovery obligations, Tampa Electric will comply with applicable rules and not with any of the definitions or instructions accompanying the discovery requests that are inconsistent with or exceed the requirements of those rules. Furthermore, Tampa Electric objects to any discovery request that calls for Tampa Electric to create data or information that it otherwise does not have because there is no such requirement under the applicable rules and law.

4. Tampa Electric objects to any definition or instruction in any discovery request that seeks production of documents from persons or entities who are not parties to this proceeding or that are not subject to discovery under applicable rules.

5. Tampa Electric is a large corporation with employees located in many different locations. In the course of its business, Tampa Electric creates numerous documents that are not subject to the Florida Public Service Commission or other governmental record retention requirements. These documents are kept in numerous locations and frequently are moved from site to site as employees change jobs or as business is reorganized. Therefore, it is possible that not every relevant document may have been reviewed or considered in developing Tampa Electric's responses to the discovery requests. Rather, Tampa Electric will provide all the information that Tampa Electric obtained after a good faith, reasonable and diligent search conducted in connection with these discovery requests. To the extent that the discovery requests propose to require more, Tampa Electric objects to the requests individually and collectively on the grounds that compliance would impose an undue burden or expense on Tampa Electric.

6. Tampa Electric objects to each discovery request to the extent that it seeks information that is not relevant to the subject matter of this docket and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

7. Tampa Electric objects to each and every discovery request to the extent it is vague, ambiguous, overly broad, burdensome, imprecise, or utilizes terms that are subject to multiple interpretations but are not properly defined or explained for purposes of such discovery requests.

8. Tampa Electric objects on grounds of relevancy to each discovery request seeking information relating to transactions or other business activity of Tampa Electric's non-regulated sister companies where Tampa Electric was not a party to the transaction or a participant in the business activity.

9. Tampa Electric expressly reserves and does not waive any objections it may have to the admissibility, authenticity or relevancy of the information provided in its responses to the subject discovery requests.

10. Tampa Electric objects to any attempt by the party seeking discovery to evade any numerical limitations set on interrogatories or requests for production of documents by asking multiple independent discovery requests within single individual discovery requests and subparts thereof. By making these general objections at this time, Tampa Electric does not waive or relinquish its right to assert additional general and specific objections to the subject discovery at the time Tampa Electric's response is due.

11. Tampa Electric objects to the time and place designated for production on grounds that producing documents that may be responsive to the requests at the specified time and place would require the company to copy and ship voluminous documents, which would be

burdensome not only on Tampa Electric, but also on FIPUG as well. In general, and subject to the specific objections presented below, the company will produce documents that may be responsive to the requests in one of three ways: (1) by delivering at the date and place specified a CD with pdf images of documents requested by and produced to other parties, (2) by delivering at the date and place specified paper copies and electronic files of certain non-confidential and confidential documents or (3) making certain sensitive confidential documents available for review at the offices of Ausley & McMullen Law Firm in Tallahassee, Florida at a mutually agreeable date and time. With respect to paper copies, the company will copy and ship specific documents identified by FIPUG upon payment of reasonable copying and shipping charges. The company will initiate a dialog on the appropriate amount of charges for copying and shipping.

12. To the extent these requests seek documents produced by Tampa Electric in response to prior FIPUG requests, the company objects to the duplicative production of this information.

III. Specific Objections.

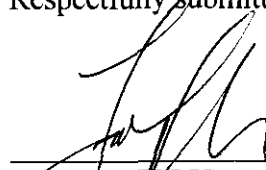
In addition to the general objections set forth above, which are incorporated herein by reference, Tampa Electric asserts the following specific objections.

62. Provide all documents showing or relating to purchases made under the Optional Provision for the period 2003-2008 (to date).

Objections and Response: In addition to its general objections, which are incorporated herein by reference, the Company objects to this request on the ground that it is overbroad and burdensome.

DATED this 4th day of December, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Preliminary Response and Objections to FIPUG's Eighth Request for the Production of Documents (Nos. 54-62), filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (*) on this 7th day of December, 2008 to the following:

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