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Ms. Ann Cole, Director  
Division of Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 110007-EI; Potential Environmental  
Cost Recovery Projects During 2012

Dear Ms. Cole:

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently conducting several rulemakings that could directly affect Florida's electric utilities, including Tampa Electric Company. The potential rules and standards are at various stages of development and include regulations focused on (1) air emissions, including greenhouse gases; (2) cooling water intake and wastewater discharge; and (3) the disposal of coal combustion residues. EPA's proposed rules would affect all existing fossil fuel fired electric generation, including Tampa Electric facilities located at Big Bend, Polk and Bayside Power Stations.

The ongoing EPA rulemakings present significant challenges to the utility industry and will require substantial analysis and planning to develop and implement cost-effective compliance measures. While the ultimate content of the proposed EPA rules and their effective dates are not known with certainty at this time, Tampa Electric will need to contract with outside consultants to, among other things, analyze the proposed rules and develop compliance strategies. These efforts may need to be commenced in 2012 and could include emissions testing, engineering and other analyses.

Given the ongoing nature of the rulemakings, Tampa Electric is in the process of formulating what it will need in order to develop its compliance strategies. Once that is accomplished, Tampa Electric will prepare and submit for Commission consideration a petition addressing the necessary compliance costs.

By copy of this letter, I am providing this filing to all parties listed on the attached Certificate of Service.

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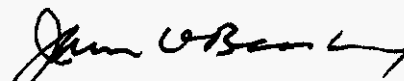
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Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,



James D. Beasley

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Attachment

cc: All Parties of Record (w/attachment)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Potential Environmental Cost Recovery Projects During 2012 has been furnished by U. S. Mail or hand delivery (\*) on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July 2011 to the following:

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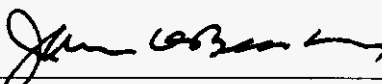
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