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VIA: ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850


Re: Docket No. 160059-EI; Petition to Extend Economic Development Rider on a
Permanent Basis by Tampa Electric Company

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached for filing in the above docket is Tampa Electric Company's Responses to Staff's
First Data Request (Nos. 1-8) dated March 17, 2016.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

JDB/pp
Attachment

cc: Sue Ollila (w/attachment)

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1. How many customers currently take service under the Economic Development Rider (EDR)?
 - A. Currently there are two customers taking service under the EDR.

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- 2.** What type of customers, and how many of each type, currently take service under the EDR, e.g., manufacturing, industrial, light industrial, office park, retail store, etc.?
 - A.** One customer operates a distribution center and the other operates a retail grocery chain.

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- 3.** Are the incremental base revenue amount, the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs, and the discount amount referenced in paragraph 4 of the petition as of December 31, 2015? If not, what is the correct date?
- A.** The incremental base revenue and number of FTE jobs reported in paragraph 4 are as of February 29, 2016.

Please note: There is a typographical error in the total revenue discount through the end of February 2016 in Paragraph 4. The discount amount of \$134,000 should be \$130,000.

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- 4.** Please explain how Tampa Electric verified the number of new FTEs referenced in paragraph 4 of the petition, both to confirm initial eligibility and throughout each year of the five-year term of the EDR, and include a description of any documentation required by Tampa Electric.
 - A.** Each customer initially taking service under the EDR, must sign an attestation letter stating that they will employ at least 25 FTEs. Additionally, Tampa Electric is developing an annual attestation letter that the customers will have to sign and return indicating that they are maintaining the minimum 25 FTEs required to remain on the EDR program (see page 2 of this response).

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Dear EDR Administrator,

This letter attests that ____ (customer name) _____ has maintained at least 25 Full-Time Employees as required by the Economic Development Rider.

Customer Name Printed

Customer Signature

Title

Date

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- 5.** Referring to paragraph 2 of the petition, have the maximum amount of economic development expenditures as specified in Commission Rule 25-6.0426, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), been met at any time during the pilot period? Please state what the maximum amount is, and if the response is yes, please explain.
- A.** The maximum amount has not been met at this time. Commission Rule 25-6.0426, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), states that there is a \$3 million cap for the Economic Development Rider Pilot. Through February 29, 2016, the pilot has credited the customer bills by a total of approximately \$130,000.

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- 6.** Please describe the type of verification Tampa Electric receives in support of the new No. 7 on First Revised Sheet 7.740 supporting the assertion that the availability of the EDR is a significant factor in the customer's location/expansion decision.
 - A.** Tampa Electric receives an attestation letter from each customer when formally requesting the EDR, which indicates they meet the Economic Development Rider tariff criteria.

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- 7.** Referring to paragraph 7 of the petition, please explain how a permanent EDR satisfies the requirements of Rule 25-6.0426(3)-(6), F.A.C.

- A.** Tampa Electric has not yet requested cost recovery related to the EDR. At the time of the company's next rate case, Tampa Electric will make the appropriate request under Rule 25-6.0426 (4) and (6), F.A.C., for recovery of EDR discounts. Consequently, a permanent EDR would satisfy the requirements of Rule 25-6.0426 (3)-(6), F.A.C.

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- 8.** Does Tampa Electric plan to continue the surveillance reporting pursuant to Rule 25-6.0426(3)-(6), F.A.C.? If no, please explain.
- A.** EDR does not result in an expense, as described in Rule 25-6.0426(3)-(6), F.A.C. EDR results in increased revenues albeit at a lower effective rate over the period the EDR agreement is in effect for the customer. Hence there is no surveillance reporting requirement that applies to EDR under Rule 25-6.0426(3)-(6), F.A.C. There is a surveillance reporting requirement for CISR agreements as per Docket No. 140048-EI "Reporting Requirements for electric investor-owned utilities with Commercial/Industrial Service Rider (CISR) tariffs", which provides the requirement to report CISR discounts in the December surveillance report each year.