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Re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause with Generating
Performance Incentive Factor; FPSC Docket No. 160001-EI

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are the original and seven (7) copies of Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Temporary Protective Order of certain highlighted information contained in the company's Natural Gas Hedging Activities January 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016.

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

DOCKET NO. 160001-EI

FILED: August 18, 2016

**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 request confidential classification of the yellow highlighted information contained in the following described document(s) stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" and all information that is or may be printed on yellow paper stock stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" within the following described document(s), all of said confidential information being hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information."

Description of Document(s)

Report entitled "Tampa Electric Natural Gas Hedging Activities January 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016" consisting of one page. In support of this request, the company states:

1. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that any records "found by the Commission to be propriety confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes [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), Florida Statutes. 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 information." Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion falls within the statutory categories and, thus, constitutes propriety confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a justification for confidential treatment of the Confidential Information contained in the above-described document(s).

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a notification that public versions of the above-described document is being filed this date with the Commission electronically.

4. The Confidential Information contained in the above-described document(s) is intended to be and is treated by Tampa Electric as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

5. For the same reasons set forth herein in support of its request for confidential classification, Tampa Electric also moves the Commission for entry of a temporary protective order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, protecting the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

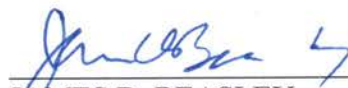
Requested Duration of Confidential Classification

6. Tampa Electric requests that the Confidential Information be treated by the Commission as confidential proprietary business information for at least the 18 month period prescribed in Rule 25-22.006(9)(a), Florida Administrative Code. If, and to the extent that the company is in need of confidential classification of the Confidential Information beyond the 18 month period set forth in the Commission rule, the justification and grounds for such extended confidential treatment are set forth in Exhibit "C" to this request and motion.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company respectfully requests that the Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth herein and for a minimum period of 18 months, subject to any request for a longer period of confidential classification as may be set forth in Exhibit "C" to this request and motion.

DATED this 18th day of August 2016.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification and Motion for Protective Order has been served by electronic mail on this 18th day of August 2016, to the following:

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**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL
TREATMENT OF HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF TAMPA
ELECTRIC'S REPORT ENTITLED "TAMPA ELECTRIC NATURAL
GAS HEDGING ACTIVITIES JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH JULY 31, 2016"**

<u>Document Description</u>	<u>Bates Page Nos.</u>	<u>Detailed Description</u>	<u>Rationale</u>
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- 1) The information contained on the listed page contains hedged fuel prices, hedged volumes of natural gas and hedging volume percentages, all of which types of information have been recognized by the Commission on numerous occasions to constitute proprietary confidential business information, the disclosure of which would be harmful to Tampa Electric's ability to contract for goods and services on favorable terms and, likewise, the disclosure of which would be harmful to the competitive interests of Tampa Electric. See, for example, Order Nos. PSC-07-0859-CFO-E1 and PSC-07-0860-CFO-EI. This is the specific type of information described in Section 366.093(3)(d) and (e) as being entitled to confidential protection and exemption from the Public Records Law.

PUBLIC VERSION(S) OF THE DOCUMENT(S)

Attached hereto (unless previously filed as may be noted below) are two public versions of the Document(s) with the Confidential Information redacted.

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached _____

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) in question are being separately filed this date electronically **X**

REQUESTED DURATION OF CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Tampa Electric requests that the Confidential Information that is the subject of this request be treated as proprietary confidential business information exempt from the Public Records Law for a minimum of 18 months from the date of the order granting such classification. To the extent the company needs confidential protection of the Confidential Information for a period longer than 18 months, the company's justification therefore is set forth below:

Tampa Electric requests that the Confidential Information that is the subject of this request be treated by the Commission as confidential proprietary business information for a minimum of three years. The data in question provides detailed hedging strategies and actions, many of which are of a continuing nature and which could well be in place beyond the standard 18 month period that confidential information is treated as such by the Commission. The information in question would disclose the company's risk management strategies by making public the hedged prices Tampa Electric has settled on. Disclosing this type of information sooner than three years after it is submitted would arm would-be suppliers of goods and services, as well as competitors of Tampa Electric, with key components of the company's risk management strategies. 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.