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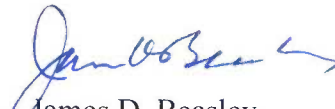
Re: Petition of Tampa Electric Company for Approval of Depreciation Rates for
Various Accounts

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached for filing in the above-styled matter is Tampa Electric Company's Petition for
Approval of Depreciation Rates for Various Accounts.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,


James D. Beasley

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Attachment

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Tampa Electric)
Company for Approval of Depreciation)
Rates for Various Accounts.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. _____

FILED: August 28, 2017

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION
FOR APPROVAL OF DEPRECIATION
RATES FOR VARIOUS ACCOUNTS**

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.04, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-6.0436(2)(a), Florida Administrative Code, petitions the Commission for approval to depreciate assets in certain accounts and, in support thereof, says:

1. Tampa Electric is an investor-owned electric utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. Tampa Electric serves retail customers in Hillsborough and portions of Polk, Pinellas and Pasco Counties in Florida. The company's principal offices are located at 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602.

2. The persons to whom all notices and other documents should be sent in connection with this docket are:

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3. Tampa Electric is seeking Commission approval of depreciation rates at this time to apply to the following asset accounts:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Requested Depreciation Rate</u>
34644-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Big Bend Combustion Turbine No. 4	4.0%
34684-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Polk Unit No. 4	3.9%
34685-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Polk Unit No. 5	3.9%
34633-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Bayside Combustion Turbine No. 3	4.0%
34634-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Bayside Combustion Turbine No. 4	4.0%
34635-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Bayside Combustion Turbine No. 5	4.0%
34636-Misc. Power Plant Equipment of Bayside Combustion Turbine No. 6	4.0%

4. Tampa Electric began applying the above rates to the referenced accounts with assets starting in 2011, based on the approved depreciation rates for the corresponding FERC Account 345-Accessory Electric Equipment. The depreciation rates are reasonable compared to depreciation rates applied to other similar asset accounts. The company inadvertently failed to seek Commission approval of these rates during this time, and now seeks to rectify that inadvertence by requesting Commission approval to continue applying the referenced depreciation rates to the above accounts on an interim basis until such time as depreciation rates are examined in detail in the company's next depreciation study.

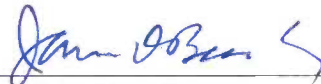
5. Tampa Electric requests approval of the continued application of the above depreciation rates effective as of the date of the Commission order disposing of this Petition.

6. Tampa Electric is not aware of any disputed issues of material fact relating to the matters stated herein or the relief requested.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company respectfully urges the Commission to approve the company's continued application of the above-listed depreciation rates for the referenced accounts effective as of the date of the Commission's final order disposing of this Petition.

DATED this 28th day of August, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,



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