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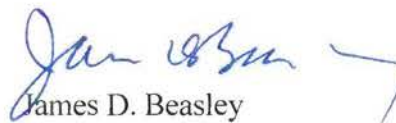
Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer  
Commission Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Petition for recovery of costs associated with named tropical systems during the 2015, 2016, and 2017 hurricane seasons and replenishment of storm reserve subject to final true-up, Tampa Electric Company;  
FPSC Docket No. 20170271-EI

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached for filing in the above docket are Tampa Electric Company's Answers to Staff's First Data Request (No. 1) dated January 12, 2018.

Sincerely,

  
James D. Beasley

JDB/pp  
Attachment

cc: Danijela Janjic (w/attachment)  
Florida Industrial Power Users Group (Moyle) (w/attachment)  
Office of Public Counsel (Kelly) (w/attachment)

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY  
DOCKET NO. 20170271-EI  
STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST  
REQUEST NO. 1  
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1. Please provide a detailed description of the carrying costs included in Tampa Electric's proposal, specifically, the method of financing the incremental storm costs and the associated costs.
  - A. Tampa Electric's request for recovery of the actual incremental storm costs for TS Erika, TS Collin, Hurricane Hermine and Hurricane Matthew and the estimated incremental storm costs for Hurricane Irma for storm damage and replenishment of the storm reserve in the amount of \$87,377,388 described in the company's petition does not include any carrying costs. In addition, Tampa Electric does not plan on seeking any carrying costs to be included in the final recoverable amount when all restoration and follow up costs are finalized and filed with the Commission for review and approval later in 2018.