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

Re: Petition for a limited proceeding to approve first solar base rate adjustment (SoBRA) effective September 1, 2018; FPSC Docket No. 20170260-EI

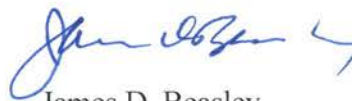
Dear Ms. Stauffer:

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 portions of response to Staff's Second Data Request No. 1.

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

cc: All Parties of Record (w/enc.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for limited proceeding to)
Approve first solar base rate adjustment)
(SoBRA), effective September 1, 2018.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 20170260-EI

FILED: February 26, 2018

**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) ("the Document(s)") stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" and all information that is or may be printed on yellow paper stock stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" within the Document(s), all of said confidential information being hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information."

Description of the Document(s)

Answer to Staff's Second Data Request No. 1. 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 proprietary 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 Document(s).

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit "B" are two public versions of the Document(s) with the Confidential Information redacted, unless previously filed as indicated.

4. The Confidential Information contained in the 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.

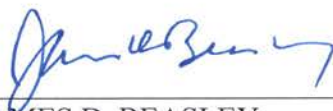
Requested Duration of Confidential Classification

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. The company further moves for the entry of a temporary protective order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(c), Florida Administrative Code, protecting the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2018.

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 Temporary Protective Order, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been served by electronic mail on this 26th day of February, 2018 to the following:

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ATTORNEY

**JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF
HIGHLIGHTED PORTIONS OF TAMPA ELECTRIC'S RESPONSES TO
STAFF'S SECOND SET OF DATA REQUESTS (FILED FEBRUARY 26, 2018)**

| <u>Bates Stamp</u> <u>Page No.</u> | <u>Data Request</u> <u>No.</u> | <u>Detailed Description</u> | <u>Rationale</u> |
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| 2 | 1 | All Yellow Highlighted Information | (1) |

- (1) The highlighted charts contain confidential, proprietary fuel price forecasts. The fuel price forecasts are the work product of the consultant firms who produce and sell these forecasts. Tampa Electric purchased this information for use in its internal analyses, and the purchases includes the requirement to keep the information confidential. This type of information has 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 to contract for goods and services on favorable terms and would impair the consultants' ability to contract with other companies for their services. 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. The disclosure of this information would be harmful to competitive interests, and as such, the information is entitled to confidential treatment pursuant to Section 366.093(d) and (e), Florida Statutes and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

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) will be submitted under a separate filing X

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) previously filed on _____

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 therefor is set forth below:

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