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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST

Via E-mail: jbesley@ausley.com

Re: Docket No. 20190001-EI - Fuel and purchased power cost recovery clause with generating performance incentive factor.

Dear Mr. Beasley:

By this letter, the Commission staff respectfully requests the following information from Tampa Electric Company (TECO):

For the purpose of these questions, please refer to either the Company's Mid-Course Correction Petition (Mid-Course Petition), or to the Company's 2019 Projection filing, dated August 24, 2018, and specific page references identified below.

1. Refer to Page 3, Paragraph 9, where the Mid-Course Petition states the total fuel and purchased power under-recovery for 2019 is estimated to be \$122,731,324.
 - a. What portion of this amount is based on actual, final amounts from 2018?
 - b. Is the remaining portion based on estimated amounts for January through December 2019? Briefly explain your response.
2. What values (numerator and the denominator amounts) did the Company use to support the 24.9 percent figure shown on Page 3, Paragraph 9 of the Mid-Course Petition?
3. What values (numerator and the denominator amounts) did the Company use to support the 16 percent figure shown on Page 3, Paragraph 9?
4. Refer to Page 3, Paragraph 10, and Schedule H1 from the Mid-Course Petition to the answer the following:
 - a. Identify what the primary and secondary drivers were that caused the "increase in the projected cost of natural gas" for the 2018 period.

- b. Identify what the primary and secondary drivers are (or were) that caused the “increase in the projected cost of natural gas” for the projected 2019 period.
 - c. Schedule H1 includes a column labeled as showing Actual / Estimated data for 2018. For the data presented in this column, please identify the last month whereby “actual” data from 2018 was incorporated in what is reflected in this column.
 - d. Schedule H1, Line 44, under the column labeled as Estimated 2019, reflects that the projected fuel cost per MMBTU for natural gas will be \$4.20. Does this value represent a forecast of the commodity price only, or the commodity price plus delivery?
 - e. Although the Mid-Course Petition does not reference coal, has the Company’s projected costs for coal changed for 2019 since the Company prepared its projection filings? Please explain your response.
5. Refer to Page 3, Paragraph 10. Please provide more detailed information about the revisions to “planned power purchases,” and the projected impact that these revisions will have on fuel and capacity revenues.
 6. Refer to Page 3, Paragraph 11 of the Mid-Course Petition. Other than the instant matter, please identify any pending rate adjustment matters that may trigger a billing change for TECO customers for the period April through December 2019.
 7. Refer to Page 3, Paragraph 11 of the Mid-Course Petition. Please provide more detailed information about the Company’s request to not include the 2018 Final True-up balance in its request for a mid-course adjustment.
 8. Refer to Page 4, Paragraph 13 of the Mid-Course Petition. Is it correct that the “E-Schedules” in Exhibit B do not reflect the total fuel and purchased power under-recovery for 2019, which is estimated to be \$122,731,324? If so, please submit a complete set of “E-Schedules” to reflect this amount.
 9. Please describe the Company’s efforts in notifying its customers about the Mid-Course Petition. In your response, please state any website addresses or hyperlinks that customers can access for information about this matter.
 10. On what date does the April 2019 billing cycle begin?

Questions 11-16 pertain to the revised fuel forecast for 2019 that was prepared to support the Company’s Mid-Course Petition.

11. Identify the date the revised fuel forecast for 2019 was prepared to support the Company’s Mid-Course Petition.

12. What was the average commodity price per MMBtu that was forecasted for natural gas, and how did it compare to the value projected in the older forecast?
13. What was the average delivered price per MMBtu that was forecasted for natural gas, and how did it compare to the value projected in the older forecast?
14. Were any new or different gas delivery arrangements incorporated into the revised fuel forecast than what were used when the projection forecast was prepared? If so, provide a detailed response.
15. Please identify the forecasting sources that were used for preparing the Company's Mid-Course Petition for 2019. Include in your response whether any of these sources were new or different sources than what was used when the projection forecast was prepared.
16. Please identify the forecasting assumptions that were used for preparing the Company's Mid-Course Petition for 2019. Include in your response whether any of these forecasting assumptions were new or different than what was used when the projection forecast was prepared.

For Questions 17-19, please refer to Page 16, Lines 23-24, of the Direct Testimony of J. Brent Caldwell, as filed in Docket No 20180001-EI on August 24, 2018.

17. Please explain the decision to use "five consecutive business days in April 2018" to develop the fuel price forecasts for 2019.
18. Similar testimony from prior years indicates that TECO prepared its forward year fuel price forecasts for 2018 in May 2017, and the forward year fuel price forecasts for 2017 in June 2016. Please discuss generally the decision process involved in selecting the dates used to develop forward year fuel price forecasts.
19. Please identify any impediments to selecting a uniform time frame (e.g., the second week of June, or similar) for preparing forward year fuel price forecasts.

Please file all responses electronically no later than Friday, February 1, 2019, via the Commission's website at www.floridapsc.com by selecting the Clerk's Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please contact me at (850) 413-6218 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/s/ Suzanne Brownless
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cc: Office of Commission Clerk