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Mr. Adam J. Teitzman
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Big Bend Station Generating Unit No. 1; Docket No. 20200000-OT, Undocketed Filing

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

After 50 years of valuable service to Tampa Electric Company's customers, I am pleased to notify the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") that Big Bend Station Unit No. 1 ("Unit 1") as currently configured was permanently removed from commercial service on June 1, 2020. As part of its current Big Bend Modernization Project, Tampa Electric will be re-powering Unit 1 as a clean natural gas-fired two-on-one combined cycle generating facility using the unit's existing steam turbine generator. The project will benefit Tampa Electric's customers by increasing the generating efficiency of Unit 1, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving the company's overall system reliability and efficiency, while maintaining warm water discharge to the existing manatee sanctuary at Big Bend Station.

Major portions of Unit 1 will be re-used and remain part of the re-powered Unit 1, and other portions will ultimately be retired. In accordance with Paragraph 8(b) of the company's 2017 Agreement, Tampa Electric will continue to account for its existing investment in Unit 1 in Electric Plant in Service and will continue to depreciate all of Unit 1 using the company's current depreciation rates until the company prepares and files, and the Commission approves, its next depreciation and dismantlement study.

In accordance with paragraph 8(c) of its 2017 Agreement, the company will file a depreciation and dismantlement study no more than one year nor less than 90 days before the filing of its next general rate proceeding under Sections 366.06 and 366.07, Florida Statutes, so that the study can be considered contemporaneously with the company's next general rate proceeding. Any capital recovery schedule for the Unit 1 retired assets would also be considered in conjunction with the company's next general rate proceeding.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this letter.

Sincerely,



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