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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Re: Petition of Tampa Electric Company for approval of Direct Current Microgrid
Pilot Program. Annual Status Report
Dkt. 20200234-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket is Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification of certain information contained in its Second Annual Status Report. Also attached is the yellow highlighted, Confidential Page 12.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

Malcolm N. Means

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Attachment

cc: All parties of record (w/att.)

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for approval of direct current
Microgrid pilot program and for variance from
or waiver of Rule 25-6.065, F.A.C., by Tampa
Electric Company

DOCKET NO.: 20200234-EI

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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

Tampa Electric Company (“Tampa Electric” or “the company”), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification for certain highlighted information contained in the company’s Microgrid Pilot Annual Report (June 7, 2022 through May 31, 2023). In support thereof, Tampa Electric states:

1. On June 30, 2021, the Commission entered Order No. PSC-2021-0237-PAA-EI in the above-captioned docket. Through this Order, the Commission approved Tampa Electric’s proposed direct current microgrid pilot program and directed the company to file annual reports with the Commission.¹

2. Tampa Electric filed its first annual report in the above-captioned docket on August 1, 2022. *See* DN 05127-2022.

3. On this date, Tampa Electric filed its second Microgrid Annual Report. A single copy of page 12 of this Microgrid Pilot Annual Report is being simultaneously filed with the Commission on a confidential basis. That page contains certain confidential cost information (“Confidential Information”) highlighted in yellow.

4. 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 exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act.]”

¹ *See also* Order No. PSC-2021-0265-CO-EI (consummating order).

5. Proprietary confidential business information includes but is not limited to: “information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods and service on favorable terms” and “information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information.” §366.093(3)(d)-(e), Fla. Stat.

6. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request falls within these statutory categories and thus constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. The Confidential Information shows the costs incurred by BlockEnergy to operate and maintain the direct current microgrid that is the subject of this pilot. Pursuant to the contract between Tampa Electric and BlockEnergy, the latter company is required to provide these services during the Pilot without payment from Tampa Electric. As such, the information in question is information concerning bids or other contractual data the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of Tampa Electric to contract for goods or services on favorable terms. It is also information related to competitive interests the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of BlockEnergy, which provided the information.

7. The confidential information on this page of the report is treated by Tampa Electric as confidential and has not been publicly disclosed.

8. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(9)(a), Tampa Electric requests that the confidential information be treated by the Commission as proprietary confidential business information for 18 months.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric respectfully requests that the confidential information that is the subject of this request be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth herein for 18 months.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by electronic mail on this 12th day of September 2023 to the following:

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