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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman  
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**REDACTED**

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 Third Annual Status Report.

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.)

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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 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024). 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.<sup>1</sup>

2. Tampa Electric filed its first annual report in the above-captioned docket on August 1, 2022, and filed its second annual report on September 21, 2023. *See* DN 05127-2022 and DN 05183-2023.

3. On this date, Tampa Electric filed its third Microgrid Annual Report. Contemporaneous with the filing of this request, Tampa Electric submitted the Confidential Information to the Commission Clerk under a separate, confidential cover letter. That page contains certain confidential cost information (“Confidential Information”) highlighted in yellow.

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

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.]”

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.

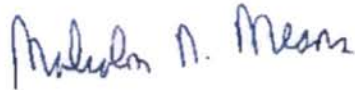
6. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request falls within these statutory categories and thus constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code. The Confidential 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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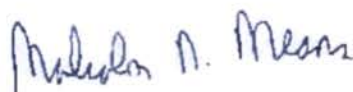
ATTORNEYS FOR TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

**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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2024 to the following:

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**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.

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purchase an electric vehicle. The customer proactively emailed Tampa Electric to share his plans, and due to the interaction, they did not install a Level 2 charger.

In another instance, a customer needed a copy of the easement to provide to their insurance company, confirming that the panels were the property of Tampa Electric. Through our engagement, we were able to provide the original agreement, facilitating her successful acquisition of the insurance policy.

In our ongoing communication regarding the Microgrid pilot, we prioritize transparency and responsiveness to ensure our customers feel valued and informed at every step. We actively seek participant feedback and address any concerns, tailoring our support to meet their unique needs. By providing regular updates and personalized interactions, we foster a collaborative environment that empowers our customers and enhances their overall experience. Our commitment to exceptional service is reflected in our dedication to listening to our customers and adapting our approach based on their insights, ensuring they are not just participants but partners in this innovative journey.

Tampa Electric will survey customers during the third year, and the results will be included in the company's report.

## COSTS

Table 6 highlights the operating costs incurred by BlockEnergy™ during the second year of Pilot performance. Tampa Electric incurred \$0 in operating costs for the Pilot because the contract requires BlockEnergy™ to provide those services during the Pilot without payment.

	June 2023 – May 2024	Cumulative Total as of May 31, 2024
<i>Labor: Fixing an issue/outage</i>		
<i>Materials</i>		
<b>Operations and Maintenance</b>		
<i>Labor: System Requests/Enhancements</i>		
<i>Materials: System Requests/Enhancements</i>		
<b>Project Requests</b>		
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		

Table 6: Year 2 Operating Costs, June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024

**EXHIBIT B**  
**JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIALITY PERIOD**

N/A