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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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



Re: Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Approval of 2026-2035 Storm Protection Plan Dkt. No.: 20250016-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above docket is Tampa Electric Company's Request for Confidential Classification and Request for Temporary Protective order pertaining to certain information contained in Tampa Electric's Response to Office of Public Counsel's First Request for Production of Documents, Number 2, propounded and served by electronic mail on February 6, 2025.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

Malcolm N. Means

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cc: All parties of record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Tampa Electric Company For approval of 2026-2035 Storm Protection

Plan

DOCKET NO. 20250016-EI

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TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND REQUEST 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 requests 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)

On this date, Tampa Electric filed its response to the Office of Public Counsel's ("OPC") First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-11), and the company believes that portions of its response as specified on Exhibit "A," constitute Confidential Information and has designated it as such by highlighting. Contemporaneous with the filing of this request, Tampa Electric submitted the Confidential Information to the Commission Clerk under a separate, confidential cover letter. Tampa Electric requests confidential classification for this information such that it will be entitled to protection against public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. 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: (a) trade secrets; (b) internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors; (c) security measures, systems, or procedures; (d) 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 or services on favorable terms; (e) information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information; and (f) employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities. §366.093(3)(a)-(f), Florida Statutes. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion falls within one or more of 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.

- 2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a justification for confidential treatment of the Confidential Information contained in the Documents.
- 3. Exhibit "B" contains the public version of the Documents with the Confidential Information redacted.
- 4. The Confidential Information contained in the Confidential Information 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)(a) of the Florida Administrative Code.

Requested Duration of Confidential Classification

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

DATED this 26th day of February, 2025.

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 Temporary Protective Order filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by electronic mail on this 26th day of February 2025 to the following:

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EXHIBIT A JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Tampa Electric's Response to the Office of Public Counsel's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-11)			
Document Description	Bates Nos.	Description of Information	Justification
Documents containing reports and analysis of Hurricane Helene produced in Tampa Electric's Response to Office of Public Counsel's First Request for Production of Documents, Number 2a.	1-46	The Highlighted Information	(1) & (2)
Documents containing reports and analysis of Hurricane Milton produced in Tampa Electric's Response to Office of Public Counsel's First Request for Production of Documents, Number 2b.	47-130	The Highlighted Information	(1) & (2)

Justification

- (1) The highlighted information relates to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. This information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.
- (2) The highlighted information on the pages in question constitutes Critical Energy Infrastructure Information or CEII, defined by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as "specific engineering, vulnerability, or detailed design information about proposed or existing critical infrastructure that: (1) relates details about the production, generation, transportation, transmission, or distribution of energy; (2) could be useful to a person in planning an attack on critical infrastructure; (3) is exempt from mandatory disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act; and (4) does not simply give the general location of the critical infrastructure." CEII includes, among other things, engineering and vulnerability information, which is the type of information contained in the above-referenced pages. In addition, Section 366.093(3)(c), Florida Statutes, identifies security measures, systems or procedures as the type of information entitled to confidential protection. Public disclosure of the information in question could compromise the security interests of Tampa Electric and adversely affect the company and its customers. As such, the information is entitled to confidential protection and exemption from the Public Records Law pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and the referenced provisions of the FERC's CEII policy."

EXHIBIT B 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) attached	
Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached via USB	<u>X</u>

EXHIBIT C JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIALITY PERIOD

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