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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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Re: Petition for Approval of Tampa Electric Company's 2003 Depreciation Study

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above-styled matter are the original and fifteen (15) copies of each of the following:

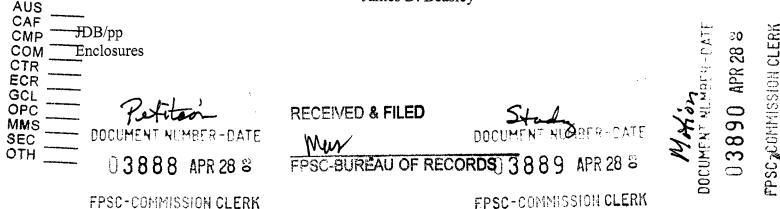
- 1. Tampa Electric Company's Petition for Approval of its 2003 Depreciation Study.
- 2. Tampa Electric Company's Motion for Expedited Approval of Accelerated Recognition of Depreciation and Dismantlement Costs for Gannon Station Units.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning same to this writer.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

James D. Beasley



BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Approval of Tampa Electric Company's 2003 Depreciation Study.

DOCKET NO. 030409 - E I FILED: April 28, 2003

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2003 DEPRECIATION STUDY

Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the company"), pursuant to Rule 25-6.0436, Fla. Admin. Code, submits this its Petition for approval of the company's 2003 Depreciation Study, and in support thereof, says:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner are as follows:

Tampa Electric Company Post Office Box 111 Tampa, FL 33601 (813) 228-4111 (813) 228-1770 (fax)

2. Tampa Electric requests that copies of all pleadings, orders, notices and other

documents submitted in this proceeding be furnished to the following:

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3. Tampa Electric has prepared and simultaneously submits herewith 15 copies of the company's 2003 Depreciation Study consisting of one volume with the results of the study summarized therein. Also included is a single CD ROM containing a significant amount of backup information supporting the Depreciation Study.

DOCUMENT NUMBER-CATE 0 3888 APR 28 S FPSC-COMMISSION CLERK The company has prepared its Depreciation Study consistent with Rule 25-6.0436,
Fla Admin. Code and seeks to have the same approved for use in represcribing the company's depreciation rates.

5. Tampa Electric requests that its proposed depreciation rates be approved for implementation on an interim basis as soon as possible. The company also requests that its proposed rates be effective January 1, 2003 and that its final rates be approved effective January 1, 2003. By way of a separate motion, Tampa Electric is requesting the Commission's expedited consideration of Tampa Electric's proposal to recognizing during the six month period July 2003 – December 2003 certain depreciation and dismantlement costs previously scheduled to be booked during 2004 with respect to the company's Gannon generating units.

6. Tampa Electric is not aware of any disputed issues of material fact relative to the matters set forth in this Petition.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric submits the accompanying 2003 Depreciation Study for approval by the Commission and requests that company's proposed depreciation rates be implemented on an interim basis as soon as possible with the company's proposed depreciation rates effective January 1, 2003 and the company's final rates become effective January 1, 2003.

DATED this **28**⁴ day of April 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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