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COMMISSION

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

Re:

Request for Declaratory Statement from Tampa Electric Company Regarding Territorial Dispute with City of Bartow in Polk County;

FPSC Docket No. 031017-EI

Dear Ms. Bayo:

The Commission's Staff has indicated its desire to bring this matter before the Commission prior to the end of January 2004 which may result in the Commission taking action subsequent to the ninety-day time frame for action on a Petition for Declaratory Statement set forth in § 120.565, Fla. Stat. To facilitate that schedule, we hereby waive on Tampa Electric's behalf the ninety-day time frame for action set forth in the above-referenced statute.

Sincerely,	
James D. Beasley	>
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