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May 22, 2007

Docket No. 050958-EI – Petition for approval of new environmental program for cost recovery through Environmental Cost Recovery Clause by Tampa Electric Company.

Issue 1: Are the following projects in Tampa Electric Company's Big Bend FGD System Reliability Program costs or expenses incurred by Tampa Electric in complying with environmental laws or regulations and, therefore, entitled to be recovered under the environmental cost recovery clause pursuant to Section 366.8255, Florida Statutes?

- (a) Big Bend Units 1-4 Electric Isolation
- (b) Big Bend Units 3-4 Split Inlet Duct and Split Outlet Duct
- (c) Gypsum fines filter

<u>Recommendation</u>: Yes. Approving these projects as eligible for cost recovery through the ECRC is consistent with the statute and in the public interest.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Edgar, Carter, McMurrian (For purposes of this decision.)

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<u>Issue 2</u>: How should the following remaining projects in Tampa Electric Company's Big Bend FGD System Reliability Program be recovered?

- (a) Big Bend Units 1-4 Mist Eliminator Upgrades
- (b) Big Bend Units 1-4 On-line Mist Eliminator Wash System
- (c) Big Bend Units 1-4 On-line Nozzle Wash System
- (d) Gypsum Filter Vacuum Pump Upgrades
- (e) Big Bend Units 1-2 Gypsum Blow Down Line
- (f) Controls Additions
- (g) Big Bend Units 3-4 FGD Booster Fan Capacity Expansion
- (h) Big Bend Units 1-2 Recycle Pump Discharge Isolation Bladders
- (i) Big Bend Units 1-2 Inlet Duct C-276 Wallpaper

Recommendation: The Commission should approve the stipulated position of the parties referenced below. A copy of the chart referenced by this stipulated position is attached hereto as Exhibit A of staff's May 10, 2007, memorandum.

Stipulated Position:

The costs of the projects listed under Issue 2 (which exclude electric isolation, split inlet duct and outlet duct, and gypsum fines filter projects) should be recovered through the Big Bend FGD System Reliability (New) ECRC Program, the Big Bend Units 1 and 2 FGD System Reliability (Existing) ECRC Program and through base rates, allocated among the three methods of recovery in the manner shown in the chart entitled "Big Bend Flue Gas Desulphurization System Reliability Program Recovery of Expenditures-Revised" filed on March 16, 2006, by Tampa Electric, a copy of which is attached hereto in staff's May 10, 2007, memorandum and by reference made a part hereof. The allowance or disallowance of costs for recovery through base rates is appropriately decided in a base rate proceeding.

(OPC specifically does not stipulate to the reasonableness or prudence of costs or expenses that are identified as recoverable through base rates or that are subsequently recovered through base rates since issues related to base rate recovery are outside the scope of this petition.)

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: The docket should be closed after the time for filing an appeal has run.

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