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Ms. Ann Cole Public Service Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Easley Building, Room 110 Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket Numbers: 070297-IE, 070298-IE

Dear Ms. Cole:

Please find enclosed for filing with the commission in the above styled dockets Amended Comments of Time Warner Telecom of Florida, LLP on Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plans. I am enclosing an original and seven copies of each. I would appreciate if you would stamp received a copy of this letter which is enclosed and return to me in the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope to indicate your receipt and filing of this material.

Please let me know if you or members of the staff have any questions concerning these Comments.

	Sincerely,
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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure)
Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to

Rule 25-6.0342, Florida Administrative Code)
Submitted by Tampa Electric Company

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DOCKET NO.: 070297-IE

Filed: June 15, 2007

## AMENDED COMMENTS OF TIME WARNER TELECOM OF FLORIDA, LLP ON INFRASTRUCTURE STORM HARDENING PLAN

COMES NOW Time Warner Telecom of Florida, LLP (Time Warner Telecom) and files this its written comments with regard to the Storm Hardening Plan filed by Tampa Electric Company in the above styled docket and would show the following:

- 1. Time Warner Telecom from time to time enters into pole attachment and use agreements with various utilities as a telecommunications competitive local exchange carrier. Time Warner Telecom has participated in the docket and rule making process leading to these storm hardening plans and comments filed by the electric utilities of Florida in various dockets.
- 2. Time Warner Telecom has reviewed the filing in the above styled docket and is concerned that any procedures for joint users may be utilized to transfer capital costs and maintenance cost more properly allocated to the utility to pole attachers. Specifically, pages 41-43 of the Paragraph No. 7.5.1 Third Party Attacher Benefits and Impacts of the filing provides that Tampa Electric will review all poles and that third party attachers or entities which cause overloading will be "responsible for any corrective measures required to mitigate the overload."
- 3. This corrective measure requirement or additional charge could potentially shift costs from electric rate payers to other pole attachers improperly and Time Warner Telecom urges the Commission to carefully continue to review this area for the potential of abuse.

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4. Time Warner Telecom is also concerned that such increased costs or charges for storm hardening may have the effect of increasing pole attachment rates. Consequently, Time Warner Telecom may not have the ability to pass such increased costs and pole attachment rates along to the consumer in a competitive environment. Competitive local exchange carriers may be at a disadvantage in the competitive market and unable to effectively compete as pole attachment rates rise.

5. Time Warner Telecom is aware of the time constraints facing the utilities in preparing these storm hardening plans. Time Warner believes each utility has acted in a manner to protect the public and prevent damage to its facilities as well as third party attachers in the development of those plans. Time Warner Telecom reserves the right to continue to comment and work with the utility on an informal basis as further storm hardening plans for each area or each utility service area in which Time Warner Telecom is a competitive local exchange carrier are prepared. Time Warner Telecom also reserves the right to challenge and bring to the Commission any disputes which may arise regarding local storm hardening plans as they are implemented at the local level as contemplated pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342(7) regarding disputes among utilities.

Respectfully submitted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2007.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Amended Comments Of Time Warner Telecom of Florida, LLP, On Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan, was served via First Class U.S. mail this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007, to the following:

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