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Mr. Charles R. Black, President  
Tampa Electric Company  
702 North Franklin Street  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**Re: Docket No. 080317-EI, Petition for Rate Increase by Tampa Electric Company**

Dear Mr. Black:

On August 11, 2008, Tampa Electric Company (Company) filed its petition requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for electric service pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-6.043, Florida Administrative Code.

In accordance with Rule 25-6.043, Florida Administrative Code, the petition must be accompanied by certain minimum filing requirements and copies of prepared direct testimony and exhibits for each witness testifying on behalf of the Company in support of the requested increase. We have reviewed the Company's filing and have determined that the Company has met the minimum filing requirements imposed by this rule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Tim Devlin.

Tim Devlin  
Director

TD/JS:slc

cc: Lee L. Willis, Esq.  
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