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DATE: July 5, 2013 TO:

Division of Economics, Office of Primary Responsibility

FROM:

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RE:

CONFIDENTIALITY OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

DOCKET NO: 130040-EI **DOCUMENT NO: 03738-13**

DESCRIPTION: TECO (Beasley) - (CONFIDENTIAL) CD containing answers TO OPC's 10th request for PODs (Nos. 92 and 93), consisting of Bates stamp pgs 2-280

and 282-346.

SOURCE: Tampa Electric Company

The above confidential material was filed along with a request for confidential classification and motion for temporary protective order. Please complete the following form by checking all applicable information and forward it to the attorney assigned to the docket, along with a brief memorandum supporting your recommendation.

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TO:

Martha C. Brown, Senior Attorney, Office of the General Counsel

FROM:

Dale R. Buys, Public Utility Analyst IV, Division of Accounting & Finance

RE:

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DOCKET NO: <u>130040-EI</u> DOCUMENT NO: <u>03738-13</u>

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Pursuant to Section 366.093 of the Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, Tampa Electric Company (TECO) requests confidential classification of certain information contained in Document No. 03738-13.

Staff has reviewed TECO's confidentiality request regarding OPC's 10th request for PODs No. 93, consisting of Bates stamped pages 282-346, contained in Document No. 03738-13. These documents contain information regarding TECO Energy Inc's proposed acquisition of New Mexico Gas Company (NMGC). In particular, TECO's response to OPC's 10th request for PODs No. 93, consisting of Bates stamped pages 282-346, are the audited financial statements of NMGC. NMGC is a privately held company and the financial statements have not been made public. In staff's opinion, TECO's request regarding Bates stamped pages 282-346 meets the criteria for confidentiality set forth in section 366.093 Florida Statutes. Therefore, staff recommends that the request for confidentiality of the information in TECO's response to OPC's 10th request for PODs No. 93, consisting of Bates stamped pages 282-346, contained in Document No. 03738-13 be approved.