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## **VIA: ELECTRONIC FILING**

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Notification of Merger

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

We write on behalf of TECO Energy, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Tampa Electric Company ("TEC"), which provides electric service as TEC and natural gas service, doing business as Peoples Gas System ("PGS"). On this date TECO Energy, Inc. is being acquired by Emera, Inc. ("Emera"), a Nova Scotia corporation, through a merger agreement. Under the agreement TECO Energy, Inc. is merging with an indirect wholly-owned merger subsidiary of Emera. TECO Energy, Inc. will continue as the surviving corporation and TEC and PGS will continue to exist and provide Commission regulated electric and natural gas services, respectively, without change.

Commission Rule 25-9.044, Florida Administrative Code, provides notification and tariff adoption requirements in circumstances where a new or different utility acquires an existing Commission regulated utility. That is not the case here, as the merger does not place the operation of TEC or PGS under a new or different utility. Nevertheless, we wanted to advise the Commission of the merger as a matter of courtesy.

Sincerely,

James D. Beasley

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