BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application by Tampa Electric Company for authority to issue and sell securities during the 12 months ending November 30, 2000, pursuant to Section 366.04, F.S., and Chapter 25-8, F.A.C.

DOCKET NO. 991139-EI ORDER NO. PSC-00-1893-FOF-EI ISSUED: October 16, 2000

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman E. LEON JACOBS, JR. LILA A. JABER BRAULIO L. BAEZ

FINAL ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL SECURITIES

BY THE COMMISSION:

Tampa Electric Company (TECO or Company) filed an application seeking Commission approval to issue and sell equity securities and long-term debt obligations not to exceed \$600 million in the aggregate, and short-term indebtedness not to exceed \$400 million, during the twelve-month period ending November 30, 2000. TECO filed a Motion to Extend Its Existing Authority to Issue and Sell Securities on August 4, 2000, pursuant to Section 366.04, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-8.001 et seq., Florida Administrative Code, to extend for one month, through and including December 31, 2000, the company's currently approved authority to issue and sell securities. Notice of TECO's request for extension was given in the Florida Administrative Weekly on August 25, 2000.

By Order No. PSC-99-2060-FOF-EI, issued October 20, 1999, we approved TECO's application for authority to issue and sell securities for a twelve-month period, ending November 30, 2000. TECO states that it wants to conform its annual authority to issue and sell securities with its fiscal year, which is the calender year, ending December 31. TECO maintains that the unused levels of the various types of securities it was authorized to issued during

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the twelve months ending November 30, 2000, appear adequate to accommodate any need TECO may have to issue and sell securities during the month of December, 2000. TECO also adds that the matters alleged in its initial application have not materially changed since that application was filed.

Based upon TECO's representation, we hereby approve TECO's motion for authority to extend its existing authority to issue and sell securities by one month, through and including December 31, 2000.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Tampa Electric Company's Motion to Extend its Existing Authority to Issue and Sell Securities by one month, through and including December 31, 2000, be granted. It is further

ORDERED that Tampa Electric Company shall file a consummation report in compliance with Rule 25-8.009, Florida Administrative Code, within 90 days of the end of the fiscal year in which it issues any securities authorized by this Order. It is further

ORDERED that this docket should remain open pending the submission of the consummation report by Tampa Electric Company.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this <u>16th</u> day of <u>October</u>, <u>2000</u>.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Directór Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee. Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.