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Mr. Greg Davis Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850 <u>GDavis@psc.state.fl.us</u> (*sent via email*)

RE: Review of Tampa Electric Company's 2025 Ten-Year Site Plan

Dear Mr. Davis,

The staff of the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County (EPC) have reviewed your correspondence dated May 1, 2025, regarding the above referenced 2025 Review of the Ten-Year Site Plan.

The EPC Wetlands Division has provided the following informational comments for the applicant to review.

Wetlands Division:

- 1. The Ten-Year Site Plan discusses future development; however, the locations have not been determined. Please be advised, future development within the boundaries of Hillsborough County may require review by the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County.
- 2. Chapter 1-11 prohibits wetland impacts unless they are necessary for reasonable use of the property. Staff of the EPC recommends that this requirement be taken into account during the earliest stages of site design so that wetland impacts are avoided or minimized to the greatest extent possible.
- 3. Except for where exempted by State law, any activity interfering with the integrity of wetland(s) or other surface water(s), such as clearing, excavating, draining, or filling, without written authorization from the Executive Director of the EPC or authorized agent, pursuant to Section 1-11.07, Rules of the Commission, would be a violation of Section 17 of the Environmental Protection Act of Hillsborough County, Chapter 84-446, and Chapter 1-11, Rules of the EPC.

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

Sincerely,

Abbie Weeks

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