



January 29, 2026

VIA: ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Petition for approval of Big Bend Clean Water Act Section 316(b) study,
for cost recovery through the environmental cost recovery clause, by
Tampa Electric Company
FPSC Docket No. 20250149-El

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above-styled matter are Tampa Electric Company's responses to Staff's First Data Request (Nos. 1-5), propounded by electronic mail on January 8, 2026.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Malcolm N. Means".

Malcolm N. Means

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Attachment
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TECO Regulatory

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 20250149-EI
STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST
REQUEST NO. 1
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1. Please refer to page 6, paragraph 19 of the petition. Please explain TECO's preferred source process.

ANSWER:

Tampa Electric's preferred source process governs procurements where a contractor is selected without competitive bidding, and the estimated total expenditure exceeds \$50,000. Under this process, Tampa Electric may authorize a preferred-source award to a contractor who meets the company's qualification, safety, insurance, and compliance standards. All preferred sources must have supporting documentation included and must be approved one level up from the disbursement level requested. All Preferred Source memos over \$200,000 must be approved by Tampa Electric's Director of Procurement or the Company President.

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2. Please refer to page 6, paragraph 19 of the petition. Please explain how/why the contractor was selected. Please include in your response: how many bids were received; if the lowest cost bidder was selected; and, if not, why the contractor was selected.

ANSWER:

Tampa Electric selected Environmental Consulting & Technology ("ECT") as the preferred source contractor and no additional bids were solicited.

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3. Please refer to page 6, paragraph 19 of the petition. Please describe in greater detail what the Study will encompass.

ANSWER:

The Big Bend Clean Water Act Section 316(b) Study is a comprehensive evaluation intended to assess current conditions and identify approaches for maintaining compliance with Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act as required in Big Bend Power Station's NPDES permit.

The Study will include, but is not limited to:

- Review of background data, source water physical data, and waterbody biological data.
- Evaluation of current plant configuration and cooling water system characteristics.
- Evaluation of method of compliance with impingement mortality best technology available.
- Studies of existing entrainment performance, operational status, entrainment characterization, benefits valuation, and environmental and other impacts.
- Feasibility and cost estimate evaluations for the available technologies.
- Required peer reviews, coordination, and meetings.

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4. Please refer to page 6, paragraph 20 of the petition. Please explain how the estimate of \$1,178,300 in operations and maintenance expenses was derived and provide any documentation supporting this estimate.

ANSWER:

The estimate was developed based on:

- Anticipated labor hours based on task and data analysis.
- Study evaluation and associated coordination.

Tampa Electric will provide the confidential supporting documentation for the estimate concurrently with this filing subject to a Request for Confidential Classification.

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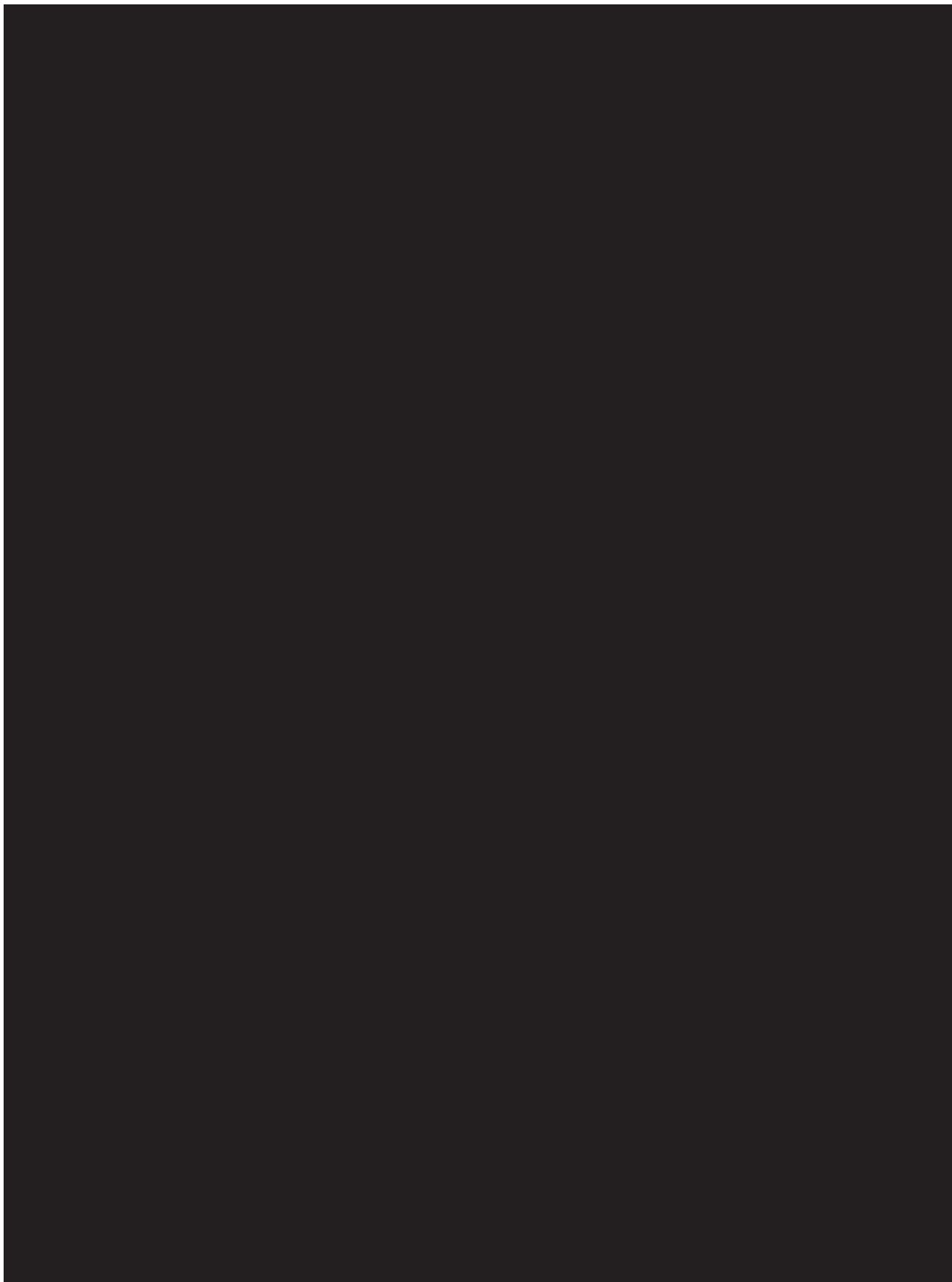


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5. Please complete the table below identifying the estimated residential customer bill impact resulting from the activities requested by TECO in the instant petition.

	\$ / 1,000 kWh	\$ / 1,200 kWh
2025		
2026		
2027		
2028		
2029		

ANSWER:

Please see the following table for the estimated residential customer bill impact.

	\$ / 1,000 kWh	\$ / 1,200 kWh
2025	0.00	0.00
2026	0.00	0.00
2027	0.06	0.07
2028	0.0	0.0
2029	0.0	0.0