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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20250149-EI

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.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 6

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
COMMISSIONER ANA ORTEGA

COMMISSIONER BOBBY PAYNE

DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN SMITH: And now we will move to Item
3 6. Mr. Lewis, you are recognized to introduce this
4 item.

5 MR. LEWIS: Commissioners, Item 6 is Tampa
6 Electric Company's request for cost recovery of its
7 Big Bend Clean Water Act Section 316(b) study
8 through the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause.

9 This study is required to maintain compliance
10 with the Florida Department of Environmental
11 Protection, and is aimed to evaluate the Big Bend
12 plant's ability to mitigate the impingement and
13 entrainment of aquatic life when water is drawn
14 into the cooling system for the Big Bend plant.

15 Staff recommends approval of this study for
16 cost recovery, and notes that individual
17 expenditures pertaining to the study will be
18 subject to the Commission's review in future ECRC
19 proceedings.

20 Staff is available for any questions.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Lewis.

22 Mr. Rehwinkel, I know you indicated in the
23 last one your comments apply to both. Do you have
24 any additional comments here?

25 MR. REHWINKEL: No. It's the same. And I

1 read language out in the prior, I have disseminated
2 it, and the staff, as long as the order has
3 substantially the same language in it, we will not
4 protest the PAA order.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

7 Any follow-up, Mr. Means?

8 MR. MEANS: No, our comments would be the
9 same.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. Thank you.

12 And, Mr. Marquez?

13 MR. MARQUEZ: Right, Chairman Smith, similar
14 to our comments on Item 5 for Docket No. 20250135,
15 staff would have the same position for this matter.

16 Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN SMITH: All right. So any discussion
18 or questions on this item, Commissioners?

19 Commissioner Clark.

20 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I just had one
21 question for Mr. Means. I saw your methodology for
22 selecting the contractor in this case as being
23 preferred. Did you bid this out, or did you get
24 additional prices, or is this just the preferred
25 individual or the preferred company that you wanted

1 to use?

2 MR. MEANS: Commissioner, my recollection on
3 this one is that it was a preferred source
4 contract. Yes, preferred source contract. So it
5 was a contractor that was already familiar with the
6 power station and with doing this kind of work for
7 the company.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: So there was no other
9 cost analysis done to see if it could be done
10 cheaper?

11 MR. MEANS: No, I think it was just a
12 preferred source process and not one that was bid
13 out.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Any other questions?

16 Yes, Commissioner La Rosa.

17 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Thank you, Chair.

18 So then can you help explain the data request
19 that was received by staff that states that four --
20 that there was four responses, how does that --

21 MR. MEANS: Let me confer with the folks from
22 the company and I will be right back.

23 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. MEANS: Sorry about the delay.

25 So the company got some indicative pricing

1 from other contractors, but they didn't go through
2 a full formal request for bids process.

3 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Okay. So if I
4 understand, they were already a selected
5 contractor, and then you added the Manatee study in
6 addition to what they were already conducting for
7 the company?

8 MR. MEANS: I believe that's correct.

9 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: So then the four
10 contracts -- or the four responses originally
11 received were in the engineering contract?

12 MR. MEANS: I think they got indicative
13 pricing from other companies just to help them make
14 the decision on it.

15 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: But on the engineering
16 contract or on the Manatee study?

17 MR. MEANS: Engineering.

18 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Okay. All right.
19 That's -- thank you.

20 MR. MEANS: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Thank you.

22 Any other follow-up?

23 Okay. All right. Then with that, I will take
24 a motion, Commissioners.

25 COMMISSIONER LA ROSA: Motion to approve.

1 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Is there a second?

2 COMMISSIONER PAYNE: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. All those in favor
4 please say aye.

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Aye.

7 Any opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN SMITH: Okay. So seeing -- okay,
10 Item No. 6 passed similarly with substantial
11 similar language to the language that was submitted
12 by OPC.

13 Okay. Commissioners, any other things we need
14 to address in this Agenda Conference?

15 Okay. Seeing none, this Agenda Conference is
16 adjourned. Thank you all very much.

17 (Agenda item concluded.)

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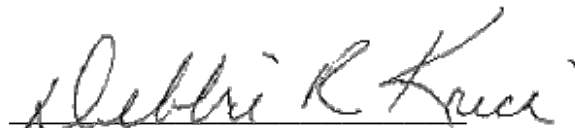
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