

TECO ENERGY INC  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2004

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):**

**December 15, 2004**

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<b>Commission File No.</b>	<b>Exact name of each Registrant as specified in its charter, state of incorporation, address of principal executive offices, telephone number</b>	<b>I.R.S. Employer Identification Number</b>
<b>1-8180</b>	<b>TECO ENERGY, INC.</b> (a Florida corporation) <b>TECO Plaza</b> <b>702 N. Franklin Street</b> <b>Tampa, Florida 33602</b> <b>(813) 228-1111</b>	<b>59-2052286</b>
<b>1-5007</b>	<b>TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY</b> (a Florida corporation)	<b>59-0475140</b>

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702 N. Franklin Street  
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  - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Section 1 Registrant's Business and Operations**

**Item 1.01: Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

Effective December 15, 2004, Tampa Electric Company (the company), a wholly owned subsidiary of TECO Energy, Inc., amended its Amended and Restated Note Agreement (the Note Agreement) dated as of May 30, 1997 between the company and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. The amendment permits the company to engage in receivables securitization transactions. The Note Agreement provides for the issuance of notes by the company, replacing notes of Peoples Gas System, Inc. (Peoples Gas) assumed by the company by virtue of the merger of Peoples Gas with and into the company in June, 1997. The aggregate outstanding principal amount of the notes is \$39.2 million.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01: Financial Statements and Exhibits**

- (c) Exhibits
- 4.1 Letter Amendment No. 1 dated as of December 9, 2004 to the Amended and Restated Note Agreement dated as of May 30, 1997 between Tampa Electric Company (successor by merger to Peoples Gas System, Inc.) and The Prudential Insurance Company of America.
- 4.2 Amended and Restated Note Agreement dated as of May 30, 1997 between Tampa Electric Company (successor by merger to Peoples Gas System, Inc.) and The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 21, 2004

**TECO ENERGY, INC.**  
(Registrant)

/s/ G. L. GILLETTE

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G. L. GILLETTE  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: December 21, 2004

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY**  
(Registrant)

/s/ G. L. GILLETTE

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Senior Vice President  
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