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September 16, 1996

Mr. Doug Beason, Esq.
Office of General Counsel
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Rd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Dear Mr. Beason:

Re:

Crystal River Units 1 and 2 Petroleum Coke/Coal Blend

017004-003-AC; OGC Case No. 96-2045

On June 27, 1996, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) received the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Intent to Deny the permit application referenced above. At FPC's request, the DEP extended the deadline for initiating administrative proceedings to September 20, 1996. FPC has requested a meeting with the DEP to present additional information. This meeting will be held on September 19, 1996. Therefore, in order to adequately review its options and formulate a complete response to the DEP, FPC respectfully requests an extension of the time in which to file for an administrative hearing, up to and including October 4, 1996.

Because FPC has not yet determined whether it intends to formally contest the DEP's Intent to Deny, it interprets the DEP's regulations as not requiring publication of the Notice of Intent to Deny at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Mr. Mike Kennedy at (813) 866-4344 if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Jeffrey Pardue, C.E.P.

Director

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