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Dept. of Environmental Protection Office of General Counsel

August 8, 1996

Mr. Doug Beason, Esquire Office of General Counsel Florida Department of Environmental Regulation 2600 Blairstone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Re: Crystal River Units 1 and 2 Petroleum Coke/Coal Blend

017004-003-AC

OGC Case No. 96-2045

Dear Mr. Beason:

On June 27, 1996, Florida Power Corporation (FPC) received the DEP's Intent to Deny the permit application referenced above. At FPC's request the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) extended the deadline for initiating administrative proceedings to August 12, 1996. In order to adequately review its options and formulate a complete response to the issues in this matter, FPC respectfully requests an additional extension of the time in which to file for an administrative hearing, up to and including September 30, 1996. Neither DEP nor FPC would be prejudiced by this extension. We understand that you do not object to this extension of time.

Because FPC has not yet determined whether it intends to fomally contest DEP's Intent to Deny, it interprets 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. Pleaes contact Mr. Mike Kennedy at 813/866-4344 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

W. Jeffrey Pardue, C.E.P.

Director

James S. Alves, Esquire Hopping, Green, Sams & Smith

CC: Mr. Al Linero, DEP-Tallahassee