



December 2, 1981

Mr. Howard D. Zeller
Assistant Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency
345 Courtland Street N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Re: Tampa Electric Company
Big Bend Unit No. 4
PSD-FL-040

Dear Mr. Zeller:

In accordance with Part II.1 of the General Conditions of the PSD Permit for Big Bend Unit 4, Tampa Electric Company is required to notify EPA of the beginning of construction of the permitted source and the estimated date of start-up of operation. This is to inform you that construction of Unit 4 commenced on December 2, 1981 with the placing of pilings. According to the construction schedule, start-up of Unit 4 is still scheduled for January 1985 with start of commercial operation in March 1985.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Heywood A. Turner
Senior Vice President
Production

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cc: Mr. Thomas Devine
Mr. Richard Schutt
Mr. James Wilburn
Mr. Steve Smallwood
Mr. Hamilton S. Oven, Jr.

