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SUBJ: EPA's Objection to Proposed Title V Permit for
Tampa Electric Company - Big Bend Station
Permit Number 0570039-002-AV

Dear Mr. Rhodes:

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the receipt of the State of Florida's proposed changes to the Tampa Electric Company - Big Bend Station proposed title V permit, dated December 1, 2000 and December 14, 2000, which was the subject of a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) title V objection on September 5, 2000. EPA Region 4 has completed its review of the proposed changes to the permit and believes that the State has adequately addressed each of the issues enumerated in the objection. Therefore, EPA considers the objection to be resolved. Once the state's proposed changes are incorporated into the permit, the State may proceed with permit issuance. Please note, however, that our opportunity for review and comment on this permit does not prevent EPA from taking enforcement action for issues that were not raised during permit review. After final issuance, this permit may be reopened if EPA or the permitting authority later determines that it must be revised or revoked to assure compliance with applicable requirements.

We commend the efforts of your staff for facilitating the resolution of the permit issues. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Mr. Gregg Worley, Chief, Air Permits Section at (404) 562-9141.

Sincerely,

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