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Ms. Teresa Heron
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Resource Management
111 South Magnolia Drive, Suite 4
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Via FedEx
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**Re: Tampa Electric Company
Big Bend Station
Title V Air Operation Permit Revision Project No.: 0570039-021-AV
Air Construction Permit Modification Project No.: 0570039-018-AC
Request for Additional Information - Fuel Transloading**

Dear Ms. Heron:

Tampa Electric Company (TEC) has received your letter dated February 22, 2006 requesting additional information with regard to the air construction permit application addressing fuel transloading project for Big Bend Station. This correspondence is intended to provide a response to each specific issue raised by the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). For your convenience, TEC has restated each point and provided a response below each specific issue.

Department Comment 1:

The Department received your revised application to increase the annual transloading rate from 150,000 tons for all three materials combined to 150,000 tons per each material and 450,000 tons for all three materials combined. Please provide an explanation for the rationale behind this change.

TEC Comment 1:

The intent of the original permit application was to transload three different materials at 150,000 tons each, resulting in a total of 450,000 tons of material being transloaded per year. TEC resubmitted the permit application for the fuel transloading project to clarify the intent of the original application.

Department Comment 2:

It is our understanding that the original application for this project will be withdrawn.

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TEC Comment 2:

TEC submitted a request to withdraw the original application for this project on March 3, 2006. TEC understands that with the submission of this additional information along with our professional engineer's certification, the Department will continue processing our air construction permit application for the fuel transloading project at Big Bend Station. If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please contact me or Shelly Castro at (813) 228-4408.

Sincerely,



Byron T. Burrows, P.E., B.C.E.E
Manager- Air Programs
Environmental, Health & Safety

EHS/tk/SSC258

Enclosure

c/enc: Mr. Jim Little - EPA
Mr. Scott Sheplak - FDEP
Mr. Jason Waters - FDEP SWD
Mr. Al Linero - FDEP
Ms. Alice Harman - EPCHC

**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY
BIG BEND STATION
FUEL TRANSLOADING**

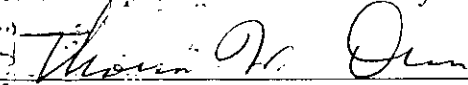
Professional Engineer Certification

Professional Engineer Statement:

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, except as particularly noted herein, that:*

(1) To the best of my knowledge, the information presented in the response by Tampa Electric Company (TEC) to the Department's February 22, 2006 request for additional information concerning the fuel transloading project proposed for the TEC Big Bend Station is true, accurate, and complete based on my review of material provided by TEC engineering and environmental staff; and

(2) To the best of my knowledge, any emission estimates reported or relied on in this submittal are true, accurate, and complete and are either based upon reasonable techniques available for calculating emissions or, for emission estimates of air pollutants not regulated for an emissions unit, based solely upon the materials, information and calculations provided with this certification.



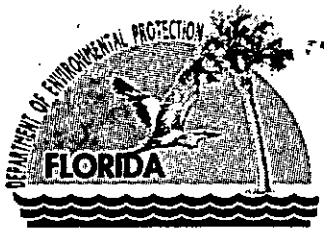
Signature

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Date

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* Certification is applicable to the Tampa Electric Company (TEC) response to the Department's February 22, 2006 request for additional information regarding the fuel transloading project planned for the Big Bend Station.



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February 22, 2006

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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Karen Sheffield
General Manager
Tampa Electric Company
Post Office Box 111
Tampa, Florida 33601-0111

Re: Air Construction Permit Modification Project No.: 0570039-018-AC
Big Bend Station – Fuel Transloading

Dear Ms. Sheffield:

The Department received your revised application to increase the annual transloading rate from 150,000 tons for all three materials combined to 150,000 tons per each material and 450,000 tons for all three materials combined. Please provide an explanation for the rationale behind this change.

It is our understanding that the original application for this project will be withdrawn.

Rule 62-4.050(3), F.A.C. requires that all applications for a Department permit must be certified by a professional engineer registered in the State of Florida. This requirement also applies to responses to Department requests for additional information of an engineering nature. Please note that per Rule 62-4.055(1): "The applicant shall have ninety days after the Department mails a timely request for additional information to submit that information to the Department. Failure of an applicant to provide the timely requested information by the applicable date shall result in denial of the application."

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Teresa Heron at 850/921-9529.

Sincerely,

A. A. Linero, Program Administrator
South Permitting Section

Cc: Tom Davis, P.E.
Alice Harmon, EPCHC
Jim Little, EPA

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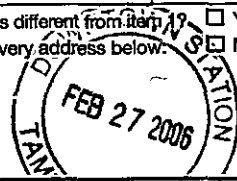
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