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July 8, 2005

Greg Nelson
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Re: Hurricane Ivan and Big Bend Unit 4

Dear Mr. Nelson:

Thank you for the telephone call on July 7 regarding preparations for and possible ramifications of hurricane Dennis. As with the hurricanes last season, it is my understanding that certain equipment required to run the scrubber on Big Bend Unit 4 is located outside the flood wall for the Unit and may need to be moved in anticipation of hurricane Dennis. Tampa Electric may need to run Big Bend Unit 4 before the scrubber can be operated in the event there is damage to other Units and/or to maintain the reliability of the electricity transmission system for the Tampa Bay area.

I also understand that Tampa Electric will undertake all efforts to avoid operating Big Bend Unit 4 without its scrubber and that all other appropriate measures will be taken to minimize emissions including the use of low-sulfur coal to the extent possible. **In addition, Tampa Electric shall avoid, if at all possible, burning petroleum coke in Big Bend Units 3 or 4 during this seven day emergency period.** Tampa Electric anticipates that it will be able to have the Big Bend Unit 4 scrubber back in service by July 17.

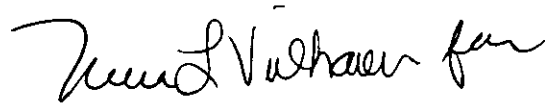
Based upon the foregoing and Governor Bush's declaration of emergency for the area, the Department will exercise its enforcement discretion with respect to potential violations of the SO₂ emission limits and/or reduction requirements of Title V Permit 0570039-013 Section III. Condition B.7. and PSD-FL-040 for this seven day timeframe.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 850/488-0114.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. Cooke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a long, sweeping tail.

Michael G. Cooke, Director
Division of Air Resource Management

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Cc: Sheila McDevitt, General Counsel, Tampa Electric Company
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