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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

**Via FedEx**  
**Airbill No. 7915 0086 9150**

**Re: Tampa Electric Big Bend Station  
Combustion of Polk Power Station Residual Fuel**

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Dear Mr. Fancy:

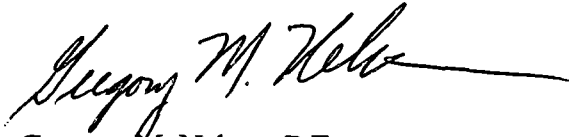
This letter, the enclosed PSD applicability analysis, and air construction application are provided in response to discussions between the staff of the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Tampa Electric Company concerning the combustion of residual coal from the Polk Power Station (PPS) at the Big Bend Station. Tampa Electric Company is requesting the review of this information and concurrence that this activity did not cause a significant increase in any PSD pollutant as well as the expedited processing of the minor air construction application to reinstate the use of PPS residual coal at Big Bend. The resumption of this activity at the earliest possible date will provide significant environmental benefit, because at this time there is no other reuse option for this material, and it is now being disposed of by landfilling.

It is Tampa Electric Company's position that as the Big Bend facility is permitted to burn coal it is therefore permitted to fire the PPS residual coal, because the residual coal is, by definition, coal. The residual coal possesses the same constituents and characteristics of coal and specifically meets the definition of coal described in 40 CFR60.40b. However, in the interest of resolution of this issue, Tampa Electric is requesting authorization to burn this material via an air construction permit. TEC will seek modification of the Title V permit following the receipt of the air construction permit.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to me at (813) 641-5210.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory M. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line.

Gregory M. Nelson, P.E.  
Director  
Environmental Affairs

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