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Ms. Lea Crandall  
Agency Clerk – Office of the General Counsel  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS #35  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Via FedEx  
Airbill No. 7913 4801 3360

**Re: Tampa Electric Company – Big Bend Station  
DEP File No. 0570039-018AC – Off-site Transloading Operations of Coal, Petcoke, and Slag  
Intent to Issue Air Construction Permit**

Dear Ms. Crandall:

By letter dated November 29, 2005, and received by Tampa Electric Company on December 5, 2005, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced its intent to issue an air construction permit for the off-site transloading of coal, petcoke, and slag at the Big Bend Station located in Hillsborough County, Florida. Tampa Electric Company has had an opportunity to review the intent to issue the construction permit along with the proposed conditions and have some issues that we believe need to be resolved prior to finalization of the permit document.

To accommodate discussions with staff of the FDEP on these issues, Tampa Electric requested and received an additional 45 days from the deadline. Tampa Electric is continuing discussions with the staff of FDEP on these issues and we request that the time for Tampa Electric Company to petition for a formal administrative hearing be extended by an additional 45 days from the deadline set forth in the Intent to Issue Air Construction Permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code. Tampa Electric Company believes that this time will be sufficient to amicably resolve the issues without the necessity of pursuing a formal administrative hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Shelly Castro or me at (813) 228-4408.

Sincerely,

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

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Mr. Al Linero, FDEP  
Mr. Doug Beason, Esquire