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July 9, 2012

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. 7985-9800-9785

Re:

Tampa Electric Company – Big Bend Power Station Draft Air Construction Permit No. 0570039-058-AC AB070 - Unit 3 and ESP Enhancements Intent to Issue Air Construction Permit

Dear Ms. Crandall:

By the email correspondence received by Tampa Electric Company (TEC) on July 2, 2012, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced its intent to issue an air construction permit for the Unit 3 and ESP Enhancements at the Big Bend Power Station. TEC has reviewed the intent to issue the construction permit and is currently working with FDEP to resolve monitoring requirements of the proposed permit.

To accommodate further discussions with staff of the FDEP on these issues, we request that the time for Tampa Electric Company to petition for a formal administrative hearing be extended to the close of business on September 12, 2012. TEC 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 me at (813) 228-1282 or Robert Velasco at (813) 228-4232, if you have any questions or comments regarding this permit application.

Sincerely,

Byron T. Burrows, P.E., BCEE

Manager - Air Programs

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EHS/iym/RAV153 Unit 3 Boiler and ESP Improvements

cc:

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