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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Petitioner,

vs.

OGC CASE NO. 97-1815

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
COMMISSION OF HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY, and STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION,

Respondents.

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR HEARING**

This cause has come before the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) on receipt of a request made by Petitioner, Tampa Electric Company, to grant an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing on Application No. 0570039-002-AV.

See Exhibit 1.

Respondent, State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, has no objection to it. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

The request for an extension of time to file a petition for administrative proceeding is granted. Petitioner shall have until April 15, 1998, to file a petition in this matter. Filing shall be complete on receipt by the Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 10th day of March, 1998, in Tallahassee, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

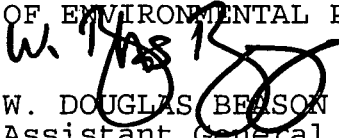
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on this 10th day of March, 1998.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
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v.

OGC Case No. 97-1815
Draft Title V Permit
No. 0570039-002-AV
Big Bend Station

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Respondent.

REQUEST FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF
TIME TO PETITION FOR HEARING

Tampa Electric Company ("TEC"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests that an order be entered further extending the time to petition for an administrative hearing on draft Title V Permit No. 0570039-002-AV to April 15, 1998, and as grounds therefor states:

1. TEC representatives received from the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") draft Title V Permit No. 0570039-002-AV on October 7, 1997. The draft permit is for the Big Bend generating station located in Hillsborough County, Florida. The certificate of service for the draft Title V permit is dated October 3, 1997. The Department has entered an order extending the time for filing a petition for administrative hearing on the draft permit until March 2, 1998.

2. The draft initial Title V Operation Permit appended to the Intent to Issue contains several items that have raised issues that require a resolution prior to TEC accepting the permit.

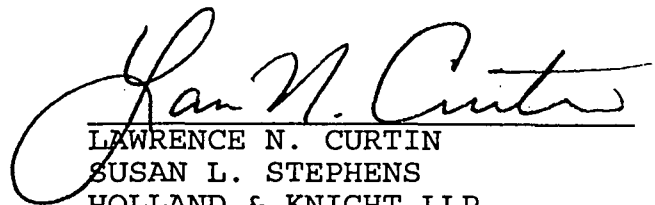
3. TEC representatives have discussed the matter with appropriate Department staff in order to amicably resolve the issues of concern, and discussions are continuing.

4. TEC representatives have discussed an extension of time with Department staff, and Department staff did not object to an extension of time until April 15, 1998.

5. Counsel for TEC has contacted Patricia Comer of the Department's Office of General Counsel, and she has no objection to an extension of time until April 15, 1998.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for an administrative hearing on draft Title V Permit No. 0570039-002-AV to, and including, April 15, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to Patricia Comer, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Twin Towers, 6th Floor, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-2400, and to Vernon Wagner, Esquire, Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, 1900 Ninth Avenue, Tampa, Florida, 33605, this 25th day of February, 1998.


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