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Ms. Cindy Phillips
Florida Department of
Environmental Protection
111 South Magnolia Drive, Suite 4
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Via FedEx
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**Re: Tampa Electric Company
Big Bend Station, Unit 1-4
Application No. 0570039-013-AV
Request for Additional Information**

Dear Ms. Phillips:

In response to your August 29, 2002 request for additional information regarding Tampa Electric Company's (TEC) Big Bend Station Title V permit revision application, TEC requests additional time to respond pursuant to Rule 62-213.420(1)(b)6., F.A.C. Specifically, TEC requests an extension of the response deadline to May 31, 2003 to allow for the continued evaluation of the impact that coal residual combustion has on nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO) emissions.

In June 2002 TEC submitted a Title V operation permit revision application to the Department reflecting changes to operations at Big Bend Station. The Title V permit revision application addressed the use of coal residual fuel in Units 1 through 4.

In response to TEC's Title V operation permit revision application, in August 2002 the Department requested NO_x and CO stack test data to assess the effects of combusting coal residual fuel. The requested NO_x and CO stack test data was submitted with correspondence to the Department dated September 30, 2002. However, TEC does not believe that the test results are representative of the emissions resulting from the combustion of coal/coal residual blends.

In order to further evaluate coal residual emissions, TEC submitted a letter to the Department dated September 30, 2002 requesting that the expiration date of Permit No. 0570039-012-AC be extended to allow continued use of coal residual at Big Bend Station prior to issuance of a revised Title V operation permit. In response to this request, the Department extended the expiration date of Permit No. 0570039-012-AC to June 30, 2003 in a letter to TEC dated October 28, 2002. Consistent with

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this construction permit expiration date extension. TEC requests that the deadline for responding to the Department's August 29, 2002 request for additional information be extended to May 31, 2003.

TEC appreciates the cooperation and consideration of the Department in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Dru Latchman or me at (813) 641-5034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura R. Crouch".

Laura R. Crouch
Manager - Air Programs
Environmental Affairs

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