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Mr. Clair Fancy, P.E., Chief
Bureau of Air Regulation
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Via FedEx
Airbill No. 7911 0144 2526

**Re: Tampa Electric Company (TEC)
Big Bend Station FGD System – Units 1 and 2
Permit No. 0570039-003-AC and 0570039-004-AC
Request to Modify Expiration Date**

Dear Mr. Fancy:

On February 26, 1999, the Department issued an air construction permit (DEP File No. 0570039-003-AC and 0570039-004-AC) to Tampa Electric Company (TEC) for the construction of the flue gas desulfurization system for Units 1 and 2 at Big Bend Station. This permit currently has an expiration date of August 25, 2000. Although a request to modify the Title V permit application has been submitted, as required by Specific Condition II. 8, the initial Title V permit for this facility will not become effective until January 1, 2001.

In order to eliminate any confusion regarding the coverage of the above referenced permit prior to the effective date of the Title V permit, Tampa Electric Company requests that the expiration date of this permit be extended until at least December 31, 2000. If you have any additional questions or comments, feel free to contact me at (813) 641-5033.

Sincerely,

James Hunter
Consulting Engineer
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