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Mr. Michael G. Cooke  
Division of Air Resource Management  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
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**Re: Tampa Electric Company (TEC)  
Big Bend Station  
Air Construction Permit for Settlement Projects  
Permit No. 0570039-010-AV**

Dear Mr. Cooke:

Please find the enclosed air construction permit application a follow-up to Tampa Electric correspondence to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) dated September 3, 2003 concerning the NO<sub>x</sub> emission reduction projects that are planned for Big Bend Station as mandated in the Consent Decree. The enclosed air construction permit application addresses the low NO<sub>x</sub> burners (LNB) and the separated over fired air (SOFA) NO<sub>x</sub> control projects at Big Bend Station.

As stated in our conversations with the Department's engineer, Greg DeAngelo, TEC understands that the submittal of the non-PSD air construction permit application will not lead to new emission limitations, permit conditions or delay any deadlines stipulated in the Consent Decree.

TEC appreciates the cooperation of the Department in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Shelly Castro or me at (813) 641-5033.

Sincerely,

Laura R. Crouch  
Manager- Air Programs  
Environmental, Health & Safety

Enclosure

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- c: Ms. Trina Vielhauer- FDEP
- Mr. Al Linero - FDEP (enc)
- Mr. Greg DeAngelo - FDEP (enc)
- Ms. Patricia Comer - FDEP (enc)
- Mr. Scott Sheplak - FDEP (enc)
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- Mr. Jerry Campbell - EPCHC (enc)