



TAMPA ELECTRIC

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Mr. Tom Hankinson - Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV
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**Re: Tampa Electric Company
Consent Decree
Civil Action No. 99-2524 CIV-T-23F
Notification of Continued Combustion of Coal**

Dear Messrs. Gelber, Kushner and Hankinson:

Per Paragraph 33 of the Consent Decree, Tampa Electric shall advise the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in writing, on or before May 1, 2005, whether Big Bend Unit 4 will be Shutdown, will be Re-Powered, or will continue to be fired on coal. Likewise, per Paragraph 36 of the Consent Decree, Tampa Electric shall also advise EPA in writing, on or before May 1, 2007, whether Big Bend Units 1, 2 or 3, or any combination of them will be Shutdown, will be Re-Powered, or will continue to be fired on coal. This correspondence serves as the required written notification that, based on the results of a recent comprehensive study performed on Big Bend Station, Big Bend Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 will continue to be fired on

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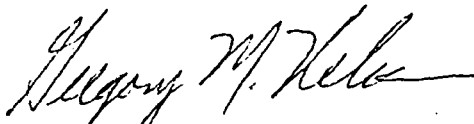
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coal and as such will comply with the applicable provisions of the Consent Decree associated with this decision.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (813) 228-1763 or Laura Crouch at (813) 228-4104.

Sincerely,



Gregory M. Nelson
Director
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