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Mr. Jeffery F. Koerner, Program Administrator **Via FedEx**

Florida Department of Environmental Protection **Airbill No. 7968-8108-0190**

Division of Air Resource Management

Office of Air Permitting and Compliance

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## Re: Tampa Electric Company (TEC) - Big Bend Station

**Temporary Relief from Conditions R.5 & R.6**

**for Federal Year 2014 (EU-047**

**Title V Permit Number 0570039-061-AV**

**Facility ID No. 0570039**

Dear Mr. Koerner:

On February 8, 2013, Tampa Electric Company (“TEC”) requested enforcement discretion to operate the railcar conveyance system without the fogging system. On February 8, 2013, the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough Count (“EPCHC”) provided verbal and written enforcement discretion to operate the railcar conveyors without the fogging system. Under this agreement, the EPCHC required TEC to conduct visible emission (“VE”) Tests (Method 9) upon startup or at the maximum operating throughput during these unloading activities and report these activities as a permit deviation.

On February 28, 2013, TEC submitted the VE testing data demonstrating there were no fugitive dust emissions with only operating the chemical surfactant system. Furthermore, the Subpart Y does not specifically authorize the operation of both control devices as required by the permit. As a result, TEC requested the Department waive the permit conditions R.5 and R.6 to allow the operation of the chemical surfactant system or the water/fogging system in the Federal Fiscal Year 2013. On March 7, 2013, the Department issued a letter of authorization (0570039-064-AC) granting our request.

On September 13, 2013, TEC submitted a permit application to revise the conditions to operate the chemical surfactant system or the water/fogging system. TEC requests another waiver to operate either system in Federal Fiscal Year 2014 until the final permit 0570039-067-AV is issued.

Please contact me at (813) 228-4232, if you have any question regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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