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**WEST CENTRAL REGION**

Mr. Paul J. Traina  
Director of Enforcement Division  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1421 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Traina:

Enclosed are the complete OMB Number 158-R75 forms for our Gannon, Big Bend, and Hookers Point Stations, which were sent to us on January 14, 1974. Also enclosed are copies of all correspondence we have had with the State of Florida on our compliance schedule increments of progress.

Subsequent to the adoption of EPO Regulation 2, "Priorities for Use of Certain Low Sulfur Petroleum Products," on November 27, 1973, we put a hold on the project to convert Gannon Station Units 1 - 4 from coal to low sulfur oil. There is a possibility, however, that the State of Florida may certify to the Federal Energy Office that low sulfur oil is required in this area, thereby exempting us from EPO Regulation 2. Even if this is done we are not sure how or if Tampa Electric Company would be supplied with the necessary amount of low sulfur oil.

Hookers Point Station, which is being modified to burn low sulfur oil, is also affected by EPO Regulation 2.

In light of the confusing situation with regard to usage and availability of oil, it appears that the Gannon 1 - 4 conversion to oil cannot be accomplished in time to meet the present final compliance date.

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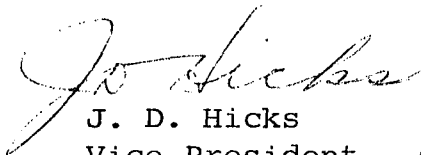
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The compliance schedule for Gannon Station Units 5 and 6 and Big Bend Station Units 1 and 2 calls for these units to meet the SO<sub>2</sub> emission standard by the use of low sulfur coal. The next increment of progress date for these units is April 24, 1974, at which time contracts for the low sulfur coal are required. To date, we have been unable to secure a sufficient amount of suitable low sulfur coal to supply all of these units, but we are continuing our search.

If you have any questions or if further information is required, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours very truly,



J. D. Hicks  
Vice President - Operations

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Peter P. Baljet, Executive Director  
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