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Mr. Alvaro Linero, P.E.
Bureau of Air Regulation
State of Florida
Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

Re: Request for Extension of Air Construction Permit 0810010-007-AC

Dear Al,

Following our telephone conversation this afternoon, FPL requests an extension of Air Construction Permit 0810010-007-AC, the addition of natural gas as a fuel to Manatee Units 1&2, which is scheduled to expire July 01, 2003. On behalf of the Manatee Plant Manager and Responsible Official, Paul Plotkin, I am requesting an extension of the permit until September 01, 2003 in order to complete the combustion optimization and compliance testing of Manatee Unit No. 1 on natural gas. The extension for Unit 1 has become necessary due to an unexpectedly protracted Unit maintenance outage during which the tie-in for the natural gas was made. The unit was expected to return to service April 18, 2003, which would have allowed adequate time for the combustion optimization and testing of natural gas, however, other maintenance issues delayed Unit 1's return to service until June 20, 2003.

Manatee Unit 2 completed its compliance testing on natural gas and the test report was previously sent to the appropriate Agency representatives consistent with the permit conditions.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and should you need further information, I can be reached at (561) 691-2877.

Sincerely yours,

Kevin T. Washington
Senior Environmental Specialist – FPL