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September 25, 2001

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Gus Cepero, Authorized Representative Osceola Power Limited Partnership P. O. Box 606 Pahokee, FL 33476

Re:

Permit No. PSD-FL-197

Osceola Power L.P. Cogeneration Plant

Dear Mr. Cepero:

On October 18, 2000, the Department issued a modified PSD permit that:

- Allowed operation of the existing sugar mill boilers from October 1, 2000 through April 30, 2001.
- Extended operation of the existing sugar mill boilers to include the 2001/2002 sugarcane milling season if construction was commenced on a mechanical dust collection system for the cogeneration boilers prior to September 1, 2001.
- Prohibited operation of the existing sugar mill boilers under Permit No. PSD-FL-197 after April 30, 2002.
- Required permanent shutdown of the existing sugar mill boilers or surrender of the PSD permit no later than August 1, 2002. (A surrender of the PSD permit would relinquish the authorization to operate the cogeneration plant. Furthermore, the Department will give no consideration to any existing equipment associated with the cogeneration plant in future permitting decisions. However, surrender of the PSD permit would allow the facility to continue operation of the sugar mill boilers in accordance with the Title V operation permit.)
- To date, the Department has not received any notice that construction has commenced on the mechanical dust collection system for the cogeneration boilers. Please be aware that operation of the sugar mill boilers during the upcoming 2001/2002 sugarcane milling season would necessitate Osceola Power L.P. to surrender Permit No. PSD-FL-197 for the cogeneration plant. If you have any other questions, please contact Jeff Koerner at 850/921-9536.

Sincerely,

C. H. Fancy, P.E., Chief Bureau of Air Regulation

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