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Mr. G. W. Schaefer
Licensing Administrator
Florida Power Corporation
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Dear Mr. Schaefer:

The Agency is in receipt of your June 5, 1981, letter regarding the PSD permit for Suwannee River Gas Turbine Peaking Units, CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, and CT-4. You have requested an extension of the Authority to Construct for Peaking Unit CT-4 until November of 1984.

Because increment rights granted under the PSD program are such a potentially valuable commodity, requests for extensions of construction dates must be accompanied by sufficient justification. The construction described in your letter has been "delayed indefinitely", and hence the November 1984 date appears to have been selected arbitrarily. Even if such an extension were granted, there is no evidence in the record to indicate that such construction would ultimately take place. In addition, there has been no information presented concerning the reasons that the construction must be delayed.

However, since the initial 18-month deadline for commencing construction has been met (Units CT-1, CT-2, and CT-3 have commenced construction), and since you could have originally requested the permit to be a phased construction permit, we would accept your petition for a modification to your permit for this facility. This modification would set a new date for Unit CT-4 to commence construction with provision for a new BACT determination to be made 18 months before the new date. In other words, the permit would be changed to reflect what would have been allowed if Florida Power had originally been granted a phased construction permit. This action would be subject to the same public review as a new permit.

Please provide additional information for the record regarding future plans to the extent that the November 1984 date can be justified. In addition, there is no information in the PSD public record to justify the delayed construction of Unit CT-4 and this should be provided as well.

If I may be of further assistance in this matter, please contact me. I look forward to proceeding with your request upon receipt of the requested information.

Sincerely yours,

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Chief
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