STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

OGC CASE NO. 99-1741 Draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV Francis J. Gannon Station

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO PETITION FOR HEARING

Tampa Electric Company ("TEC"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for an administrative hearing on draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV to February 15, 2000, and as grounds therefor states:

- 1. TEC representatives received from the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV. The draft permit is for the Francis J. Gannon generating station located in Hillsborough County, Florida.
- 2. The draft Title V Operation Permit appended to the Intent to Issue contains several items that have raised issues that require a resolution prior to TEC accepting the permit.

3. TEC representatives have discussed the matter with appropriate Department staff and continue to meet with Department representatives in order to amicably resolve the issues of concern.

4. The undersigned has discussed the extension of time with Douglas Beason, Esquire, of the Office of General Counsel. He does not object to an extension of time.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for an administrative hearing on draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV to, and including, February 15, 2000.

Respectfully submitted, this <u>15th</u> day of December, 1999.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail to Douglas Beason, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Twin Towers, 6th Floor, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-2400, this <u>15th</u> day of December, 1999.

12/21/99 cc: Scott Sheplak

Lawrence N. Curtin

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