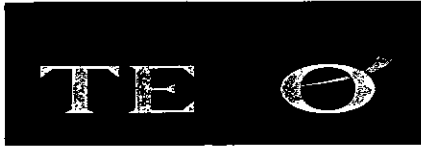


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January 27, 2003

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**Re: Tampa Electric Company
Bayside Power Station Unit 1
Anticipated Commercial Operations Notification
Oris Code # 7873**

Dear Mr. Hayes and Ms. Vielhauer:

Tampa Electric Company (TEC) is notifying the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) of the anticipated date of initial commercial operations as required by 40 CFR 75.61(a)(2)(i), the designated representative for an affected unit shall submit written notification: For a new unit or a newly affected unit, of the planned date when a new unit or newly affected unit will commence commercial operation or, for new stack or flue gas desulfurization system, of the planned date when a new stack or flue gas desulfurization system will be completed and emissions will first exit to the atmosphere. Notification of the planned date shall be submitted not later than 45 days prior to the date the unit commences commercial operation, or not later than 45 days prior to the date when a new stack or flue gas desulfurization system exhausts emissions to the atmosphere. TEC hereby gives notice of commercial operation, for environmental purposes, of Bayside Power Station Unit 1 will be on or about March 14, 2003. Bayside Power Station Unit 1 (BPS) consists of three General Electric PG7241FA, 169 megawatt Gas Turbines (GT) at the BPS facility. Each of these three GT's, Bayside 1A, 1B, and 1C, has a 150 foot stack and is connected to its own Heat Recovery Steam Generator. Since it is still uncertain in which order the GTs will begin commercial operations, TEC is giving notification that the GTs may commence commercial operations in the following order and on or about the following dates:

BPS 1A - March 14, 2003
BPS 1B - March 19, 2003
BPS 1C - March 24, 2003

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As the schedule changes TEC will keep EPA and FDEP updated. TEC appreciates your cooperation in this matter and if you have any questions, please call me at (813) 641-5034.

Sincerely,



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