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Mr. William T. Mayo Chairman Florida Public Service Comission 700 South Adams Street Tallahassee, Florida 32304

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CC: PROME

Dear Mr. Mayo:

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This is in response to your letter of April 8, 1975, concerning scheduling simultaneous outages of Tampa Electric Company's Gannon Unit Hos. 1 and 2._

Representatives of this office met with representatives of Tampa Electric Company and the Florida Department of Pollution Control on April 9, 1975 to discuss the schedules which would bring the Gannon and Big Bend Generating Stations into compliance with applicable air pollution regulations.

We must balance our concern about possible effects on electric reliability with the responsibility for ensuring that public health is protected from hazardous levels of air pollutants in the vicinity of Tampa Electric Company's generating stations. With this in mind, we asked the Company to re-examine the maintenance schedule to determine if it would be possible to schedule consecutive cutages of Gannon Unit Nos. 1 and 2 for conversion from coal to oil as opposed to simultaneous outages. The Company agreed to re-examine their schedule and report back to the invironmental Protection Agency within two weeks. We expect to resolve this issue by May 1975.

Your comments concerning this matter are appreciated, and I can assure you that they will be taken into consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John C. White, Deputy

Jack E. Ravan Regional Administrator

See attached list.

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Sent to Winter Hawar

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WYS DIV. OF PLANNING

cc: Mr. Peter P. Baljet, Executive Director Florida Department of Pollution Control

> Mr. Roger P. Stewart, Director Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission

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Federal Power Commission

Mr. H. L. Culbreath Tampa Electric Company