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GRACE C. LINDBLOM President

Mr. Steve Smallwood, Chief Bureau of Air Ouality Management Department of Environmental Regulation 2600 Blair Stone Road Tallahassee, Florida 32301

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Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC) has filed a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit application for Stanton Energy Center Units 1 and 2. OUC has reviewed the recently proposed PSD regulations to determine their potential impact upon that PSD permit application. The review indicated that the period when PSD authority is being transferred to the DER could pose problems for our PSD permit application for the Stanton Energy Center. These potential problems would be eliminated by the addition of a "safety net" clause to your final PSD regulations. The attached "safety net" provision is suggested by OUC. It would allow the DER to take final action under the final PSD regulations on pending PSD permit applications if the following conditions are met.

- The EPA grants PSD authority to Florida after the date 1) of submittal of a substantially complete application.
- The EPA refuses to issue the PSD permit.

In similar situations involving other states, the EPA-Region IV refused to issue the PSD permit if the public notice of the proposed permit was not published prior to the transfer of PSD authority.

OUC would like to see such permits issued by Florida without the applicant having to refile the application or interrupt the schedule for power plant site certification.

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Attachment

Mr. C. H. Stanton w/attachment cc:

Mr. H. C. Luff w/attachment

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Sincerely yours,

B. E. Shoup

Director

Environmental Division



DRAFT PSD "SAFETY NET" PROVISION

Insert as Florida Administrative Code Chapter 17-2.500(1)(b) and redesignate existing subsections (b) and (c) as (c) and (d) respectively.

(b) Applicability to applications on file

Applications for a permit required by Section 165 of the Clean Air Act which meet the following criteria shall be deemed to have been filed and shall be reviewed in accordance with this section, Section 17-2.500, and will not require refiling.

- (1) The application was filed prior to November 1, 1981.
- (2) The EPA has not taken final action on the application.
- (3) The EPA has transferred full PSD permitting authority on delegation by the Department.