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March 14, 2003

Mr. Mike Halpin, P.E.
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Bureau of Air Regulation
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Dear Mr. Halpin:

RE: STANTON A COMBINED CYCLE; PERMIT # 0950137-002-AC (PSD-313)
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPONSE

Earlier today due to your absence, I talked with Greg DeAngelo regarding FDEP guidance on obtaining an extension of time to respond to your letter of December 20, 2002 requesting additional information on Stanton A. As you may recall, we have concern on the proposed CEM span values in the PSD permit in lieu of citing Part 60 or Part 75. And more recently new issues regarding startup time exemptions due to the manufacturer's recommendation to heat soak the steam turbine due to metal fatigue concerns and thus a need to slow down the normal sequences of the Stanton A startup mode. In our last conversation you suggested several options to resolve each of the issues and we committed to sending you information to support a new longer term startup exemption based on a 24 hour lb/hr nitrogen oxide standard. We are still gathering manufacturer data to estimate a realistic startup scenario which will have minimum impacts on excess emissions.

Thus, in accordance with Rule 62-4.055(1), F.A.C., I am writing to notify the Department that the applicant requires additional time to respond. Although the rule provides for up to 90 additional days to respond to the Department's request, we will provide a response as soon as possible so that the Department's review can proceed without undue delay.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Dwain Waters Q.E.P.".

G. Dwain Waters, Q.E.P.
Air Quality Programs Supervisor

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