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BUREAU OF AIR REGULATION

October 28, 2003

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Attn: Scott Sheplak, Professional Engineer Administrator Division of Air Resource Management 2600 Blair Stone Road, MS 5500 Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400

RE:

Hardee Power Partners (HPP) Hardee Power Station (HPS)

Title V Air Operation Permit 0490015-003-AV

Dear Mr. Sheplak:

This letter is being sent to advise you that Hardee Power I, Inc. and Hardee Power II, Inc., have agreed to sell their partnership interests in the Hardee Power Station in Florida to GTCR Golder Rauner LLC and partner, Chicago-based Invenergy. This transaction was effective on September 30, 2003. A copy of the press release announcing the sale has been attached for your information.

Under this transaction, the permits will not be amended, changed or assigned. Accordingly, Hardee Power Partners will continue to operate the Hardee Power Station generating facility, and will continue to serve both Seminole Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Tampa Electric under established long-term power purchase contracts. In addition, a TECO Power Services subsidiary will continue to operate the facility under the change in ownership.

Chicago-based Invenergy is a developer, owner and operator of power generation and energy delivery assets. GTCR Golder Rauner LLC, is a private equity investment firm invested in a wide range of companies and industries.

We are not requesting any action by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection relative to this matter, but wanted to inform the Department about the transaction. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paul Carpinone at (813)228-4858.

Sincerely.

John T. Duff

Vice President, Power Operations

Enclosure



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TECO ENERGY COMPLETES SALE OF HARDEE POWER STATION

October 2, 2003 – Tampa, Fla. – TECO Energy's TECO Power Services subsidiary today reported that it completed the sale of Hardee Power Partners, Ltd., the owners of the Hardee Power Station effective September 30th to an affiliate of Invenergy LLC and GTCR Golder Rauner LLC.

The sale, originally announced August 26, 2003, will generate cash proceeds of about \$100 million, inclusive of escrowed amounts. In addition, the purchasers assumed all project-related debt including the synthetic lease associated with the facility. The transaction resulted in a pretax book gain of more than \$60 million to be recorded in the third quarter. Proceeds from the sale are expected to be used to repay short-term indebtedness and for general corporate purposes.

TECO Power Services is a subsidiary of TECO Energy (<u>www.tecoenergy.com</u>) a diversified, energy-related holding company headquartered in Tampa. Its principal businesses are Tampa Electric, Peoples Gas, TECO Power Services, TECO Transport, TECO Coal and TECO Solutions.