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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Petitioner,

vs.

OGC CASE NO. 97-1515

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSION  
OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY and  
STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Respondents.

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**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION  
OF TIME TO FILE PETITION FOR HEARING**

This cause has come before the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) on receipt of a request made by Petitioner, Tampa Electric Company, to grant an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing on Application No. 0570040-002-AV.

See Exhibit 1.

Respondent, State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection, has no objection to it. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED:

The request for an extension of time to file a petition for administrative proceeding is granted. Petitioner shall have until March 2, 1998, to file a petition in this matter. Filing shall be complete on receipt by the Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000.

DONE AND ORDERED on this 14th day of February, 1998, in Tallahassee, Florida.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

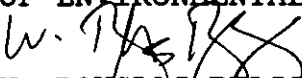
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on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998.

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT  
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STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Petitioner,

v.

OGC CASE NO. 97-1515  
Draft Title V Permit  
No. 0570040-002-AV  
Francis J. Gannon Station

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Respondent.

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**REQUEST FOR THIRD EXTENSION OF  
TIME TO PETITION FOR HEARING**

Tampa Electric Company ("TEC"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby requests that an order be entered further extending the time to petition for an administrative hearing on draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV to March 2, 1998, and as grounds therefor states:

1. TEC representatives received from the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV on August 29, 1997. The draft permit is for the Francis J. Gannon generating station located in Hillsborough County, Florida. The certificate of service for the draft Title V permit is dated August 26, 1997. The Department has entered orders extending the time for filing a petition for hearing until January 31, 1998.

2. The draft initial Title V Operation Permit appended to the Intent to Issue contains several items that have raised issues that require a resolution prior to TEC accepting the permit.

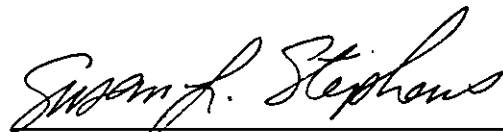
3. TEC representatives have discussed the matter with appropriate Department staff and recently met with Department representatives in order to amicably resolve the issues of concern. Another meeting between TEC and Department representatives is tentatively scheduled for early February. Additional time is needed for changes resulting from this meeting to be incorporated into the permit.

4. TEC representatives have discussed the extension of time with Department staff, and Department staff do not object to an extension of time until March 2.

5. Counsel for TEC has attempted to discuss the extension with Douglas Beason of the Department's Office of General Counsel, but was not able to contact him prior to filing this request for a third extension of time.

WHEREFORE, Tampa Electric Company respectfully requests that an order be entered extending the time to petition for an administrative hearing on draft Title V Permit No. 0570040-002-AV to, and including, March 2, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by hand delivery to Douglas Beason, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Rm. 664-B, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-2400, this 23rd day of January, 1998.

  
Susan L. Stephens

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