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Mr. Lynn Haynes
Region IV
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street
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Via FedEx
Airbill No. 7915 5450 0435

Ms. Trina Vielhauer
Bureau Chief
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
111 South Magnolia Drive, Suite 4
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Via FedEx
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Re: Tampa Electric Company
Bayside Power Station Unit 1
Commercial Operations Notification
Air Permit No. PSD-FL-301A
Project No. 0570040-15-AC, ORIS code #7873

Dear Mr. Hayes and Ms. Vielhauer:

Tampa Electric Company (TEC) is notifying the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) of the date of initial commercial operations. TEC hereby gives notice of commercial operation as defined in 40 CFR Part 72.2: Commence commercial operation means to have begun to generate electricity for sale, including the sale of test generation, for environmental purposes, of Bayside Power Station Unit 1. Bayside Power Station Unit 1 (BPS) consists of three General Electric PG7241FA, 169 megawatt Gas Turbines (GT) at the BPS facility. Each of these three GT's, Bayside 1A, 1B, and 1C, has a 150 foot stack and is connected to its own Heat Recovery Steam Generator. TEC is giving notification that the GTs commenced commercial operations, per 40 CFR 72.2 for environmental purposes, in the following order and dates:

BPS 1A - March 17, 2003
BPS 1B - March 15, 2003
BPS 1C - March 11, 2003

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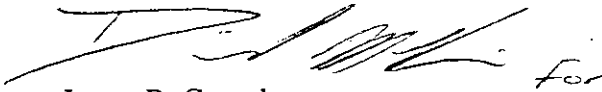
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If you have any questions, please call me at (813) 641-5034.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. R. Crouch', followed by the word 'for' written in a smaller, cursive script.

Laura R. Crouch
Manager- Air Programs
Environmental Affairs

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c: Mr. A. Linero – FDEP
Mr. J. Kissel – FDEP SW
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Mr. S. Sheplak- FDEP