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Ms. Lea Crandall
Agency Clerk – Office of the General Counsel
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, MS #35
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3000

Via FedEx
Airbill No. 790851940292

Re: Tampa Electric Company – Polk Power Station
Draft Air Permit No. PSD-FL-363 – Simple Cycle Units 4 & 5
Project No. 1050233-018-AC
Intent to Issue Air Construction Permit

Dear Ms. Crandall:

By letter dated March 6, 2006 and received by Tampa Electric Company on March 7, 2006 via email, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) announced its intent to issue an air construction permit for the referenced project at the Polk Power Station located in Polk County, Florida. Tampa Electric Company has had an opportunity to review the intent to issue the construction permit along with the proposed conditions and are currently evaluating the conditions of this proposed permit.

To accommodate discussions with staff of the FDEP on these issues, we request that the time for Tampa Electric Company to petition for a formal administrative hearing be extended by an additional 45 days from the deadline set forth in the Intent to Issue Air Construction Permit pursuant to Rule 62-110.106(4), Florida Administrative Code. Tampa Electric Company believes that this time will be sufficient to amicably resolve the issues without the necessity of pursuing a formal administrative hearing.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Raiza Calderon or me at (813) 228-4369.

Sincerely,

Byron T. Burrows, P.E.
Manager - Air Programs
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