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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
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Re: **Tampa Electric Company – Polk Power Station
VE, Fuel Testing and Minor Permit Revisions
Draft Permits Nos. 1050233-029-AC/1050233-028-AC ✓
Intent to Issue Air Construction Permit
OGC Case #12-1130**

Dear Ms. Crandall:


On May 9, 2012, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced its intent to issue an air construction permit for the Polk Power Station located in Polk County, Florida. Tampa Electric Company (TEC) has reviewed the intent to issue the construction permit and identified several issues with the draft/proposed permits. TEC subsequently prepared a request to the Office of General Counsel to extend the petition for a formal administrative hearing to the close of business on July 6, 2012. On May 18, 2012, the Office of General Counsel granted our request for the extension.

On June 20, 2012, TEC formally submitted our proposed changes to the DEP. To accommodate further discussions with the DEP, TEC requested additional time for administrative hearing to the close of business on August 6, 2012. On June 27, 2012, the Office of General Counsel granted our request for the extension.

Since our request, TEC and DEP have worked to amicably resolve issues with the draft permits. Today, DEP verbally indicated they would provide a draft permit for review on August 8, 2012, which is after the current deadline of August 6, 2012. To confirm the issues are resolved, we request that the time for Tampa Electric Company to petition for a formal administrative hearing be extended to the close of business on August 20, 2012.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this permit application, please contact me at (813) 228-1282 or Robert Velasco at (813) 228-4232

Sincerely,


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