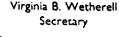


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May 5, 1997





## CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Clayton Roesler Division Environmental Specialist Florida Gas Transmission Company P.O. Box 945100 Maitland, Florida 32794-5100

Re: Florida Gas Transmission Permit Modifications 1230034-004-AC, (PSD-FL-202), Station 15, Taylor County 0990333-003-AC, Station 21, Palm Beach County 0170035-003-AC, Station 26, Citrus County 0570438-004-AC, Station 30, Hillsborough County

## Dear Mr. Roesler:

This letter is to confirm your April 9, 1997 telephone conversation with Ms. Teresa Heron, concerning your letter dated April 2, 1997. Your letter essentially requested treatment of turbine replacements as routine replacements not requiring construction permits or modifications. Based on your observations, the turbines have been lasting only approximately 5000 hours or so making their replacement routine rather than life extension projects or modifications subject to construction permitting.

It was our understanding that only the new (Phase III) turbines were unreliable to the extent that routine (possibly annual) replacement is foreseen. However it is not clear that the replacement is just for the gas turbines permitted during Phase III that are defective. Your request implies all existing gas turbines in the Florida Gas Transmission system. Be advised that a replacement of an old unit (pre-NSPS) for a new unit will have to be accomplished by the permitting process. New units will be subject to 40 CFR 60, Subpart GG.

Based on our review of your request the following information is needed:

Provide reasonable assurance (e.g. a letter from the manufacturer of the turbine) that will indicate the limited life of the turbines and the need of routine repair, maintenance, or replacement for the affected turbines. Identify those FGT units that would be affected.

Submit a table identifying for both the existing and the replacement unit: the manufacturer, model number, serial number, capacity (bhp) and the allowable emissions levels.

Pursuant to Rule 62-4.050 F.A.C., please submit the above requested information under a professional engineer seal. This is required to provide reasonable assurance that the units to be replaced are rated at the same capacity (brake horsepower) or less than the existing units and that the emissions levels will not exceed those of the already permitted turbine for that site or otherwise contravene a Department rule or permit condition.

Please direct a copy of your response to each of the individuals listed below. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Teresa Heron at (904) 488-1344.

Sincerely,

A. A. Linero, P.E. Administrator New Source Review Section

AAL/th/t

cc: Jerry Campbell, EPCHC
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