IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,

Plaintiff,

vs. CASE NO.:

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY,

Defendant.
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CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT

I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

A. This Consent Final Judgment is entered into between Plaintiff, State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection (the "DEP"), and Defendant, Tampa Electric Company ("TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY"), to reach a settlement of certain matters at issue between them. The Consent Final Judgment provides for the implementation of certain actions, the investigation and implementation of certain pollution prevention technology, and the contribution of funds to assist the DEP in its Bay Regional Air Chemistry Experiment program relating to nitrogen deposition in Tampa Bay.

B. "Consent Final Judgment" means this Consent Final Judgment, including any future modifications, and any reports, plans, specifications and schedules required by the Consent Final Judgment which, upon the approval of each by the DEP, shall be deemed incorporated into and become an enforceable part of this Consent Final Judgment as though each was originally set forth herein.

II. JURISDICTION

A. The DEP is the administrative agency of the State of Florida having the power and duty to protect Florida's air and water resources, and to administer and enforce the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, and the rules promulgated thereunder, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C.") Title 62 including the rules which Florida has the responsibility to administer and enforce under the federally approved Florida State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the separate Environmental Protection Agency delegation of PSD authority.

B. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein and over the Parties hereto pursuant to Chapter 403, Florida Statutes.

C. This Court retains jurisdiction over both the subject matter of this Consent Final Judgment and the Parties during the performance of its terms to enforce compliance therewith, if necessary.

III. PARTIES BOUND

This Consent Final Judgment shall apply to and be binding upon the DEP and TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY, (hereinafter individually defined as a "Party" or together defined as "Parties") and their successors and assigns. Each person signing this Consent Final Judgment certifies that he or she is authorized to execute the Consent Final Judgment and to legally bind to it the party on whose behalf he or she signs the Consent Final Judgment.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

A. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY owns and is an operator of the Big Bend coal fired electric generation plant in Hillsborough County. Big Bend generates

electricity from four steam generating boilers which are designated as Big Bend Unit 1, Big Bend Unit 2, Big Bend Unit 3, and Big Bend Unit 4. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY also owns and is an operator of the Gannon coal fired electric generation plant in Hillsborough County. Gannon generates electricity from six steam generating boilers which are designated as Gannon Unit 1, Gannon Unit 2, Gannon Unit 3, Gannon Unit 4, Gannon Unit 5, and Gannon Unit 6.

B. The DEP has alleged that Tampa Electric Company undertook a number of activities at the Gannon and Big Bend Generating Stations without appropriate regulatory review and permits, in violation of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, and applicable provisions of the federally approved SIP. These activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY modified, and thereafter operated, its electric generating units at Big Bend and Gannon, which are coal fired electricity generating power plants in Hillsborough County, Florida, without first obtaining appropriate permits authorizing this construction and without installing the best control technology (BACT) to control emissions of nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter, as required by Florida law.

2. As a result of TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY's operation of the power plants, these unlawful modifications and the absence of appropriate controls, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter have been, and still are being, released into the atmosphere aggravating air pollution locally and downwind from these plants.

3. At various times, TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY commenced construction of modifications at Big Bend. These modifications included, but are not

limited to: (1) replacement of steam drum internals in Big Bend Units 1 and 2 in 1994 and 1991, respectively; (2) replacement of the waterwall in Big Bend Unit 2 in 1994, and (3) replacement of the high temperature reheater in Big Bend Unit 2 in 1994.

4. Such modifications by TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY were done without obtaining a permit from the DEP and without applying BACT for nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter as required by Chapter 403, Florida Statutes.

5. At various times, TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY commenced construction of modifications to Gannon. These modifications included, but were not limited to: (1) replacement of the furnace floor in Gannon Unit 3 with a new design in 1996; and, (2) replacement of the cyclone in Gannon Unit 4 in 1994.

6. Such modifications by TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY were done without obtaining a permit from the DEP and without applying BACT for nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter as required by Chapter 403, Florida Statutes.

C. Tampa Electric Company has agreed to the entry of the Consent Final Judgment and has agreed to implement the requirements of the Consent Final Judgment without an admission of liability and in recognition of the benefits of resolving litigation and elimination of such related expenses as settlement of the claims set forth in the Complaint, which Tampa Electric Company believes to be disputed claims. Tampa Electric Company neither admits nor denies the facts set forth in the Complaint and in Section IV.B. of this Consent Final Judgment.

V. REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSENT FINAL JUDGMENT

A. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall shut down coal-fired Units 1, 2, and 6 at Gannon Station and repower Units 3, 4, & 5 for gas to be phased-in between

January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2004. The repowered Units shall meet BACT for nitrogen oxide applicable to combined cycle gas turbines with an emission rate of 3.5 ppm. This requirement shall be included as a permit condition issued through the normal process.

B. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall evaluate using "zero-ammonia" nitrogen oxide control technology at its Gannon facility. If, by May, 2000, such technology is found by the DEP to be commercially viable, TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall install such technology on one of the units it intends to repower so long as the incremental capital cost differential above the cost of Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) does not exceed $8 million and TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY obtains acceptable performance guarantees and remedies from the manufacturer of the technology. The installation shall be performed as part of the repowering process and shall be completed no later than December 31, 2004. In the event that the DEP does not find that the technology is commercially viable, then by December 31, 2004, TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall spend up to $8 million to demonstrate alternative commercially viable nitrogen oxide reduction technologies for natural gas-fired or coal-fired generating facilities as determined by the DEP and TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

C. At Big Bend Station, the new scrubber serving Units 1&2 is currently going through performance testing and is scheduled for commercial operation on or about January 1, 2000. It has a guaranteed removal efficiency of 93% but is the first Unit with a large, high velocity tower serving approximately 800 mega watts TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall use reasonable commercial efforts to optimize the removal efficiency

to achieve a 95% removal efficiency by May 1, 2002 if such rate is not achieved by commercial operation.

D. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall maximize scrubber utilization on all four boilers at Big Bend. The DEP recognizes the need for shut down for operational reasons.

E. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall add nitrogen oxide controls, repower or shut down Units 1 through 3 at Big Bend Station by May 2010 and at Unit 4 at Big Bend Station by May 2007. If SCRs or similar nitrogen oxide controls are installed, BACT for nitrogen oxide will be .10 lbs./mmBTU on Unit 4 and .15 lbs./mmBTU on Units 1, 2, and 3.

F. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall undertake a performance optimization study and a BACT analysis of its electrostatic precipitators and make reasonable upgrades to the electrostatic precipitators at Big Bend Station by May 1, 2003, if the study indicates that reasonable upgrades are necessary to obtain performance optimization.

G. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall report to DEP on the technical feasibility of installing a particulate matter continuous emissions monitor on one stack at Big Bend March 1, 2002. If the DEP determines by May 31, 2002 that installation to be technically feasible, TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall install a particulate matter continuous emissions monitor on one stack at Big Bend station no later than May 1, 2003. Such monitor shall be installed solely for demonstration and informational purposes.

H. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall be entitled to retain all sulfur dioxide reduction credits as currently authorized by law and freely trade them as allowed by the acid rain program. These credits were an integral part of the economics of the repowering project. If a credit trading program is developed by state or federal law for nitrogen oxide, TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall bank such credits obtained from the reductions achieved through the implementation of this Consent Final Judgment, but such credits shall not be eligible for sale to third parties but shall be held for TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY's (or any affiliate's) own account.

I. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall agree to cooperate with the DEP on its Bay Regional Air Chemistry Experiment BRACE program relating to nitrogen deposition in Tampa Bay, including allowing necessary stack testing access to the DEP, and contributing $2 million dollars to the Hillsborough Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) for use in the BRACE program, in lieu of civil penalties. The DEP will enter into an agreement with EPC to ensure that the funds are spent on the BRACE program. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall make the first payment to EPC in the amount of $500,000 by July 1, 2000, and shall pay $500,000 each six months thereafter until the full $2 million dollars has been paid.

J. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall collaborate with the DEP to develop and implement State tax policy aimed at emissions reductions and such other supplemental environmental programs which are agreed to by TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY and the DEP.

K. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall be entitled to relief from the time requirements of this Consent Final Judgment in the event of a force majeure that

includes, among other things, delays in regulatory approvals, construction, labor, material or equipment delays, natural gas and gas transportation availability delays, acts of God or other similar events that are beyond the control of the company and not resulting from its owns actions, for the length of time necessarily imposed by the delay.

L. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall be released from civil liability for all past New Source Review (NSR) related acts and State Implementation Plan (SIP) violations associated with the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD), New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and NSR related matters set forth herein and in the Complaint.

M. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY shall also be protected from triggering NSR requirements with respect to repairs, maintenance and physical or operation changes during the term of the Consent Final Judgment which term shall remain effective until the actions required hereunder have been implemented.

N. The DEP shall cooperate with TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY and the United States Environmental Protection Agency in an effort to clarify the NSR regulations for repairs, maintenance, physical and operation changes in the future.

O. TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY's obligation to implement the emissions reductions and other requirements set forth herein will be conditioned on the receipt of necessary federal, state and local environmental permits, and acceptable regulatory treatment, including cost recovery by the Florida Public Service Commission.

P. DEP will defend the terms of this Consent Final Judgment in any action to which it is a party.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS

A. This Consent Final Judgment embodies the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements, drafts, arrangements, conversations, negotiations or understandings relating to matters provided for in the Consent Final Judgment.

B. This Consent Final Judgment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

C. Each provision of the Consent Final Judgment shall be interpreted in such a manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of the Consent Final Judgment shall be prohibited or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of the Consent Final Judgment.

D. This Consent Final Judgment is not, and shall not be construed to be, a permit issued pursuant to any federal, State or local law, rule or regulation.

E. If, for any reason, the Court should decline to enter this Consent Final Judgment in the form in which it is lodged, the Consent Final Judgment as lodged is voidable, at the sole discretion of either Party. The Parties agree that because the claims of the DEP contained herein were disputed as to validity and amount, none of the terms of the lodged but voided Consent Final Judgment may be used as evidence in any litigation for any purpose, except with the written consent of TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY.

F. Except as provided for herein, there shall be no modifications or amendments of this Consent Final Judgment without written agreement of the Parties to this Consent Final Judgment and approval by the Court.

VII. FINAL JUDGMENT/RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

This Consent Final Judgment constitutes a final judgment in this action. This Court will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enabling the Parties to apply to the Court at any time for such further order, direction or relief as may be necessary or appropriate for the construction or modification of this Consent Final Judgment, or to effectuate or enforce compliance with its terms, or to resolve disputes.

DONE AND ORDERED IN CHAMBERS this ___ day of _____, 1999.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

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ROBERT H. BONANNO
CIRCUIT JUDGE

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Circuit Judge

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

By: David B. Struhs
Secretary of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Date: December 6, 1999

TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY

By: J. B. R.
John B. Ramil
President

Date: December 6, 1999