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June 14, 2010

Mr. Mike Halpin, Program Administrator
Siting Coordination Office
Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Agency Report: Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC), LLC Site Certification Application

Dear Mr. Halpin:

This letter serves as the report of the Department of Community Affairs in response to the application for certification filed by Gainesville Renewable Energy Center (GREC), LLC in November 2009 pursuant to the Florida Power Plant Act.

The proposed facility, GREC, will use clean, renewable, woody biomass material as fuel to generate 100 megawatts (MW) of net electrical energy (116 MW gross). GREC will be located on approximately 131 acres of property in northwest Gainesville that the applicant, GRECC LLC, will lease from the City of Gainesville (d/b/a/ Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU)). The proposed GREC facility site is located within the boundaries of the 1,146 acre, previously certified site, for GRU's existing Deerhaven Generating Station.

In accordance with section 403.507(2)(a)(1), Florida Statutes (F.S.) the project application has been reviewed based upon consistency with the state comprehensive plan, applicable emergency management provisions of Chapter 252, Part I, F.S., and other jurisdictional matters. The Department recommends approval and has no recommendations for inclusion as conditions of certification in the final order for this project as it is currently described.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Robert Arredondo at (850) 922-1770, or email robert.arredondo@dca.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Gauthier", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles Gauthier, AICP, Director
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cc: Scott Koons, Executive Director, North Central Florida Regional Planning Council