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RE: TECO Big Bend
Modification to Conditions of Certification
DEP Case Number PA 79-12S
OGC Case Number 18-0046

FINAL ORDER MODIFYING CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Carpinone:

On August 17, 1981, the Florida Siting Board issued a Site Certification to Tampa Electric Company (TECO) for the construction and operation of Big Bend Unit 4 (BB4) in Hillsborough County. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has modified the Conditions of Certification (Conditions) for BB4 by Final Order on eighteen other occasions.

The Department has reviewed TECO's petition dated November 17, 2017 for a modification to BB4's Conditions pursuant to Section 403.516(1)(c), Florida Statutes (F.S.), to authorize the construction and operation of an approximately 33 MW solar energy generation facility (Big Bend II Solar Project). The request also includes an expansion of the certified site from 1,054 acres to 1,150 acres. Additionally, the Department has considered modifications pursuant to 403.516(1)(c), F.S., to incorporate a uniform set of General Conditions consistent with recent site certifications, and to update various conditions that are no longer applicable or consistent with current regulations.

On February 7, 2018, all parties to the certification proceeding were provided notice of the Department's intent to modify the Conditions for BB4. On February 20, 2018, notice

of the Department's intent to modify the Conditions for BB4 was also published in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR).

Pursuant to Section 403.516, F.S., and Rule 62-17.211, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), all parties to the certification proceeding have 45 days from the issuance of notice in which to file a written objection to the modification. Pursuant to Section 403.516, F.S., and Rule 62-17.211, F.A.C., any person who is not already a party to the certification proceeding and whose substantial interests will be affected by the requested modification has 30 days from the date of publication of the public notice in the FAR to object in writing. Failure to act within the time frame constitutes a waiver of the right to become a party.

These timeframes have expired and no objections to the modification have been received by the Department. Therefore, the Conditions for BB4 are modified as described in the Department's Notice of Intent to Modify the Conditions of Certification dated February 7, 2018, which can be downloaded from the following file transfer protocol (ftp) site: http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/Siting/Outgoing/TECO_Big_Bend/Mod_S_Solar/2018_2_7_NOI_Mod_S.pdf

The final version of the modified Conditions (including attachments) can be viewed and obtained from the following website: http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/Siting/Outgoing/Web/Certification/pa79_12_2018_S.pdf. Copies of the Conditions and/or attachments may also be obtained by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Siting Coordination Office, 2600 Blair Stone Rd., M.S. 5500, Tallahassee, Florida, 850-717-9000.

Any party to the this Order has a right to seek judicial review of it pursuant to Section 120.68, F.S. by filing a Notice of Appeal, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Clerk of the Department of Environmental Protection in the Office of General Counsel, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, M.S. 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the applicable filing fees, with the appropriate District Court of Appeal. The Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days from the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Department of Environmental Protection.

Sincerely,

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FILED, on this date, pursuant to §120.52
Florida Statutes, with the designated
Department Clerk, receipt of which is
hereby acknowledged.

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