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Ms. Cindy Mulkey, Program Administrator
Siting Coordination Office
Florida Department of Environmental Regulation
3900 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Re: Agency Report for TECO Polk Units 2-5 Conversion Project - Transmission Line Portion

Dear Ms. Mulkey,

The proposed TECO Polk Units 2-5 Conversion Project (the Project) involves the conversion of four existing combustion turbine generating units at the TECO Polk Power Plant site to a combined cycle configuration. Using new heat recovery steam generators and a new steam turbine generator, the combined cycle conversion will result in more efficient electric power generation.

The Project also requires the development of a new, approximately 27-mile transmission line corridor which will extend from the existing TECO Polk Power Plant site to the Fishhawk substation in Hillsborough County. The Project also includes the upgrade of a 5.5-mile portion of an existing transmission line from the TECO Polk Power Plant site to the Pebbledale substation in Polk County.

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has reviewed the Project Site Certification Application. DEO has identified no issues within its jurisdiction which will be materially affected by the Project. DEO recommends certification of the transmission line portion of the Project.

Sincerely,

Mike McDaniel, Chief
Office of Comprehensive Planning

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