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- CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED -

Ms. Regina Embry
Electric Utility Engineer
Gainesville Regional Utilities
P.O. Box 147117, Station A136
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Re: Deerhaven Generating Station
Amendment Request to PA74-04
Brine Salt Disposal
Notification of Requirement for Modification

Dear Ms. Embry:

On July 7, 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection's Siting Coordination Office (Department) received a request from Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU) for an amendment to the Deerhaven Generating Station Site Certification. Requests for Additional Information (RAIs) were issued by the Department on August 6, 2008 and September 23, 2008. GRU submitted responses to those requests on September 5, 2008 and September 23, 2009 respectively.

The amendment request is for the extension of the existing brine salt landfill, and for the placement of brine salt in the Deerhaven ash landfill. Pursuant to 403.5113(1), F.S., the Department must determine whether the proposed change requires a modification to the Conditions of Certification, and provide notice to the licensee of either approval of the request, or notice that the change requires a request for a modification.

It has been determined by the Department that the expansion of the brine landfill will require a modification to GRU's Conditions of Certification as additional requirements specific to the vertical expansion will be necessary. According to your September 23, 2009 letter, GRU determined that depositing brine salts in the ash landfill is not a viable long-term solution, and therefore has withdrawn its request for this option.

Pursuant to 403.516(1)(c) a certification may be modified following the filing by the licensee of a petition for modification with the department. In order to incorporate the expansion of the brine landfill into GRU's Conditions of Certification a written request and appropriate fee payment must be submitted to the Siting Coordination Office. A fee in the amount of $10,000 is required for this modification. The Final Order Modifying Conditions of Certification will not be issued prior to receipt of the written modification request and accompanying fee.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you can contact Cindy Mulkey at (850) 245-2175 or me at (850) 245-2002.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Halpin, P.E.
Administrator,
Siting Coordination Office

CC: Emerson Raulerson, NED