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Via Electronic Mail

December 12, 2024

Ms. Jeaneanne Gettle
Acting Regional Administrator
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 4
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Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8909

Re: Withdrawal of Certain Provisions in Florida’s Proposed Revision to Florida’s State Implementation Plan – Florida SIP 2021-01, Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period

Dear Ms. Gettle:

On October 8, 2021, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) submitted a final proposed revision to the Florida State Implementation Plan (SIP) for provisions associated with the Department’s Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period. This SIP revision was identified as DEP SIP 2021-01 (EPA Submittal #FL-163). Additional supplements to this plan and SIP revision were submitted on June 24, 2024 and October 28, 2024, respectively.

On April 26, 2023, the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) retired its emission unit, a fossil fuel fired steam generator Unit No. 3 (EU003), at the TECO Big Bend facility. The Department submitted verification of this retirement to EPA on December 11, 2024. After consideration, the Department is hereby requesting that EPA withdraw the associated permit conditions for this emission unit, which were originally proposed for inclusion in Florida’s SIP as part of the 2021 Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period. Specifically, those provisions include:

1. The removal of conditions from Permit No. 0570039-129-AC, issued on August 11, 2020, which apply a sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emission limit of 0.20 lb/MMBtu based on a heat input-weighted 30-boiler operating day rolling average to Unit 3 (Section 3, Subsection B, Condition 1).
2. The removal of conditions from Permit No. 0570039-129-AC, issued on August 11, 2020, which apply compliance requirements of testing, monitoring,

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recordkeeping, etc., in compliance with the requirements of 40 CFR 63, Subpart UUUUU (Section 3, Subsection B, Condition 2).

EPA may proceed with the approval of Florida's Regional Haze Plan and SIP Revisions notwithstanding this partial withdrawal from the October 8, 2021 SIP Submittal and supplemental submittals.

If you have any questions about the withdrawal of this proposed SIP revision request, please contact Hastings Read at (850) 717-9017 or by email at Hastings.Read@dep.state.fl.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffery F. Koerner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Jeffery F. Koerner

Director

Division of Air Resource Management

Florida Department of Environmental Protection