



Public Service Commission

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DATE: February 8, 1996
TO: Director, Division of Records and Reporting
FROM: Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis (Jones) *SLJ*
Division of Electric and Gas (Shine)
Division of Legal Services (Erstling)
RE: Application of Gulf Power Company to Issue Securities

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[Signature]

Agenda: Place on March 19, 1996 - Consent Agenda

Critical Dates: None

Special Instructions: I:\PSC\AFA\WP\960127.RCM

Please place the following request for application on the consent agenda for approval:

DOCKET NO. 960127-EI - APPLICATION OF GULF POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE EQUITY FUNDS FROM SOUTHERN COMPANY, ISSUE AND SELL UP TO \$320 MILLION IN LONG-TERM DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES, AND ISSUE AND SELL A MAXIMUM OF \$150 MILLION OF SHORT-TERM DEBT SECURITIES DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 1997.

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

Pretax Coverage Ratio

	INCOME TAXES		
	Federal	37,987,000	
	State	6,286,000	
	Net Provision for Deferred Taxes	<u>(5,710,000)</u>	
	Total Income Taxes	38,563,000	38,563,000
Net Income Before Preferred			67,935,000
Gross Interest			
(including AFUDC)			
	sub-total	28,221,000	<u>28,221,000</u>
			<u>134,719,000</u>
Pretax Coverage Ratio			4.77 x

Total Common Equity	434,422,000
Preferred Stock	89,603,000
Long Term Debt	355,349,000
Short Term Debt	37,822,000
Total Capital	917,196,000

Equity Ratio 47.36%
 (Common Equity/(Common Equity+Pfd. stk. +LTD+Current LTD))

S & P Benchmarks (derived from the S & P Global Sector Review, July 1994)

	AA	A	BBB
Pretax Interest Coverage			
Business Position: Above Average	3.50	2.75	1.75
Average	4.00	3.50	2.50
Below Average	--	4.50	3.50
Common Equity/ Total Capital			
Business Position: Above Average	53%	48%	41%
Average	58%	53%	46%
Below Average	--	59%	52%