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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification
The Southern Company Filing of Annual Report on Form U5S
with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification by Gulf Power Company.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Susan D. Cranmer
Gulf Power Company

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential Document No. (s) 07288-96. The document has been placed in the confidential files pending receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company-
Filing of Annual Report on Form U5S
with the Securities and Exchange
Commission (SEC)

Docket No.: Undocketed
Date: July 10, 1996

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern Company, an associate company of Gulf Power Company, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that it intends to request confidential classification for the Annual Report on Form U5S, hereafter the report, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4). A copy of the report is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 53 requires that every registered holding company submit certain specified categories of filings to each state commission in which the affiliates of the registered holding company operate. Gulf Power is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

The report contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and certain of its unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the the Southern Company if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification will be filed within the time period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, if at such time the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies. This Certificate

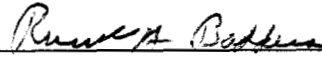
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Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing without exhibit "A" was furnished by U.S. Mail on the 9th day of July, 1996, on the following:

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