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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification  
The Southern Company and Southern Development and Investment Group, Inc.  
Certificate of Notification - File Nos. 70-7932 and 70-8421

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,

Russell A. Badders  
For the Firm

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Enclosure

cc: Susan D. Cranmer  
Gulf Power Company

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential Document No.(s) 07290-96. 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  
and Southern Development and  
Investment Group, Inc.  
Certificate of Notification-  
File Nos. 70-7932 and 70-8421  
under Rule 24 with the  
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Docket No.: Undocketed  
Date: July 10, 1996

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

The Southern Company and Southern Development and Investment Group, Inc., 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 certain information, hereafter the Certificate, 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 Certificate 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 Certificate contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and Southern Development and Investment Group, Inc. and certain of its unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the Companies 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

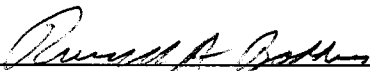
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at such time the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies. This Certificate is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



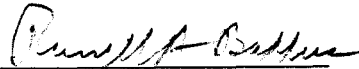
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

Cindy Miller, Esq.  
Florida Public Service  
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