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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Gulf Power Company respectfully requests a waiver of Rule 25-6.0436(8)(a) by asking for an extension of the filing date to June 1, 1997 for our pending depreciation study due to be submitted on March 3, 1997. Gulf is requesting the extension in order that we may utilize actual data through December 1996 and the most current budget data possible in the study. Gulf will propose an effective date of January 1, 1998 which is four years from the effective date of the depreciation rates in our last study.

We appreciate you taking this request under consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to call me at (904) 444-6231 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Cranmer

S. D. Cranmer
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer

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