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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

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 No. 70-8173 under Rule 24 with the Securities and  
Exchange Commission (SEC) for the period ending March 31, 1997.

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is the 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.

Please mark the enclosed extra copy of this letter with the date and time the material was  
accepted in your office for filing and return same to the undersigned.

ACK  Sincerely,  
 AFA \_\_\_\_\_  
 APP \_\_\_\_\_ *Susan D Cranmer*  
 CAF \_\_\_\_\_ Susan D. Cranmer  
 CMU \_\_\_\_\_ Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer  
 CTR \_\_\_\_\_ lw  
 EAG \_\_\_\_\_  
 LEG \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosure  
 LIN \_\_\_\_\_ cc: Beggs and Lane  
 OPC \_\_\_\_\_ Russell A. Badders, Esquire  
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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 No. 70-8173 under Rule 24 with the  
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)  
for the quarter ending March 31, 1997 /

Docket No.: 960835-EI  
Date: June 2, 1997

**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. ("Companies") 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 the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the

Commission and not returned to the Companies within the specified time period. This Certificate is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,




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Southern Development and Investment  
Group, Inc.

**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 2nd day of June, 1997, on the following:

Richard Bellak, Esquire  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850



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Tel 770.393.0650



**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT REQUESTED**

May 15, 1997

Securities and Exchange Commission  
Washington, DC 20549

Re: *The Southern Company and  
Southern Development and Investment Group, Inc.  
Certificate of Notification - File No. 70-8173  
Request for Confidential Treatment*

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to Rule 104 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, The Southern Company (SOUTHERN), a registered holding company, and Southern Development and Investment Group, Inc. (SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT), hereby request confidential treatment of the attached Certificate of Notification for the quarter ended March 31, 1997. This certificate contains information which is proprietary and competitively sensitive. The public disclosure thereof would materially harm SOUTHERN and SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT.

As permitted by Rule 101(c)(1) of the General Rules and Regulations for Electronic Filings, 17 CFR 232.101(c)(1) the aforementioned confidential information is filed herewith in paper format only.

SOUTHERN hereby requests a hearing before any part thereof is made public to third parties requesting its disclosure.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Boston".

Wayne Boston  
WB/or

Enclosures

cc: Freedom of Information Act Officer (w/enc.)  
Robert Wason, Chief Financial Analyst (w/enc.)