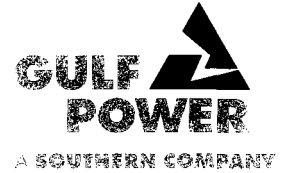


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June 10, 1999

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 - Filing of Annual Report on Form U5S with the Securities
and Exchange Commission (SEC)

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.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Ritenour

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Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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cc: Beggs and Lane
Russell A. Badders, Esquire

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Docket No.:
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern 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 portions of the Annual Report 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. Specifically, Items 9 and 10 of the Annual Report on Form U5S must be submitted to the Florida Public Service by Gulf.

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 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

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information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies. In the event the Staff determines that it will retain this document, the Companies request to be notified, through the undersigned counsel, prior to the expiration of the period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a). This Report is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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