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April 1, 2003

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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Request for Exclusion under Rule 25-6.0455(3)

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Gulf Power Company's Request for Exclusion under Rule 25-6.0455(3) on March 8, 2003.

Sincerely,

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cc: Beggs and Lane Russell A. Badders, Esquire

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REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION UNDER RULE 25-6.0455(3) March 8, 2003

Subject: Gulf Power Company Request for Exclusion under Rule 25-6.0455 (3) for outage events associated with a plane crash on March 8, 2003.

Reason for Exclusion: The outages associated with this plane crash were not within Gulf Power Company's control and could not reasonably have been prevented.

Summary of Events: Saturday, March 8, 2003 at 1:45 p.m. a military training jet crashed into a residential area in Valparasio which is located in Gulf Power Company's Central District.

Please note that the Air Force prohibited any photography inside perimeter so no pictures documenting the damage could be provided.

A news media article is attached as Exhibit A.

Impact:

- Number of customers interrupted 187. Reported outages and restoration work spanned approximately a 4 hour time period.
- SAIDI impact from jet crash for 03-08-03: 0.093

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EXHIBIT A: GULF POWER COMPANY EXCLUSION REQUEST FOR 03-08-03

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Emergency personnel investigate the wreckage of an Air Force T-38 training jet as it lies between two homes in Valparaiso. No one inside either home was injured in Saturday's crash.

Jet crash leaves 2 homes uninhabitable

Associated Press

VALPARAISO — The crash of a T-38 military trainer jet into a residential area has left two homes uninhabitable, officials said.

Okaloosa County Emergency Manager Randy McDaniel said the two families displaced by the crash were placed temporarily in a hotel, with arrangements made by the American Red Cross. Longterm arrangements with the Air Force were being worked out, McDaniel said.

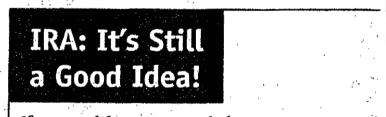
Okaloosa County property records show one of the uninhabitable homes is owned by Lynn Parjani, the other by Leroy Coleman. Both are single-family, brick homes. Attempts to reach both owners by telephone were unsuccessful Sunday.

No one inside either home was injured in the crash, which occurred around 1:45 p.m. Saturday. The plane's pilot, Maj. Rich Beavers, ejected from the jet before it crashed and suffered only minor injuries, officials said.

The plane was making its final approach toward a runway at Eglin Air Force Base when it apparently experienced engine trouble and crashed.

Beavers was assigned to the 7t Combat Training Squadron a Holloman Air Force Base in Alan ogordo, N.M., base spokesman Sg Aaron Crum told the Northwes Florida Daily News.

An Air Force investigative tear still is attempting to determin what caused the crash, officials said



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