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June 17, 2004

Ms. Blanca 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:

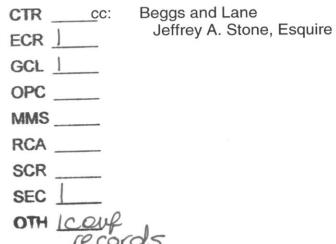
Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies Gulf Power Company's Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification for Southern Companies' July 17, 2004, filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of a Report on Vegetation Management Practices Related to Designated Transmission Facilities submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff in compliance with an order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued on April 19, 2004.

Sincerely,

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Southern Companies' July 17, 2004 Filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of a Report on Vegetation Management Practices Related to Designated Transmission Facilities

Docket No.: Date: June 17, 2004

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Southern Company Services and Gulf Power Company, by and through their undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that they intend to request confidential classification for Southern Companies' July 17, 2004 Filing with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of a Report on Vegetation Management Practices Related to Designated Transmission Facilities, hereafter the Report, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff in compliance with an order of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") issued on April 19, 2004. 107 FERC ¶ 61,053; FERC Docket No. EL04-52. A copy of the Report is attached hereto as exhibit "A".

The Report contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the transmission assets of Southern Company and its operating companies which would cause irreparable harm to Southern Company and Gulf Power Company if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification pursuant to Chapter 366.093(3)(a), (b) and (e), Florida Statutes, 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 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 subject to the confidential protection provided to Critical Energy Infrastructure Information by FERC regulations, <u>See</u>, 18 C.F.R. § 388.112(a)(2), and a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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