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TO:

DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM:

DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (JAYE)

RE:

DOCKET NO. 981055-EI - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN

NAME ON ENHANCED POWER QUALITY TARIFF (EPQ) TO GOODCENTS

SURGE PROTECTION (GCSP) BY GULF POWER COMPANY

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Attached is an <u>ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN NAME OF TARIFF</u> to be issued in the above-referenced docket. (Number of pages - 3)

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Attachment

cc: Division of Electric and Gas (Goad)

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## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of change in name on Enhanced Power Quality tariff (EPQ) to GoodCents Surge Protection (GCSP) by Gulf Power Company.

DOCKET NO. 981055-EI ORDER NO. PSC-98-1368-FOF-EI ISSUED: October 12, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIA L. JOHNSON, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
SUSAN F. CLARK
JOE GARCIA
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

## ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN NAME OF TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Gulf Power Company (Gulf) began offering a whole house surge arrester to its customers in May, 1992. The service is available to residential, general service, general service demand, as well as time-of-use customers on these schedules with single phase service and a 200 amp or smaller main electrical panel. An initial one-year contract is required, after which, service can be terminated with one month's written notice.

Gulf's petition proposes to eliminate the requirement of a one-year contract and only require a month-to-month agreement. While the majority of Gulf's customers subscribing to the program tend to stay in excess of one year and in most cases, well beyond, some do exit from the program primarily as a result of relocation. In such cases, Gulf removes the surge arrester and reuses it in the future. Because the surge arresters are reusable and only a limited number of customers terminate their commitment in less than twelve months, Gulf states that this modification will not have any significant effect on its general body of customers.

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In its petition, Gulf also seeks to change the name of the program from Enhanced Power Quality to GoodCents Surge Protection. Gulf believes this to be more consistent with its marketing strategy.

We believe that the proposed modifications will provide more flexibility to Gulf's optional surge protection service, and will not have any substantive impact on Gulf's general body of customers. Therefore, we find that the proposed tariff changes are approved, effective September 22, 1998.

It is therefore

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission, that Gulf Power Company's Request for Approval of Change in Name on Enhanced Power Quality tariff (EPQ) to GoodCents Surge Protection (GCSP) is approved, effective September 22, 1998. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed in accordance with the requirement set forth below, the tariff shall remain in effect with any increase in revenues held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no protest is filed in accordance with the requirements set forth below, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 12th day of October, 1998.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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## NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on November 2, 1998.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.