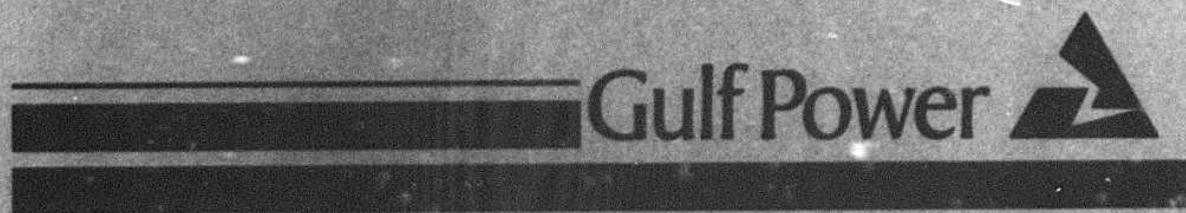


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6 Q. Please state your name, address and occupation.

7 A. My name is Colen R. Lee, and my business address is  
8 500 Bayfront Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32501. I am  
9 Director of Power Generation for Gulf Power Company.

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11 Q. Please briefly describe your educational background and  
12 business experience.

13 A. I graduated from Mississippi State University,  
14 Starkville, Mississippi, in 1965 with a Bachelor of  
15 Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. I joined  
16 Gulf Power Company in 1965 as a Staff Engineer. I have  
17 held various positions with Gulf including Field  
18 Engineer, Plant Engineer, Plant Superintendent and  
19 Plant Manager. In 1984, I assumed the position of  
20 Director of Power Generation and presently serve in  
21 that capacity.

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23 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit that contains information  
24 to which you will refer in your testimony?

25 A. Yes.

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1 Counsel: We ask that Mr. Lee's Exhibit, comprised  
2 of 4 Schedules, be marked for  
3 identification as Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_  
4 (CRL-1).  
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6 Q. Are you the sponsor of certain Minimum Filing  
7 Requirements?

8 A. Yes, those which I am sponsoring are listed on  
9 Schedule 4 at the end of my exhibit. To the best of my  
10 knowledge, the information in these Minimum Filing  
11 Requirements (MFRs) is true and correct.  
12

13 Q. What is your area of responsibility within Gulf Power?

14 A. I have the responsibility of ensuring that Crist,  
15 Scholz, Smith, Daniel and Scherer Electric Generating  
16 Plants are efficiently and effectively operated and  
17 maintained. I also have the responsibility of ensuring  
18 the effective and efficient use of Southern Company  
19 Services and support personnel in the Power Generation  
20 sections: Construction, Engineering, Performance,  
21 Planning, and Safety and Training personnel. The  
22 Power Generation Department is part of the Power  
23 Generation and Transmission Department for which  
24 Mr. Earl B. Parsons, Jr., has overall responsibility.  
25

1 Q. Have you previously filed Direct testimony before this  
2 Commission?

3 A. Yes, I have.  
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5 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in these  
6 proceedings?

7 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the 1990  
8 production Operation and Maintenance (O & M) Budget.  
9 Also, I will provide information on benchmark variances  
10 relative to the plants. Finally, I will demonstrate  
11 that Gulf's Power Generation Department is  
12 productively, economically and effectively managed and  
13 explain how we accomplish this task.  
14

15 Q. Please summarize the 1990 Production Operation and  
16 Maintenance Budget.

17 A. The 1990 total Production O & M Budget, including  
18 Plants Daniel and Scherer, less fuel and purchased  
19 power, is \$52.7 million. This amount is \$26,098 less  
20 than the 1989 prior year O & M production expenses.  
21 This decrease is primarily due to expenses related to  
22 turbine and boiler inspections.  
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1 Q. How do the 1990 budgeted production operation and  
2 maintenance expenses compare to the 1990 benchmark  
3 amount?

4 A. These expenses are \$4.3 million over the 1990  
5 benchmark, which is based on the 1984 allowed dollars.  
6 Gulf believes that 1984 was not a realistic year. If  
7 the allowed amount from the more realistic base year of  
8 1983 is used, then Gulf would be \$2.5 million under the  
9 1990 benchmark for production O & M, less fuel and  
10 purchased power.

11  
12 Q. What items in the Power Generation area are over the  
13 benchmark based on 1984 allowed as a base year?

14 A. There are six major items which are over the 1990  
15 benchmark. The justifications for the variances are  
16 located in MFR C-57; however, I would like to provide  
17 further explanation for some of these variances.

18 Gulf is over the 1990 benchmark for territorial  
19 turbine and boiler inspections by \$202,000. In 1984,  
20 Gulf was allowed \$4.1 million per year for turbine and  
21 boiler inspections. Two units which are on a five-year  
22 inspection cycle are scheduled for 1990. These  
23 inspections are being performed on their regular  
24 inspection cycle and the amount included for 1990 is  
25 the amount anticipated to be spent for these turbine

1 and boiler inspections. I will address turbine and  
2 boiler inspections again later in my testimony.

3 The 1990 Plant Daniel O & M Budget, less fuel, is  
4 \$646,000 over the 1990 benchmark. There are three  
5 major reasons for this difference. First, the amount  
6 budgeted for turbine and boiler inspections exceeds the  
7 benchmark by \$477,000. In 1984, Plant Daniel had a  
8 minor component inspection scheduled on Unit 1. For  
9 1990, Plant Daniel is scheduled to perform a major  
10 component inspection on Unit 1. Second, Plant Daniel  
11 was not able to meet environmental standards concerning  
12 particulate emissions. Unsuccessful efforts were made  
13 to modify equipment to achieve compliance. In 1987,  
14 Plant Daniel began adding sodium sulfate to coal in an  
15 attempt to improve precipitator performance to achieve  
16 compliance. The sodium addition has thus far proved  
17 successful and is expected to continue in the future.  
18 Lastly, additional ash pond capacity at Plant Daniel is  
19 required to maintain continued operation. The original  
20 plant design planned use of land west of the plant for  
21 ash pond storage. Because of environmental laws  
22 concerning wetlands and ash pond construction enacted  
23 since the construction of Plant Daniel, an ash pond  
24 expansion is not possible. Therefore, Plant Daniel is  
25 proceeding with the construction of an ash landfill.

1 Beginning in 1990, ash from the existing pond will be  
2 excavated and hauled to the new ash landfill for  
3 permanent storage.

4 The production area is also over the 1990  
5 benchmark by \$853,000 because of additional personnel  
6 and salary increases. Since the 1984 Rate Case, Gulf  
7 has added maintenance personnel, which were supported  
8 by the Commission's 1983 management audit of Gulf. In  
9 1985, Gulf began an extensive organizational review to  
10 determine the most cost effective and productive  
11 organizational structure. During this review, each  
12 position in the organization was evaluated and  
13 justified. In 1987, as a result of the organizational  
14 review, the entire Electric Operations Department under  
15 Mr. Parsons was reorganized from the study's findings.  
16 The Commission's findings and recommendations of the  
17 1983 audit were an integral part of the Department's  
18 organizational review.

19 Plant Smith is \$635,000 over the 1990 benchmark  
20 because of ash hauling expenses. Like Plant Daniel,  
21 Plant Smith's ash pond was nearing capacity, a  
22 situation aggravated by new water retention  
23 requirements imposed by environmental regulations.  
24 Efforts to expand the ash pond failed because of  
25 environmental constraints. Therefore, in 1986, Gulf

1 completed construction of an ash landfill site. Since  
2 1986, ash has been excavated from the ash pond and  
3 hauled to the landfill for permanent storage. This  
4 disposal method will continue for the life of the  
5 plant.

6 Plant Crist is \$289,000 over the 1990 benchmark  
7 due to expenses related to condenser and cooling tower  
8 chemical treatment. Plant personnel add chemicals to  
9 the circulating water on Crist Units 6 and 7 to prevent  
10 the corrosion of the copper condenser tubes and also to  
11 prevent condenser tube failures. By adding these  
12 chemicals, we can extend the life of the condenser  
13 tubes and also help prevent outages because of  
14 condenser tube failure. These chemicals also prevent  
15 the condenser from fouling which, if not done, would  
16 result in deteriorated unit heat rates.

17 Finally, the production area is \$684,000 over the  
18 1990 benchmark because of duct and fan repair. These  
19 costs are for maintaining the primary air, secondary  
20 air, and flue gas ducts. Also included in these costs  
21 are induced draft, forced draft and primary air fans  
22 along with the associated fan drivers and dampers. All  
23 of this equipment operates in an extremely harsh  
24 environment. Due to this harsh environment, this  
25 equipment requires frequent maintenance. If this

1 equipment were to be replaced with new equipment, the  
2 cost and extended outage time would be high and the  
3 high maintenance costs would return within a few years.

4  
5 Q. How does Power Generation ensure that its Operation and  
6 Maintenance Expense Budget is effectively controlled?

7 A. Each month the O & M Budget Comparison Report is  
8 reviewed for each location. Each location within the  
9 department prepares a detailed explanation of each  
10 account which has a budget deviation above or below a  
11 set variance. Where possible, the responsible location  
12 takes corrective action.

13  
14 Q. How is goal setting used to ensure that Gulf's  
15 territorial generating plants are efficiently operated  
16 and maintained?

17 A. Plants Crist, Smith and Scholz establish yearly goals  
18 in critical performance areas. Departmental goals for  
19 heat rate, capability, automatic generation control  
20 availability and equivalent availability are then  
21 established from the individual plant goals. The  
22 importance of meeting or exceeding all goals is  
23 stressed to all personnel within the department.  
24 Individual employee evaluations are based in part on  
25 meeting these goals. The plants' progress in meeting

1           these goals is reported on a monthly and quarterly  
2           basis. Year-end results of the goal setting process  
3           for the plants and for departmental support personnel  
4           are reported in the Power Generation Annual Progress  
5           Report. This report also highlights departmental  
6           endeavors and achievements for the year and identifies  
7           major tasks and goals to be accomplished in the  
8           following year.

9           Since 1984, the Power Generation Department's  
10          overall progress toward attaining established goals has  
11          been excellent. In every year, the majority of the  
12          goals have been met and, in most cases, exceeded. In  
13          areas where the goals were not met, departmental  
14          personnel determined the reasons for the deficiencies  
15          and placed increased emphasis where necessary to  
16          correct the deficiencies.

17

18       **Q. Please discuss the goals for the Power Generation**  
19       **Department in 1989 and 1990.**

20       **A. Schedule 2 of my exhibit summarizes the 1989 and 1990**  
21       **department goals for heat rate, equivalent**  
22       **availability, capability, and automatic generation**  
23       **control availability. Also included in this schedule**  
24       **are goals and actual results for 1980, 1984 and 1988.**  
25       **We try to set goals that are realistic and challenging.**

1 Q. What automated systems are being used in the electric  
2 generating plant maintenance planning and scheduling  
3 process?

4 A. The Power Generation Department is utilizing four  
5 automated systems in the plant maintenance planning and  
6 scheduling process. The following computerized systems  
7 are in use at Plants Crist, Smith and Scholz:

8 The Production Plant Management Information System  
9 (PPMIS) is an on-line work order system which provides  
10 plant management and supervision accurate and timely  
11 information to assist in organizing, planning and  
12 executing maintenance tasks. PPMIS records also  
13 provide a data base that is used to evaluate plant  
14 equipment for overhauls or replacements.

15 The Communication Oriented Production Information  
16 and Control System (COPICS) is an on-line inventory  
17 control system. This system, combined with an on-line  
18 purchasing system, provides the department an improved  
19 method of managing the use, size and, ultimately, the  
20 cost of the plant material inventory.

21 The Plant Identification System of Accounts (PISA)  
22 provides operation and maintenance costs on a monthly  
23 basis for each electric generating plant unit as well  
24 as for designated equipment. This information is used  
25 for cost studies and budgeting purposes.

1           MAINPLAN is a computer program used by Southern  
2           Company Services to perform economic scheduling of  
3           maintenance outages for the Southern electric system.  
4           The Power Generation Department coordinates the  
5           establishment of each plant's unit outage schedules  
6           through Southern Company Services. The MAINPLAN outage  
7           schedule evaluations are used in the Southern electric  
8           system's energy budgeting program, as well as, in the  
9           maintenance scheduling program.

10           Implementing these automated systems took time and  
11           significant effort. As a result of this effort, Gulf's  
12           plants are now realizing the benefits of these systems  
13           in areas such as improved work order selection for  
14           forced outages, work order planning for scheduled  
15           outages, and more accurate retrieval of maintenance  
16           history for equipment evaluation.

17  
18           Q. What steps have been taken to improve productivity in  
19           the maintenance process?

20           A. The PPMIS system presently measures the work  
21           performance of approximately 330 operations and  
22           maintenance employees at Gulf's three territorial  
23           plants by generating Work Measurement Reports. These  
24           reports are generated monthly, quarterly, and also upon  
25           special request of plant management. The reports are

1 utilized to identify backlogged work and efficiently  
2 plan the accomplishment of the backlogged work. These  
3 reports also track maintenance personnel productivity.

4 To become more productive, Gulf also established  
5 the position of "Scheduler" at Plants Crist and Smith.  
6 Designated personnel in this position are assigned the  
7 tasks of writing maintenance procedures and identifying  
8 material for high cost and repetitious jobs. In a  
9 successful effort to improve the planning process,  
10 these personnel developed a modification to PPMIS which  
11 would permit the procedures to be put into the system  
12 utilizing the Statistical Analysis System. When a  
13 planned work order is dispatched, the associated  
14 procedure is automatically printed at the same time.  
15 These scheduling personnel also reviewed the COPICS  
16 System to see if the system could aid in identifying  
17 and issuing material for planned work orders. The  
18 scheduling personnel determined that, with  
19 modification, COPICS could perform the task. Special  
20 planning screens were then developed and COPICS was  
21 implemented at Gulf's three plants.

22 COPICS was linked with PPMIS by the use of a PPMIS  
23 "router" feature. While the two programs do not  
24 interchange information, scheduling personnel can use  
25 the PPMIS terminal and switch easily from the PPMIS

1 work order screens to the COPICS inventory control  
2 screens. When planning a PPMIS work order, scheduling  
3 personnel can call up a COPICS bill of material for the  
4 equipment needing repair. The repair parts can be  
5 specified on the COPICS material listing screen created  
6 for a specific work order. Scheduling personnel then  
7 notify warehousing personnel to print a pick ticket for  
8 the work order material. The pick ticket enables the  
9 warehousing personnel to locate the material in the  
10 most efficient order. After all the material is  
11 located, the warehousing personnel enter the issued  
12 quantities on the applicable COPICS inventory screen.  
13 The COPICS system performs an automatic inventory  
14 balance update. The warehousing personnel then deliver  
15 the work order material to a designated location in the  
16 maintenance shop for maintenance personnel to pick up  
17 and use on the job.

18  
19 Q. What other productivity improvement programs has Gulf  
20 implemented?  
21 A. Gulf is committed to performing the work necessary to  
22 accomplish the Commission's intent of reducing  
23 customers' electrical energy costs by instituting the  
24 Generating Performance Incentive Factor (GPIF) program.

25

1           The GPIF program has resulted in approximately  
2           \$67 million of estimated fuel savings to our customers  
3           since its inception in 1980. During 15 reporting  
4           periods, Gulf has received approximately \$1.6 million  
5           in rewards as a result of its efforts.

6           Gulf has routinely done performance testing on all  
7           of its units. However, due to the recent availability  
8           and lower cost of computers, Gulf has begun testing the  
9           entire turbine cycle on each coal-fired unit utilizing  
10          a "limited" American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
11          performance test code for steam turbines. Before the  
12          computers were readily available, this type of testing  
13          would require 40 people to regularly take data during a  
14          test. However, with the computer, all data is taken  
15          and stored at a set time interval and displayed during  
16          the test. The computer-aided testing can be done by  
17          three people with much greater accuracy and at much  
18          less cost.

19          Gulf performs testing, at least yearly, on the  
20          high pressure and intermediate pressure sections of our  
21          turbines on each coal-fired unit to monitor the  
22          degradation in the turbines between inspections. This  
23          testing allows Gulf's personnel to assess the present  
24          condition of our units.

25

1 Gulf has worked to improve our system heat rate.  
2 The overall heat rate for Gulf in 1980 was  
3 10,909 btu/kwh. Since 1980, Gulf's overall heat rate  
4 has improved by 273 btu/kwh to 10,636 btu/kwh by the  
5 end of October 1989. When equipment such as turbine  
6 blades, air heater baskets, and feedwater heaters were  
7 being replaced, Gulf's personnel evaluated the  
8 replacements so that the new equipment would optimize  
9 performance. With the PPMIS system, work orders on  
10 items such as steam leaks in valves and improperly  
11 sealing valves were ready to be done as soon as the  
12 unit came off line.

13 Gulf has also been placing more emphasis on unit  
14 operation and training of our employees in order to  
15 improve the heat rate. Gulf's personnel have attended  
16 comprehensive training courses on heat rate  
17 improvement. Gulf has placed increased emphasis on  
18 maintenance of pulverizers, duct insulation, and  
19 burners and on lowering carbon in ash so that optimum  
20 heat rate can be maintained. Gulf's commitment to  
21 improved heat rate has proved successful and has  
22 lowered costs to Gulf's customers.

23 Gulf, as an affiliate of the North American  
24 Electric Reliability Council (NERC), participates in  
25 the Generation Availability Data System (GADS). GADS

1 is a well-maintained, accurate, dependable and  
2 comprehensive data base capable of providing  
3 reliability and availability information. Companies  
4 owning over 91 percent of the installed generating  
5 capacity in North America participate in GADS. All of  
6 Gulf's generating units are included in the GADS  
7 program.

8 For each event affecting a unit's availability,  
9 the information recorded includes the type of event,  
10 the time and duration of the event, the capacity loss  
11 as a result of the event and the cause of the event.  
12 With this detailed information, availability  
13 performance indices such as Equivalent Availability  
14 Factor, Forced Outage Rate, etc., can be calculated.  
15 Gulf uses the GADS data to monitor and compare the  
16 availability performance of our units and major pieces  
17 of equipment, such as pulverizers, boiler tubes, etc.  
18 The GADS data helps us evaluate the need for  
19 maintenance or replacement of these major components.  
20 Generation planning studies also use the GADS data to  
21 accurately predict the expected generation.

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Q. What has Gulf done to improve generating unit  
equivalent availability?

1 A. Gulf has worked extremely hard to improve the  
2 availability of our units. Unit inspections and  
3 equipment replacements have increased the equivalent  
4 availability from a low in 1985 of 83.7 percent to the  
5 present level of 88.7 percent for year-to-date ending  
6 October 1989. Gulf performed turbine and boiler  
7 inspections on Crist Unit 5, Smith Unit 2 and Scholz  
8 Unit 2 in 1984; Crist Units 1, 2 and 6 in 1985, with  
9 Crist Units 1 and 2 overlapping into January 1986;  
10 Crist Unit 7 in 1986; Scholz Unit 1 in 1987; Crist  
11 Unit 4 and Smith Unit 2 in 1988, with Crist Unit 4  
12 overlapping into January 1989; and Crist Units 3 and 5  
13 and Smith Unit 1 in 1989. Equipment replacements such  
14 as feedwater heaters, condenser tubes, air heater  
15 baskets, steam coils, and combustion controls, which  
16 were done at the same time as unit inspections, have  
17 also improved the availability of Gulf's units. The  
18 old equipment was at the end of its service life and  
19 had a high failure rate. By replacing this equipment  
20 during scheduled unit inspections, outage time on each  
21 unit is reduced.

22  
23 Q. What is the basis for planning unit outages?

24 A. Gulf is committed to performing unit inspections which  
25 include scheduled spring and fall boiler outages as

1 well as major turbine and boiler inspections performed  
2 in accordance with the equipment manufacturer's  
3 recommended inspection cycles. However, there are  
4 situations where outages may be rescheduled. Some  
5 examples of circumstances that may cause an outage to  
6 be rescheduled would be: (1) late delivery of  
7 necessary parts, (2) forced outage of another  
8 generating unit which necessitates that the scheduled  
9 outage be postponed, or (3) the condition of the unit  
10 allows the scheduled outage to be deferred.

11

12 Q. Has Gulf followed its schedule of planned turbine and  
13 boiler outages since 1984?

14 A. Yes, with one exception. Since 1984, the only  
15 postponed turbine inspection has been on Smith Unit 1  
16 because of late delivery of necessary parts. Since  
17 Smith Unit 2 was scheduled for inspection in the spring  
18 of 1989 and all replacement parts were available, Gulf  
19 felt that it was prudent to move the inspection of  
20 Smith Unit 2 up by six months to the fall of 1988 and  
21 reschedule the Smith Unit 1 inspection for the spring  
22 of 1989. This type of planning and scheduling is  
23 beneficial to Gulf's customers.

24

25

1 Q. Could you discuss the company's recent history  
2 concerning planned turbine and boiler outages?

3 A. From 1984 to the end of 1989, Gulf will have completed  
4 turbine-generator inspections on all of our  
5 11 territorial steam generating units. Schedule 3 of  
6 my exhibit shows the scheduled and actual turbine  
7 generator inspections. All of our turbine outages have  
8 essentially been performed on the scheduled outage  
9 cycles and all necessary work was done. Our boiler  
10 inspections and repairs have been performed as  
11 scheduled unless deferred due to the boiler being in  
12 better condition than expected.

13

14 Q. What are Gulf's needs for future turbine and boiler  
15 inspections?

16 A. As previously mentioned, Gulf is committed to  
17 performing turbine and boiler inspections as scheduled  
18 to prevent major damage to our generating units and  
19 maintain high levels of availability and capability.  
20 As our generating units age, the amount of necessary  
21 maintenance will increase. The allowed expense should  
22 be increased from the 1990 benchmark of \$5.1 million to  
23 \$5.3 million, which is the amount currently projected  
24 for turbine and boiler inspections for 1990.

25

1 Q. How have Gulf's expenditures at the plants affected how  
2 well you operate?

3 A. As previously mentioned, our heat rate and availability  
4 have improved. We know that, as a turbine runs, steam  
5 seals degrade and leak greater amounts of steam.  
6 Deposits collect on the turbine blades which cause more  
7 friction and increase velocity through the turbine  
8 stages, causing increased turbine wear. We can see a  
9 reduction in the capacity of the unit's output from  
10 inspection to inspection. By monitoring the capability  
11 of the unit, we can look for pieces of equipment that  
12 are causing deterioration and make necessary repairs  
13 during unit outages.

14 Gulf has also made capital expenditures to improve  
15 unit operation. In the past, Crist Unit 7 was  
16 load-limited due to high turbine exhaust pressure.  
17 Gulf evaluated and performed many different changes  
18 such as condenser tube replacement, vacuum pump  
19 modification, condenser crossover piping modifications  
20 and hot-leg blow down from the cooling tower to lower  
21 the exhaust pressure. These changes allow the unit to  
22 operate at a higher capacity. Since 1980, Crist Unit 7  
23 has increased its net system peak hour capability by  
24 35.0 megawatts (mw). Since 1980, Gulf's three  
25 territorial plants' overall net system peak hour

1            capability has increased by 74.9 mw, with 47.3 mw of  
2            this 74.9 mw increase having occurred since 1984.

3            These capital expenditures are necessary for  
4            various reasons, which include, but are not limited to:  
5            (1) the replacement of equipment in the plant which has  
6            reached the end of its service life; (2) additions,  
7            modifications or replacement of equipment due to  
8            environmental regulations; (3) replacement of equipment  
9            to optimize the heat rate and availability of  
10           generating units; and (4) additions of equipment which  
11           would improve unit operation.

12

13        **Q. Please summarize the Production Construction Budget.**

14        **A.** Included in the Production Capital Budget is the  
15        replacement of feedwater heaters, turbine blades, and  
16        air preheaters for various units, and coal pulverizers  
17        on Crist Units 6 and 7. Many of these projects are  
18        necessary because the equipment has reached the end of  
19        its service life. All of these budgeted projects are  
20        needed to operate more efficiently to serve Gulf's  
21        customers.

22

23        **Q. What is Gulf doing to minimize new construction**  
24        **expenditures?**

25

1 A. All capital projects are evaluated to ascertain the  
2 necessity of performing the work. The process begins  
3 at the plant level by plant personnel evaluating  
4 existing plant equipment performance and maintenance  
5 costs. Where performance has degraded to an  
6 unacceptable level and maintenance costs are  
7 substantially increasing, replacement of the equipment  
8 becomes necessary. New technology, as well as  
9 like-kind replacement, is considered and evaluated and  
10 then proposed for potential inclusion in the capital  
11 budget. Also, additional items not initially in the  
12 plant design, new technology, and environmental  
13 requirements are evaluated for inclusion.

14 Each plant prepares their proposed Capital Budget  
15 for approval by department management. The approval  
16 process includes prioritizing the projects to ensure  
17 the most important projects are included in the final  
18 budget submitted for Capital Budget Committee approval.  
19 Final approval is given by Executive Management.

20  
21 Q. Why is total plant investment increasing without adding  
22 new generation?

23 During the last five years, equipment replacements have  
24 consumed approximately 36 percent of the Production  
25 Capital Budget. These necessary equipment replacements

1 include items such as feedwater heaters, pumps, air  
2 heater baskets, etc. In 1965, at the Smith Electric  
3 Generating Plant, the circulating water pumps were  
4 purchased, installed and added to the continuing  
5 property record at an adjusted cost of \$152,670. In  
6 1984, due to wear, erosion and corrosion, the pumps  
7 were replaced at a cost of \$889,000. Substantial cost  
8 increases exist throughout all equipment replacements:  
9 air heater baskets booked in 1967 at \$184,236 cost  
10 \$279,000 to replace in 1984; coal conduit booked in  
11 1973 at \$736,966 required replacing in 1986 for  
12 \$1,447,000; an air compressor that cost \$17,031 in 1965  
13 to purchase and install cost \$95,537 in 1986.

14 The cost of materials and labor to perform any  
15 type of work is significantly more this year and in  
16 each future year over what the same labor and material  
17 cost 5, 10 or 20 years ago. This means any equipment  
18 replacement accomplished after a plant is made  
19 commercial will increase the original plant investment  
20 by the accumulated inflation and cost increases that  
21 have occurred over time since the original equipment  
22 was booked.

23  
24 Q. Are the equipment replacements made with identical  
25 components?

1 A. Yes, in some cases. In others, technological  
2 improvements and advances in material development,  
3 along with material or equipment obsolescence have  
4 necessitated changes from the original design and  
5 equipment specifications. This has, in general,  
6 resulted in improvements in the equipment performance,  
7 extension of the equipment's service life and  
8 improvements to overall unit performance.

9 Careful evaluation and investigation by all those  
10 involved in equipment replacement projects ensures  
11 valid selections. A good example is a high pressure  
12 feedwater heater replacement. A new replacement heater  
13 will be slightly larger and better designed to  
14 eliminate erosion and stress failures that have  
15 occurred with the old style heaters. In all cases, the  
16 old equipment's design conditions and present operating  
17 conditions are evaluated to ascertain what requirements  
18 must be specified for the replacement to ensure the new  
19 equipment is stronger, more suitable and will exhibit a  
20 longer service life.

21  
22 Q. Can you give examples of capital projects which have  
23 improved the performance of Gulf's generating units?

24 A. Gulf has made numerous changes on our boilers. We have  
25 installed new boiler combustion controls on Crist

1 Unit 4 and Smith Unit 2. The complete new control  
2 systems were replaced due to unavailability of  
3 replacement parts for the old systems. We replaced air  
4 preheater baskets when they were deteriorated. Gulf  
5 replaced water wall and superheater tubes on Crist  
6 Unit 6 due to numerous tube failures which affected  
7 this unit's availability. The Crist Unit 6 economizer  
8 section was also replaced with increased surface area,  
9 which improved the boiler efficiency.

10 The Unit 7 reheater tubes were replaced with  
11 additional surface area to maintain higher reheat  
12 temperatures at lower loads and also reduce the flue  
13 gas temperature into the precipitator at higher loads  
14 to improve the precipitator collection efficiency.  
15 Gulf replaced precipitator wires on Crist Unit 6 and  
16 Smith Units 1 and 2. These wires were failing, causing  
17 forced outages. New computerized control and  
18 monitoring systems were installed on the Crist Units 6  
19 and 7 precipitators to improve precipitator collection  
20 efficiency.

21 Deteriorated duct insulation was replaced on  
22 Scholz Units 1 and 2 and Crist Units 4 and 5 to reduce  
23 heat losses. Turning vanes were added on Smith Unit 2  
24 at a duct location which had excessive turbulence.  
25 These turning vanes reduced draft losses, which in

1 turn, reduced station service requirements. Other  
2 boiler improvements were the replacement of air heater  
3 steam coils and coal burners, which improved boiler  
4 operation.

5 Gulf has also made improvements in our turbines.  
6 During turbine inspections, deteriorated blades have  
7 been replaced with blades having an improved design.  
8 Feedwater heaters have been replaced when tube failure  
9 rates began causing an availability problem making  
10 replacement necessary.

11 Gulf has made modifications to the condensers on  
12 our units. Crist Unit 7 was converted from a  
13 multi-pressure condenser to a single pressure condenser  
14 which reduced back pressure restrictions. The Crist  
15 Units 6 and 7 and Smith Unit 1 condenser tubes were  
16 replaced due to an excessive number of tube leaks. The  
17 Crist Unit 7 vacuum pumps were modified to increase the  
18 vacuum pump capacity. Gulf replaced the circulating  
19 water pumps on Smith Units 1 and 2 due to the  
20 deteriorated condition of these pumps. Also, a  
21 continuous chlorination system was installed on the  
22 Smith units to prevent condenser fouling.

23 Gulf has also made modifications to our cooling  
24 towers which improve unit performance. Drift  
25 eliminators were replaced with an improved design. As

1 mentioned earlier, a hot-leg blow down was installed on  
2 Crist Unit 7 which allowed for cooler circulating water  
3 to the condenser. Other modifications were made to the  
4 cooling towers to improve the distribution of  
5 circulating water and allow on-line maintenance.

6 Gulf has also installed, on all of our coal-fired  
7 units, piping and valving necessary to perform testing  
8 of the entire turbine cycle, as well as high pressure  
9 turbine section and intermediate pressure turbine  
10 section to monitor the condition of these generating  
11 units.

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13 **Q. How is your Capital Construction Budget managed?**

14 **A.** Once projects are approved in our budget, those  
15 requiring design are assigned to the Power Generation  
16 Engineering section. Those involving identical  
17 equipment replacement are handled by the appropriate  
18 plant. The plants prepare equipment and installation  
19 specifications that are submitted to qualified bidders  
20 by our procurement department. Upon receipt, the bids  
21 are evaluated and, if accepted, a purchase order is  
22 issued to the low evaluated bidder. Plant personnel  
23 oversee the installation by the contractor to insure  
24 the project stays on budget and is completed on  
25 schedule.

1           The capital budget is based on design, procurement  
2           and construction costs and schedules developed by the  
3           plant personnel for plant assigned projects and by  
4           Power Generation Engineering personnel for projects  
5           requiring design. A monthly budget comparison report  
6           from plant accounting is reviewed by the responsible  
7           group's management and staff. A quarterly deviation  
8           report is prepared by the responsible group explaining  
9           deviations, and corrective actions are taken to meet  
10          the budget.

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12          Q.   How do you manage Power Generation expenditures related  
13              to Southern Company Services?

14          A.   Each year, Southern Company Services (SCS) submits a  
15              proposed budget to Gulf for approval. Included in this  
16              budget are expenditures related to the Power Generation  
17              area. At the beginning of the budget process, the  
18              appropriate SCS personnel will review future needs with  
19              the appropriate personnel in the Power Generation  
20              Department. Prior to SCS submitting their proposed  
21              budget, SCS personnel review, with the appropriate  
22              personnel in the Power Generation Department, all  
23              Engineering Work Orders (EWO) which affect the  
24              production function. During this review, any areas of  
25              concern are discussed and resolved with SCS. The SCS

1 budget is then presented to Gulf's Management for  
2 review and approval.

3 During the budget year, the actual SCS charges by  
4 project and EWO are reviewed by the responsible Power  
5 Generation Department personnel. Any questions which  
6 may arise are discussed by the Gulf and SCS personnel  
7 and resolved. After all questions are resolved, the  
8 SCS charges are approved by me.

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10 Q. Mr. Lee, will you summarize your testimony?

11 A. My testimony demonstrates that the Power Generation  
12 Department efficiently and effectively manages their  
13 O & M expenditures.

14 I have given additional justifications on O & M  
15 benchmark variances for areas within my responsibility.  
16 I have presented how we utilize goals and automated  
17 systems and other programs to improve the efficiency of  
18 the Power Generation Department. We have performed and  
19 will continue to perform our planned outages as  
20 scheduled completing all necessary work during each  
21 outage.

22 Finally, I have presented how we effectively  
23 utilize the production construction budget to minimize  
24 production costs and optimize plant efficiency and  
25 operation.

1 Q. Mr. Lee, does this complete your testimony?

2 A. Yes.

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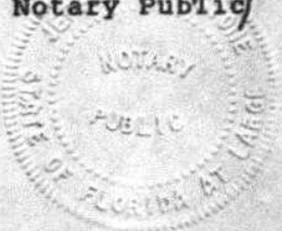
Before me the undersigned authority personally appeared Colen R. Lee, who first being duly sworn, says that he is the witness named in the testimony to which the Affidavit is attached; that he prepared said testimony and any exhibits included therein on behalf of Gulf Power Company in support of its petition for an increase in rates and charges in Florida Public Service Commission Docket No. 891345-EI; and that the matters and things set forth herein are true to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Dated at Pensacola, Florida this 10 day of December, 1989.

Colen R. Lee  
Colen R. Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1989.

[Signature]  
Notary Public



My Commission expires  
April 22, 1992.

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Power Generation Goals

Performance Area	1980	1984		1988		1989	1990
	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Actual	Goal	Goal
<b>1. Heat Rate (BTU/KWH-Net)</b>							
<u>Department</u>	<u>10,909</u>	<u>10,762</u>	<u>10,756</u>	<u>10,664</u>	<u>10,656</u>	<u>10,621</u>	<u>10,701</u>
Crist	11,049	10,800	10,831	10,700	10,671	10,650	10,756
Smith	10,462	10,400	10,320	10,250	10,285	10,230	10,288
Scholz	12,150	11,700	11,972	11,850	11,715	11,750	11,814
<b>2. Equivalent Availability* (Percent-Steam Units, Straight Avg.)</b>							
<u>Department</u>	<u>87.1</u>	<u>86.0</u>	<u>86.1</u>	<u>88.4</u>	<u>86.6</u>	<u>89.1</u>	<u>85.7</u>
Crist	83.1	86	86.8	90	86.6	88	86.0
Smith	92.3	82	80.6	81	78.8	90	85.0
Scholz	95.9	90	89.2	90	94.3	92	85.1
<b>3. Capability (MW-Net System Peak Hour)</b>							
<u>Department</u>	<u>1489.3</u>	<u>1515</u>	<u>1533.2</u>	<u>1539.2</u>	<u>1554.3</u>	<u>1544.5</u>	<u>1545.5</u>
Crist	1048.7	1070	1083.2	1095.0	1106.6	1095.0	1096.0
Smith	347.0	352	356.4	351.0	353.3	355.0	355.0
Scholz	93.6	93	93.6	93.2	94.4	94.5	94.5
<b>4. Automatic Generation Control Availability (Percent-Coal Units Capability Weighted)</b>							
<u>Department</u>	<u>**</u>	<u>81.5</u>	<u>76.5</u>	<u>83.1</u>	<u>85.3</u>	<u>86.5</u>	<u>88.9</u>
Crist	**	80	74.7	80	83.6	85	88.0
Smith	**	85	81.3	90	88.0	90	90.0
Scholz	**	85	79.3	90	93.1	90	95.0

\* Equivalent Availability shown for 1984-1990 is calculated from the GADS system. The 1980 Equivalent Availability is calculated from the EEI system.

\*\* Not Available.



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