

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO

GULF POWER COMPANY
AND
ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 891345-EI
APPLICATION OF GULF POWER COMPANY
FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES.

ISSUED: 2/28/90

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will hold public hearings in the above docket on the application of Gulf Power Company (Gulf) for an increase in rates and charges at the following times and places:

Wednesday, April 4, 1990
6:00 p.m. (CST)
Holiday Inn - Ballroom
University Mall
7200 Plantation Road
Pensacola, Florida 32504

Thursday, April 5, 1990
6:00 p.m. (CST)
Holiday Inn - Panama City
The Mall Room
2001 North Cove Boulevard
(Corner of 77 and 231)
Panama City, Florida

At each location the hearing will begin as scheduled and will continue until all witnesses have been heard. If no witnesses are present, the hearing may be adjourned. All persons desiring to present testimony are urged to appear at the beginning of the hearing and should bring bills or other documentation relating to complaints.

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PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of these hearings shall be to permit members of the public to give testimony regarding the adequacy and quality of service rendered by Gulf.

At the hearings, customers of Gulf may be heard on any and all issues in the case relating to the proposed increases in charges or the quality of the company's services.

The procedure at the hearings shall be for the company to first present a brief summary of its case after which public witnesses will be allowed to present testimony. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE

To insure that the public is made aware of the public hearings scheduled in this matter, Gulf has been directed to enclose in all customers' bills, prior to the hearings scheduled, a notice setting forth the dates and cities where the scheduled public hearings are to be held.

The company is also directed to publish in a newspaper of general circulation in its service areas and in areas affected by proposed changes, on two separate dates prior to the scheduled hearing dates, quarter page advertisements setting forth fully the times and places of the public hearings scheduled and the nature and scope of such hearings. The publications shall be made at least one week apart, the latter to be published no later than one week prior to the hearings. The advertisements and notices shall also advise the public that the Public Counsel will represent them, that he will meet with them prior to the hearing and how they may contact him by correspondence and by telephone prior to the hearings. Proof of publication of the notices shall be filed with the Commission prior to the commencement of the public hearings.

The notices shall advise the public that any issues relating to the rate increase, as well as quality of service may be raised at the public hearings.

PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Public Counsel, as authorized by Section 350.0611, Florida Statutes, has intervened in this docket on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida and will be present at the hearings to represent the public. He may be contacted prior to

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the hearings at the Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 West Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400. The Public Counsel will be available to meet testifying members of the public one-half hour prior to the time the hearings are scheduled to begin.

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction over Gulf Power Company is vested in the Commission by Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. Authority to approve any change in rates is governed by Section 366.06, Florida Statutes. This proceeding will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, as well as Chapters 25-6 and 25-22, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission,
this 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1990.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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