

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Petition of Gulf Power Company) Docket No. 891345-EI
for an increase in its rates and charges) Filed: March 20, 1990

MOTION TO ESTABLISH TESTIMONY DUE DATE

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through their attorney, the Public Counsel, file this Motion to establish May 7 as the date on which Intervenors in this docket and the Commission Staff will be required to file testimony. The Citizens submit:

1. The date on which the Commission requires testimony to be filed in a major rate case is of considerable importance to the Public Counsel for a number of reasons. In order to properly direct responsibilities to outside consultants, the Public Counsel must consider how the workload of a particular consultant coincides with the schedule of the case at hand. In addition, the timing of document productions (a one or two week undertaking which can be scheduled only at a date agreeable to the utility), as well as other discovery and in-house preparation, is driven by the expectation of the testimony due date.

2. As of this writing, the Commission has not issued an order establishing the date on which testimony will be due.

3. In Docket No. 881167-EI, before Gulf requested continuance of the proceedings, the Staff and Intervenor testimony was due thirty-eight days prior to the opening day of the hearings (March 24 and May 1, respectively). Applying the

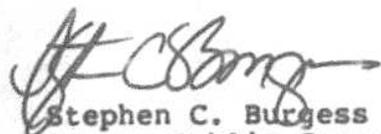
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same schedule to this docket would render a testimony due date of May 4, which falls on a Friday. The Citizens request the use of one additional weekend to prepare testimony, calling for a due date of May 7, 1990.

Respectfully submitted,

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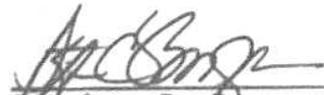
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