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Ms. Mary Culpepper  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Docket No. 960171-EG

Dear Ms. Culpepper:

This letter follows our conversation of May 20, 1996. I advised you that in light of Staff's concerns with Gulf Power's proposed demand-side management program, The Business Edge, the Company has decided to withdraw its request for approval of the program. Gulf plans to work with the Staff on a possible redesign of the program in an attempt to resolve Staff's concerns.

Please accept this letter as formal notice of the Company's voluntary dismissal of its request for approval of The Business Edge program. Due to this action, item 6 on the agenda for the Commission Conference of May 21, 1996 is now moot. As a result, we will not be traveling to Tallahassee for this item.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Russell A. Badders  
For the Firm

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