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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Ms. Bayo:

1995 Annual Report

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RE: Request for Confidential Classification The Southern Company Filing of Annual Report on Form U5S with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is a Request for Confidential Classification by Gulf Power Company. This request covers information submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission on July 10, 1996.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Please mark the enclosed extra copy of this letter with the date and time the material was accepted in your office for filing and return same to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Susan D. Cranmer Gulf Power Company

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company-Filing of Annual Report on Form U5S with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Docket No.: Undocketed Filed: July 31, 1996



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REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern Company ("Southern"), by and through their undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code hereby files a request that the Florida Public Service Commission enter an order protecting from public disclosure certain information, hereafter the Annual Report, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4). As grounds for this request, the Companies state:

 On July 10, 1996, Southern submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission the Annual Report on Form U5S as required by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4).

2. On July 10, 1996, Southern filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification with regard to certain portions of the submitted Annual Report. Southern hereby claims that the information contained in the Annual Report is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to §366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes, as information, the public disclosure of which would cause irreparable harm to the competitive interests of Southern. The Annual Report contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information that is not otherwise publicly available. 3. The Public disclosure of the financial information and the business planning information contained in the Aanual Report would cause irreparable harm to Southern's ability to compete in the increasingly competitive markets. The public disclosure of the financial information would allow the competitors of the Southern Company to have access to information about the financial stability and resources of Southern. Such information would permit those competitors to determine which markets the Companies are capable of entering into and the extent of their ability to develop new markets and projects. Public disclosure of information about the Companies finances and the ability to obtain financing would unfairly permit the competitors of the Companies. Such information is proprietary and extremely commercially sensitive in the competitive markets in which the Companies operate. Thus, the Companies request that this information be granted confidential classification pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.

4. Submitted as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Certificate, on which is highlighted the information for which confidential classification is requested. Exhibit "A" should be treated as confidential pending a ruling on this request. Attached as Exhibit "B" are two (2) edited copies of the Certificate, which may be made available for public review and inspection. Attached as Exhibit "C" to this request is a line-by-line justification for the request for confidential classification.

5. The material for which confidential classification is requested is intended to be, and is treated as, confidential by the Companies and has not been otherwise publicly disclosed.

WHEREFORE, the Southern Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter an

order protecting the information highlighted on Exhibit "A" from public disclosure as proprietary

confidential business information.

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Dated this 31st day of July, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company-
Filing of Annual Report on Form U5SDocket No.:UndocketedFiled:July 31, 1996with the Securities and Exchange Commission
(SEC)Securities and Exchange Commission

EXHIBIT "A" REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The information provided herein should be maintained as proprietary confidential business information pursuant to Section 366.093 and Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C.

EXHIBIT "A"

Provided to the Division of Records and Reporting under separate cover as confidential information EXHIBIT "B"

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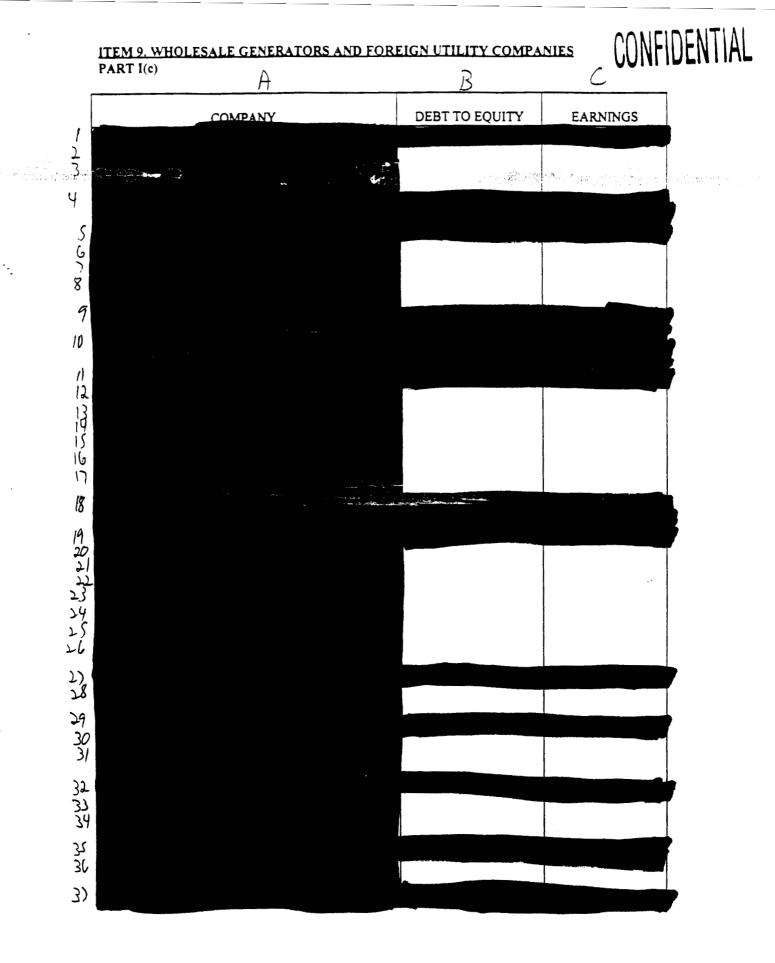
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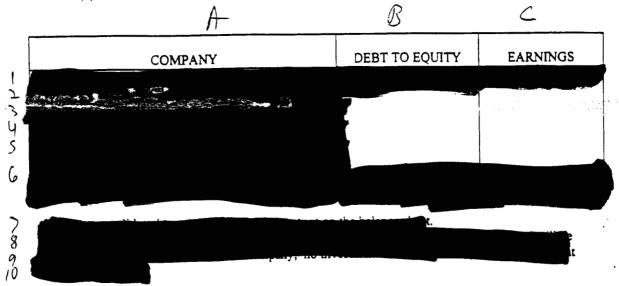
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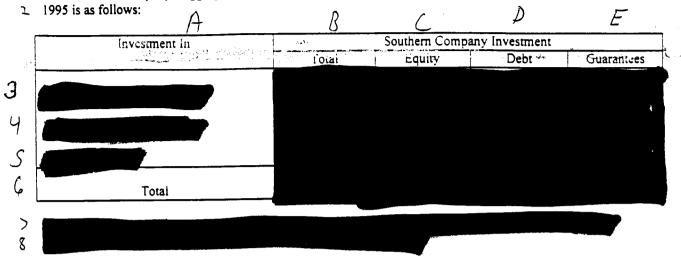


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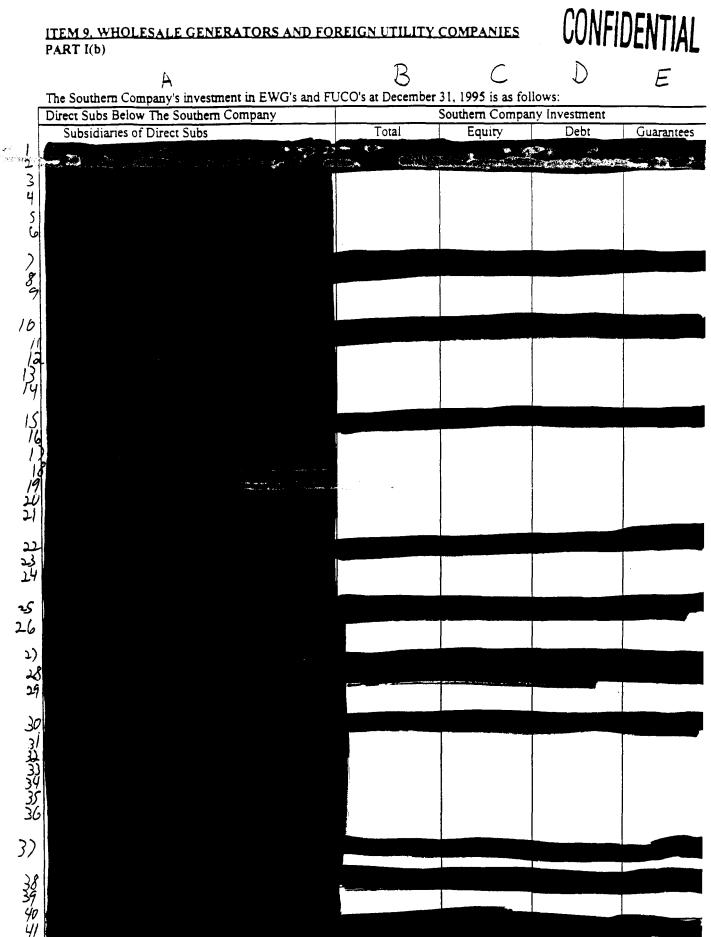
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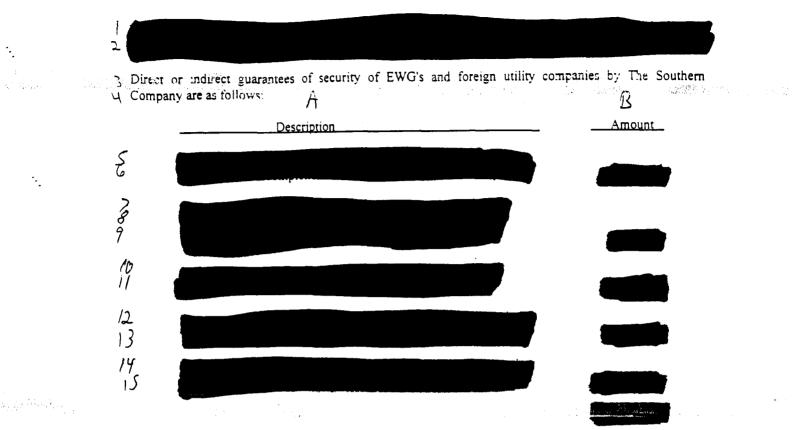


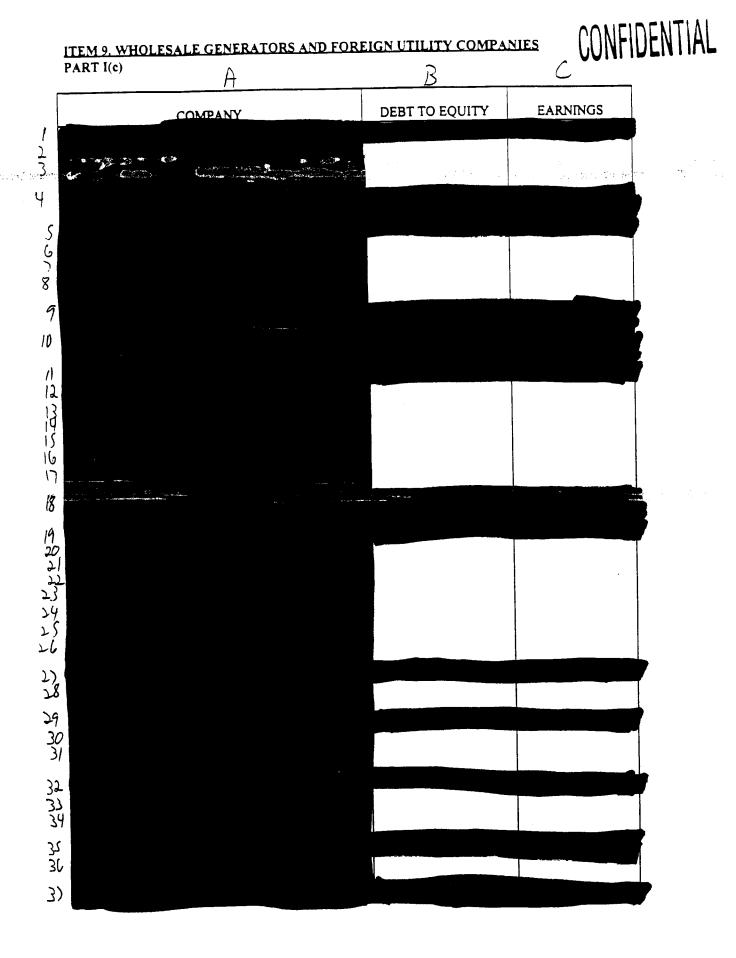
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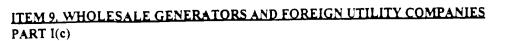
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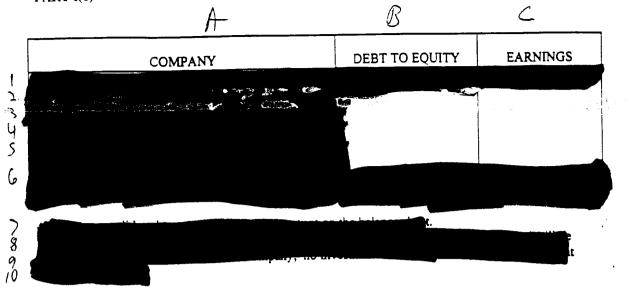




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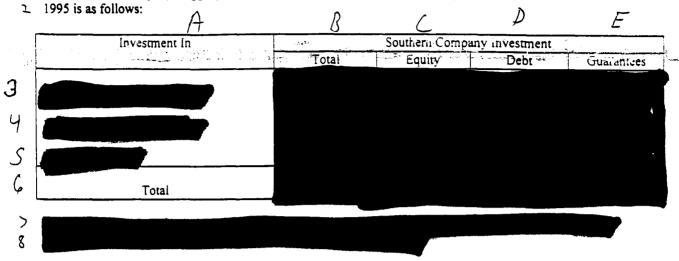


EXHIBIT "C"

Line-by-Line Justification

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Page/ line:	Column:	Justification:
Page 1 Lines: 1-41	A,B,C, D,E	The information identified as confidential by the Southern Company, is intended to be and is treated by Southern as private in that the disclosure of the information would impair Southern's competitive interests. See Fla. Stat. § 366.093(3)(e). The information provided in the specified lines includes financial information about Southern Company's operations and the operations of its subsidiaries. This information is proprietary and competitively sensitive in that it reveals Southern Company's financial investments, including the entities it has invested in and the details of those investments. The information at the specified page and lines represents data that is generally held confidential by both the Southern Company and the entity in which it has invested.
Page 2 Lines: 1-15	A,B	The information identified as confidential by the Southern Company is intended to be and is treated by Southern as private in that the disclosure of the information would impair Southern's competitive interests. See Fla. Stat. § 366.093(3)(e) The specified information relates to financing arrangements between the Southern Company and other entities. Financing arrangements are generally kept confidential by the parties involved in the transaction. Public disclosure of this information would provide competitors with information about Southern's ability to obtain financing as well as its ability to extend credit or guarantee the debt or another entity. Such information could be utilized by a competitor to determine whether Southern has the financial ability to enter into a particular market. This information is not otherwise publicly available.
Page 3 Lines: 1-37 and Page 4 Lines: 1-10	A, B, C	The information identified as confidential by the Southern Company, is intended to be and is treated by Southern as private in that the disclosure of the information would impair Southern's competitive interests. See Fla. Stat. § 366.093(3)(e). The information provided in the specified lines includes financial information about Southern Company's operations and the operations of its subsidiaries. This information is proprietary and competitively sensitive in that it reveals Southern Company's financial investments, including the entities it has invested in and the details of those investments. The information at the specified page and lines represents data that is generally held confidential by both the Southern Company and the entity in which it has invested.

Page 4 Lines: 11-23	N/A	The information identified as confidential by the Southern Company, is intended to be and is treated by Southern as private in that the disclosure of the information would impair Southern's competitive interests. See Fla. Stat. § 366.093(3)(e). The information provided in the specified lines includes information about contracts between the Southern Company and another entity. This information is proprietary and competitively sensitive in that competitors with this information could undermine Southern's ability to enter into contracts for services, those that it markets and those that it seeks in the market, favorable to the Southern Company. The information at the specified page and lines represents data that is generally held confidential by both the Southern Company and the entity with which it has a contract
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was furnished without exhibit "A" by U.S. Mail on the 3/2 day of ______, 1996 on the following:

Cindy Miller, Esquire Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee FL 32399-0863

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