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September 10, 1996

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:

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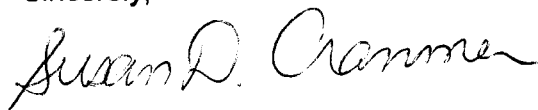
RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification  
The Southern Company and Southern Communications Services, Inc.  
Certificate of Notification - File No. 70-8233 under Rule 24 with the Securities and  
Exchange Commission (SEC) for the period ending June 30, 1996

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is the Notice of Intent to Request  
Confidential Classification by Gulf Power Company.

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.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential  
Document No. 09648-96: The document has  
been placed in the confidential files pending  
receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

cc: Beggs and Lane  
Russell A. Badders, E:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company  
and Southern Communications  
Services, Inc.  
Certificate of Notification-  
File No. 70-8233 under Rule 24  
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Commission (SEC) for the period  
ending June 30, 1996

Docket No.: ~~Undocketed~~ 960835-ET  
Date: September 9, 1996

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern Company and Southern Communications Services, Inc., an associate company of Gulf Power Company, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that it intends to request confidential classification for certain information, hereafter the Certificate, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4). A copy of the Certificate is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 53 requires that every registered holding company submit certain specified categories of filings to each state commission in which the affiliates of the registered holding company operate. Gulf Power is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

The Certificate contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and Southern Communications Services, Inc. and certain of its unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the Companies if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification will be filed within

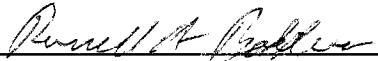
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the time period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, if at such time the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies. This Certificate is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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Counsel for The Southern Company and  
Southern Communications Services, Inc.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1996, on the following:

Cindy Miller, Esq.  
Florida Public Service  
Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850



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