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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYO)

FROM: DIVISION OF AUDITING & FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (JOHNSON) *PSY*  
DIVISION OF ELECTRIC & GAS (HARLOW) *JWH*  
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (WAGNER) *CW RVE* *ARC* *10/8/97*

RE: DOCKET NO. 961468-EI - GULF POWER COMPANY - REQUEST FOR *JDS*  
WAIVER OF RULE 25-6.0436(8)(a) FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE  
CODE BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

AGENDA: 02/18/97 - REGULAR AGENDA - PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION -  
INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR DECISION - 3/8/97

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: S:\PSC\AFA\WP\961468.RCM

DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the request of Gulf Power Company ("Gulf" or "the Company") for a waiver of Rule 25-6.0436(8)(a), Florida Administrative Code, to file its next depreciation study by June 1, 1997 be granted?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should grant the Company's request for an extension of time to file its study no later than June 1, 1997. (JOHNSON)

STAFF ANALYSIS: The Company's last depreciation study was filed on March 2, 1993, with an implementation date of January 1, 1994. Rule 25-6.0436(8)(a), Florida Administrative Code, requires that:

"Each company shall file a study for each category of depreciable property for Commission review at least once every four years from the submission date of the previous study unless otherwise required by the Commission."

On December 5, 1996, Gulf requested a waiver of Rule 25-6.0436(8)(a), Florida Administrative Code, by requesting an extension of the filing date to June 1, 1997. The Notice of

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Petition for Waiver was submitted to the Secretary of State for publication in the Florida Administrative Weekly December 17, 1996. No comments were submitted during the comment period, which ended January 27, 1997. The statutory deadline for the Commission's decision regarding this petition is March 8, 1997.

An extension of time allows the Company to utilize actual December 1996 data and the most current budget data when conducting its depreciation study. Staff recommends that the Company be allowed to submit its study no later than June 1, 1997.

ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If no person, whose substantial interests are affected by the Commission's proposed agency action, timely files a protest within twenty-one days of the issuance of this Order, this docket should be closed. (JOHNSON, WAGNER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If no person, whose substantial interests are affected, files a timely request for a Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, hearing within twenty-one days of the issuance of this Order, no further action will be required and this docket should be closed.