

GULF UTILITY COMPANY

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF KEITH R. CARDEY

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- Q. State your name and business address.
- A. Keith R. Cardey, 460 Oriole, Elmhurst, IL 60126.
- Q. What is your occupation?
- A. I am a consultant in the public utility field.
- Q. And are you the same Keith R. Cardey who gave direct testimony in this docket?
- A. Yes, I am.

RATE BASE

- Q. Have you reviewed both Staff's and OPC's proposed adjustments to rate base and if so what are your recommendations?
- A. I have reviewed both studies, and in broad measure, these studies do not reflect the operations of the Company in the immediate future when the new rates become effective. Except as noted below, their proposed adjustments should be rejected.

On Exhibit_(KRC-7) I have summarized the adjustments to rate base stemming from Staff's and/or OPC studies that Gulf agrees with. There are four adjustments:

- (1) A \$2,265 reduction in wastewater plant account (Andrews' rebuttal testimony, page 12).
- (2) A decrease of \$116,696 in cash working capital (Nixon's rebuttal testimony).

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1 (3) An increase of \$130,228 in Reserves for
2 Depreciation (Andrews' rebuttal testimony, page
3 8).

4 (4) increased CIAC in the water operations to reflect
5 the \$300,000 grant from South Florida Water
6 Management District's Alternative Water Supply
7 Grant Program (Andrews' rebuttal testimony page
8 12).

9 PREPAID CONNECTION FEES

10 Q. Staff has proposed that prepaid connection fees be
11 deducted in computing rate base. What are your
12 comments?

13 A. That recommendation is inconsistent with the legal
14 framework in determining just and reasonable rates and
15 should be rejected.

16 Staff said "these connections appear to be related to
17 plant already in service". There is no study
18 supporting that statement.

19 A "test year" synchronizes four basic determinants in
20 setting rates namely (1) the revenues produced under
21 the rate structure, (2) the expenses, including
22 depreciation and taxes incurred to produce these
23 revenues, (3) the property (rate base) that provides
24 the service, and (4) return on said rate base.
25 Staff's proposal destroys the orthodox method of

1 ratemaking outlined above as well as the fundamentals
2 in the MFRs and should be rejected.

3 The prepaid connection fees relate to future customers
4 and the Company's contractual obligation to meet their
5 service requirement.

6 In the test year in this case, the investment in non-
7 used and useful plant exceed prepaid connection fees,
8 including the \$300,000 to be received in the future
9 from the South Florida Water Management District by
10 21%. The Company's treatment of prepaid connection
11 fees is consistent with prior rate orders for Gulf.
12 Staff's and OPC's proposed adjustment for prepaid
13 connection fees should be rejected.

14 MARGIN RESERVE

15 Q. Mr. Biddy of OPC indicated a utility does not need a
16 marginal reserve. What are your comments?

17 A. Of course he's wrong. As a public utility, the
18 Company has an obligation to meet the service
19 requirements in its certificated area, including both
20 present and potential customers. A system that is
21 100% at capacity could not meet that obligation. On
22 this matter, the Commission said this in the Palm
23 Coast case: "Section 367.111(1) Florida Statutes,
24 provides that "each utility shall provide service to
25 the area described in its certificate of authorization

1 within a reasonable time." In order for a utility to
2 meet its statutory responsibilities, it must have
3 sufficient capacity and investment to meet the
4 existing and changing demands of present and potential
5 customers. Therefore, we have consistently recognized
6 margin reserve as an element in used and useful
7 calculations. Accordingly, we find that a margin
8 reserve must be included in the calculations for used
9 and useful plant for PCUC. (Palm Coast Utility
10 Corporation, Docket No. 951056-WS, Order No. PSC-96-
11 1338-FOF-WS, November 7, 1996)."

12 The argument normally advanced is marginal reserve
13 serves only customer growth, but in fact, it serves
14 both existing and new customers. Businesses expand
15 and need additional service, homes are remodeled and
16 new dishwashers or garbage disposal units may be
17 installed, families grow requiring more utility
18 service and, as systems get older, losses and
19 infiltration increase, so some margin reserve is
20 needed to meet these changing needs of existing
21 customers.

22 A good example of the increase from existing customers
23 is the Estero High School. Five years ago it had
24 total pupil enrollment of 1,226, and in 1996 it was
25 2,451.

1 In a growth company--and Gulf is growing at 5-7% a
2 year--there is an ongoing investment in margin
3 reserve. As one group of customers take service, a
4 margin reserve must be provided for another group.
5 The Company has a permanent investment in margin
6 reserve.

7 Q. How is reserve capacity treated in the electric
8 utilities?

9 A. The margin reserve is included in the rate base and a
10 return on and the return of the investment in the
11 margin reserve is included in consumer rates.

12 The doctrine that a utility company is entitled to a
13 fair return on property devoted to public service is
14 fundamental to rate regulation and should apply to
15 both electric and water companies. The electric
16 companies receive a fair return through rates charged
17 the general body of customers, while with Gulf Utility
18 Company the stockholder absorbs most of the cost.

19 In the final analysis, for Gulf to provide safe and
20 adequate service, it must have a margin reserve.

21 IMPUTED CIAC

22 Q. Neither Staff or OPC developed a rate base for the
23 test year, so there is no indication of the magnitude
24 of any adjustment where imputed CIAC offsets margin
25 reserve. However Ms. Dismukes, starting on page 20 of

1 her testimony, indicate such an adjustment should be
2 made. What are your recommendations to the Commission
3 on this matter?

4 A. It is my recommendation the Commission not impute CIAC
5 to offset margin reserve. I believe imputing CIAC
6 deprives the owners of the Company of a return on and
7 a return of their investment in margin reserve. The
8 Commission has recognized the Company's obligation to
9 meet the service needs of existing customers as well
10 as anticipate the service needs within the area it
11 serves by including the investment in margin reserve
12 in rate base.

13 When the investment in plant is offset by imputed
14 CIAC, there is a mismatch of economics with the
15 stockholder, in large part, absorbing the cost of
16 meeting this obligation imposed on the Company.

17 Q. Turning to the water operations, what is the
18 investment in margin reserve and how much if imputed
19 would be offset by CIAC?

20 A. The margin reserve only applies to the investment in
21 Source of Supply and Water Treatment. The amount
22 allocated to Margin Reserve is 8.0% of the investment
23 in these functions as shown in Exhibit_(KRC-8), Column
24 6.

25 A summary of the margin reserve, CIAC if imputed, then

1 the investment that would be included in rate base is
2 as follows:

3	Gross Investment	\$543,885
4	Reserve for Depreciation	<u>(146,555)</u>
5	Net	\$397,330
6	Imputed CIAC	<u>412,500*</u>
7	Amount Included in Rate Base	<u>\$<15,170></u>

8 * \$550 ERC x 1.5 yrs x \$500/ERC = \$453,750.

9 With an ongoing investment of \$397,330 (Net Plant) and
10 growing, \$15,170 would be deducted from rate base.
11 The loss of earning and loss of capital each year
12 would be:

13	Return: \$412,500 x .0925	\$ 38,156
14	Depreciation Expense: \$412,500 x .043	<u>17,737</u>
15	Annual Loss	<u>\$ 55,893</u>

16 The negative amount of \$15,170 results primarily
17 because capacity fees of \$550/ERC are based on gross
18 plant while the above computation reflects Reserve For
19 Depreciation of 27% of gross plant.

20 Included in the investment shown above is the cost of
21 the reuse holding tank and associated pumps, controls,
22 etc. The \$300,000 grant from South Florida Water
23 Management District to help financing this project
24 would be recorded as CIAC. Unless further allocations
25 are made to the \$300,000 grant, the losses to

1 stockholders will be substantially greater than shown
2 above.

3 Imputing CIAC as shown above ignores the Company's
4 obligation to serve the changing demands of present
5 and potential customers. There should be no imputed
6 CIAC in this case.

7 Q. In proposed rule making Docket No. 960258-WS, two
8 Staff witnesses, namely Mr. Robert J. Crouch, P.E. and
9 Mr. Norwell D. Walker, appeared on behalf of the
10 Staff. Are your recommendations in this case
11 consistent with these two witnesses?

12 A. Yes, it is. They recommended margin reserve with no
13 imputed CIAC. My testimony is consistent with the two
14 Staff witnesses in the above docket.

15 RENT

16 Q. Should the rental charges Gulf is paying on the new
17 office building be included in cost of service?

18 A. Yes, it should. Mr. Moore in his rebuttal testimony
19 pages 10 to 15 reviewed the factors management took
20 into consideration in leasing the new office,
21 including the fact the rent did not exceed the going
22 market value. Mr. Gatlin advised me that if the lease
23 is equal to comparable prices within the area, that
24 meets the test of reasonableness. In GTE Florida
25 Incorporated v. J. Terry Deason, etc. et al, Appellee

1 No. 82003; Supreme Court of Florida; July 7, 1994;
2 Section 4; the Supreme Court of Florida states "Mere
3 fact that telephone utility was doing business with
4 affiliate did not mean that unfair or excess profits
5 were being generated, without more, and did not
6 warrant reduction in requested telephone rate
7 increase; rather, standard should have been whether
8 transactions exceeded going market rate or were
9 otherwise inherently unfair". In [3,4] they stated
10 "We do find, however, that the PSC abused its
11 discretion in its decision to reduce in whole or in
12 part certain costs arising from transactions between
13 GTE and its affiliates, GTE Data Services and GTE
14 Supply. The evidence indicates that GTE's costs were
15 no greater than they would have been, had GTE
16 purchased service and supplies elsewhere. The mere
17 fact that a utility is doing business with an
18 affiliate does not mean that unfair or excess profits
19 are being generated without more. Charles F.
20 Phillips, Jr., The Regulation of Public Utilities 54-
21 55 (1988). "We believe the standard must be whether
22 the transactions exceed the going market rate or are
23 otherwise inherently unfair. See id. If the answer
24 is "no", then the PSC may not reject the utility's
25 position. The PSC obviously applied a different

1 standard, and we thus must reverse the FPSC's
2 determination of this question."

3 An explanation on page 6 of Gulf's December 6, 1996
4 response to the Audit Report dated November 25, 1996,
5 discusses the Utility rental charge for the Utility's
6 leased area of the building indicating an independent
7 appraiser give his opinion that \$15.00 per month
8 including taxes, maintenance and insurance was a
9 reasonable charge. In addition Lee Memorial Hospital
10 in 1996 leased two-thirds of the building at
11 comparable rental charges Gulf is paying. It is my
12 judgement that the rental charge is reasonable and
13 should be included fully in operating expenses.

14 PAYROLL - SERVICE PROVIDED CALOOSA

15 Q. Please comment on Staff's and OPC's allocation of
16 additional payroll to Caloosa.

17 A. The first observation is that I am the only witness
18 who reviewed the work Gulf's employees perform for
19 Caloosa, reviewed the time each employee spends on
20 Caloosa's work, then priced this time at the present
21 salaries and insurance benefits. The result of this
22 study was that the present allocation of payroll was
23 reasonable as set forth on page 13 and 14 of my direct
24 testimony.

25 This contrast with Staff and OPC that made no study of

1 the work performed or the time spent by the personnel
2 who performed the work. Instead they compared the
3 payroll of the 5 employees who do the work for Caloosa
4 with total payroll, which includes plant operator,
5 meter readers and others. This ratio that includes
6 meter readers, plant operators, etc. has absolutely no
7 relationship to the work that the 5 Gulf employees
8 perform for Caloosa or the cost of that work.

9 Ms. Dismukes attempted to prove the hourly rate the 5
10 employees receive from Gulf were higher than from
11 Caloosa. Again she failed to deal with the facts and
12 came to the wrong conclusion. While I disagree with
13 her methods, the table shows the error in her study:

14 CALOOSA

	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Hourly</u> <u>Rate</u>	
15				
16				
17	Mr. Moore	\$5,900	104 (a)	\$56.73
18	Ms. Andrews	\$3,474	42 (b)	\$82.71
19	(a)	2080 hrs/yr x 5¢		
20	(b)	2080 hrs/yr x 2¢		

21 On Exhibit No. (KHD-1) Schedule 6, Ms. Dismukes shows
22 for Mr. Moore an hourly rate of \$49.04 for Gulf and
23 \$22.69 for Caloosa. As the table shows, the actual
24 hourly rate for Caloosa is \$56.73, 2.5 times her
25 computation. A similar error is associated with Ms.

1 Andrews hourly rate. The payroll adjustments proposed
2 by Staff and OPC for service provided Caloosa should
3 be rejected.

4 EXPENSES ALLOCATED TO CALOOSA

5 Q. OPC increased the allocation of office expense to
6 Caloosa. Do you agree with this allocation?

7 A. No, I do not. Again, OPC used an allocation that does
8 not apply to the facts. OPC used an allocation based
9 upon the payroll of 5 employees who provide a service
10 to Caloosa to total Company payroll that includes
11 plant operators, meter readers, etc. The payroll of
12 22 employees out of a total of 27 employees has
13 nothing to do with Caloosa. If you start out with an
14 allocation formula that is wrong, you end up with the
15 wrong answer.

16 Office expenses incurred by Gulf that are partially
17 allocated to Caloosa are security, office cleaning,
18 electric power at the office, office supplies, and
19 pest control. These total \$11,280 per year. It's
20 quite obvious the payroll of meter readers or plant
21 operators have nothing to do with these expenses.

22 Caloosa does have its own telephone and pays for their
23 own stationery and items directly related to Caloosa.
24 The five employees who do work for Caloosa in total
25 spend 2.6% of their time on Caloosa; 2.8% of the

1 office space was allocated to Caloosa and 2.8% of the
2 common expenses were allocated to Caloosa.

3 I have found, however, Caloosa should pay an
4 additional \$1,400 per year due primarily to the level
5 of office rent.

6	Water	\$ 924
7	Wastewater	<u>476</u>
8		\$1,400

9 Staff's and OPC's adjustments should be rejected by
10 the Commission.

11 BIDDY'S EXHIBIT TLB-2

12 USED AND USEFUL CALCULATIONS

13 WATER OPERATION

14 Q. Mr. Bidy on Exhibit_(TLB-2) made adjustments to the
15 used and useful determinations made by the Company in
16 the MFR for the water operations. What are your
17 comments?

18 A. As a general observation he ignored the Commission's
19 findings on this matter in the Company's previous rate
20 case; ignored a requirement for margin reserve, failed
21 to recognize the service needs of Florida Gulf Coast
22 University, and ignored the factual characteristics of
23 the storage facilities. There follows comments
24 related to specific allocations (lines 11-47) on
25 Exhibit_(TLB-2).

WELLS

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2 In the prior case, the Commission found the San Carlos
3 supply and treatment plant 100% used and useful (Order
4 No. 24735, Docket No. 900718-WW, dated 7/1/91). There
5 has been no changes in the plant since that time, and
6 Mr. Bidy in reducing source of supply 14% is
7 inconsistent with that order, and regulatory
8 requirements as stated by Mr. Elliott in his rebuttal
9 testimony, page 7.

10 With reference to wells at Corkscrew, in the previous
11 case (Docket No. 24735), the Commission included 3
12 wells in used and useful property, and since then two
13 additional wells were activated for Skid 2 and Skid 3.
14 The MFR's are consistent with the previous case.

15 Mr. Elliott on page 6 of his rebuttal testimony, after
16 stating the design practice and regulatory
17 requirement, said the used and useful requirements
18 must be in concert with accepted design and regulatory
19 requirements.

20 Mr. Bidy's proposed adjustment for wells should be
21 rejected.

USED AND USEFUL CALCULATIONS

22 Mr. Bidy made an adjustment to water treatment plant
23 with no testimony to support the adjustment. Note II
24 on Exhibit_(TLB-1), states..."It is not cost effective
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1 to size water treatment plant to meet instantaneous
2 demands like fire flow and peak hour demands." How
3 peak hour flows or fire flows fit into his
4 determination of used and useful he does not explain.
5 Mr. Bidy distorts the function of the flows developed
6 in the MFR's for determining used and useful. The
7 table below, which is taken from F-3 and F-5 of the
8 MFR, is developed as a reasonable procedure in
9 determining the investment in the supply and treatment
10 facilities utilized in meeting the service obligations
11 of the Company.

<u>Five Day Average (1995)</u>	<u>Flows</u>
3/24/95	3.294 MGD
3/25/95	3.294
3/26/95	2.594
3/27/95	2.255
3/28/95	<u>2.293</u>
Average	2.746
Growth - 1996	0.240
FGCU	0.073
Fire Flows	0.360
Margin Reserve	<u>0.297</u>
	3.716
Plant Capacity	4.215
% Used and Useful	88.2%

1 The above flows of 3.716 MGD is Gulf's obligation in
2 providing service to its certificated area.

3 With reference to fire flows, in the design of the
4 plant capacity, peak day flow, excluding fire flows,
5 are used while in rate making, 5 day average flows,
6 plus fire flow are included.

7 In setting rates, four basic determinants are
8 required, namely (1) the revenue produced under
9 existing rates (2) the expenses, including
10 depreciation and taxes to produce these revenues, (3)
11 the property (Rate Base) to provide the source, and
12 (4) a return on rate base. The 88.2% used and useful
13 shown in the table above is used to determine the
14 investment to meet Gulf's legal obligation of
15 providing adequate service to its certificated area.
16 This method is consistent with the Company's previous
17 rate case, plus every case I have seen before this
18 Commission since the early 1970's.

19 In the design of treatment facilities, Mr. Elliott on
20 page 11 of his rebuttal testimony stated that peak
21 flows including fire flows, are the determining
22 factors in adding or expanding treatment capacity.
23 The peak day of 1996 was 3.312 MGD.

24 With reference to the flows shown in the table on page
25 15, the five day average varies from 2.255 MGD to

1 3.294 MGD, or a 31½ difference. The five day average
2 is not used in the design of treatment plants.

3 A comparison of the peak flow and the five day average
4 is:

5 Peak Flow	3.312 mgd
6 5 Day Average	<u>2.746</u>
7 Difference	0.566

8 The difference of 0.566 mgd is greater than fire flows
9 of 0.360 mgd that Mr. Bidy excluded from his
10 calculation.

11 In conclusion, the flows shown in the MFRs and also on
12 page 15 and 16 of this rebuttal testimony is for the
13 purpose of allocating the investment in wells and
14 treatment facilities that is required to meet the
15 service requirements of Gulf in its certificated area.
16 If Mr. Bidy wants to isolate treatment plants, and
17 exclude fire service, the peak flows plus a margin
18 reserve has to be the basis of the allocation formula.
19 However, Mr. Bidy used 5 day average flows, excluded
20 margin reserve, and has distorted the use of the
21 formula in finding used and useful of treatment
22 plants. His adjustments should be rejected.

23 WATER TREATMENT PLANTS - ECONOMY OF SCALE

24 The Company MFR's are consistent with the Commission's
25 finding in the prior rate order 24735. In that order,

1 the Commission recognized the economics of scale in
2 the construction of the Company's well supply and
3 water treatment facilities, and under this theory any
4 excess capacity is related to the last increment of
5 capacity. The economics of scale in the Corkscrew
6 well field is set forth in Appendix A of the MFR's.
7 In this case, the used and usefulness of the water
8 treatment plants is as follows:

	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Flows</u>	<u>% Used & Useful</u>
10 San Carlos WTP	2.415 mg	2.415 mg	100%
11 Corkscrew WTP			
12 Skid 1	0.500	0.500	100%
13 Skid 2	0.500	0.500	100%
14 Skid 3	<u>0.800</u>	<u>0.301</u>	<u>38%</u>
15	4.215 mg	3.716 mg	88%

16 Under the principle set forth by the Commission in the
17 prior case, the excess capacity is related to Skid 3
18 which went into service in December 1996. What this
19 does is encourage utilities to build economies and
20 efficiencies into the system.

21 Mr. Bidy on Exhibit_(TLB-2), page 1, failed to
22 reflect the flow responsibility of the Company and
23 failed to recognize economy of scale in the used and
24 useful computation. His adjustments on water
25 treatment plant should be rejected.

1 LAND - CORKSCREW WTP

2 In the prior case, the land at Corkscrew WTP was found
3 to be 100% used and useful by the Commission. Nothing
4 has changed since that case.

5 Mr. Messner, in his rebuttal testimony, page 12, has
6 shown the land at the plant is used in the day-to-day
7 operations of the Company. Mr. Bidy's adjustment
8 should be rejected.

9 STORAGE

10 Mr. Bidy on TLB-2, line 36 and 40, says the storage
11 facilities are 70.07% used and useful.

12 He does not say how the 70.07% was arrived at but it
13 apparently represents what he called "dead" storage in
14 the tank. Mr. Elliott, on pages 8 and 9 of his
15 rebuttal testimony, pointed out the errors in Mr.
16 Bidy's discussion on the subject and again Mr.
17 Bidy's adjustment should be rejected.

18 BIDDY'S EXHIBIT TLB-2

19 USED AND USEFUL CALCULATION

20 WASTEWATER OPERATIONS

21 Q. Mr. Bidy on Exhibit_(TLB-3) made adjustments to the
22 used and useful determination made by the Company in
23 the MFR for the wastewater operations. What are your
24 comments?

25 A. As an opening statement, Mr. Bidy's proposed

1 adjustment should be rejected by the Commission.

2 A comparison of Exhibit_(TLB-3) and the Company's
3 determination of used and useful of the wastewater
4 treatment plant plus Mr. Elliott's rebuttal testimony
5 will show why Mr. Bidy is wrong.

6 On Exhibit_(KRC-9) is a comparison of the two studies.

7 My comments are:

8 (1) The capacity of the plants are the same in both
9 studies, namely 0.968 MGD.

10 (2) The difference in 1995 flows (lines 6 and 7) is
11 OPC used the annual average flows on the San
12 Carlos Plant while the Company used the peak
13 month flows in August 1995, and both studies used
14 peak month flows at Three Oaks.

15 The Company followed the same procedure as set
16 forth in the prior rate order. (Order 20272,
17 dated 11/7/88).

18 (3) The difference in growth stem from both a
19 difference in ERC growth and gals usage per ERC.
20 Note 2 (line 35) of Mr. Bidy's Exhibit_(TLB-3)
21 indicates he determined growth using the ratio of
22 1996 ERC to 1995 ERC. Using that ratio, the
23 results would be:

24	1996 ERC	4002
25	1995	3458

1	Ratio	1.157
2	1996 flows	1.157 x 628,749
3	(1995 flows)	= 727,463 mg
4	1996 Growth	98,714

5 Mr. Bidy used a growth of 0.075 in the exhibit,
6 which understated the growth as shown above.

7 More fundamentally, Gulf used a growth of 507 ERC
8 and 250 gallon per ERC. The 507 ERC growth is
9 detailed by customer classes on page 17 of
10 Cardey's direct testimony and the 250 gals/ERC is
11 set forth in the Company's tariffs and was used
12 in the Company's previous rate order.

13 Another difference is the Company included the
14 flows from Florida Gulf Coast University while
15 OPC did not. Mr. Moore, in his rebuttal
16 testimony, pages 28 and 29 has justified the
17 inclusion of FGCU in the test year.

18 (4) On line 10, the Company included margin reserve
19 while OPC excluded it.

20 As indicated on page 3 of my rebuttal testimony
21 and Mr. Elliott's rebuttal testimony pages 2-5,
22 margin reserve is needed if the Company is to
23 provide safe and adequate service in its
24 certificated area.

25 Again, by omitting margin reserve, Mr. Bidy has

1 an error in his calculation of used and useful.

2 If Mr. Bidy corrected the error in his study,

3 the percent used and useful would exceed 100%.

4 Q. Turning now to line 12 through 31 of Mr. Bidy's
5 Exhibit_(TLB-3), please comment on the adjustments to
6 the investment accounts shown.

7 A. My comments are these.

8 (1) Treatment Plant and Effluent Disposal: (lines 12-
9 14) - As I have just pointed out, Mr. Bidy has
10 errors in his used and useful calculation, and if
11 corrected, would show the plants are 100% used
12 and useful.

13 The fact that the Company has obtained permits,
14 taken bids, and intends to let a contract to
15 expand the Three Oaks Treatment Plant is further
16 evidence the existing plants are fully loaded.

17 (2) Land and Land Rights. Mr. Messner, in his
18 rebuttal testimony, has shown the plant site is
19 fully utilized and Mr. Bidy's adjustment should
20 be disallowed.

21 (3) Effluent Disposal/Reuse Facilities. Mr. Bidy
22 used the same percent used and useful as for
23 treatment plants. As pointed out in (1) above,
24 Mr. Bidy's error in his calculations carry over
25 to this adjustment and should be rejected.

1 (4) On-Site Effluent Storage. Mr. Elliott in his
2 rebuttal testimony, pages 5 and 6, pointed out
3 the tanks are needed for compliance with DEP Rule
4 62-610 requiring Class 1 reliability. Likewise
5 the second chlorine tank is needed to meet the
6 requirement of the same rule.

7 This adjustment should likewise be rejected.

8 Q. Does that conclude your rebuttal testimony?

9 A. Yes, it does.

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Exhibit _____ (KRC-7)
Docket No. 980329-WS
Witness: Cardey

GULF UTILITY COMPANY

TEST YEAR RATE BASE, AS ADJUSTED

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**Gulf Utility Company
Water Operations
Test Year Rate Base as Adjusted**

**Exhibit _____ (KRC -7)
Schedule 1
Docket No. 980329-WS
Witness: Cardey**

Line No.	(1) Description	(2) Adjusted Utility Balance (a)	(3) Adjustment	(4) As Adjusted
1	Utility Plant in Service	\$ 18,494,782		\$ 18,494,782
2	Utility Land & land Rights	200,372		200,372
3	Non-Used & Useful Plant (Net)	(1,075,489)		(1,075,489)
4	Accumulated Depreciation	(4,268,892)	(87,458)	(4,354,350)
5	CIAC	(12,220,685)	(300,000)	(12,520,685)
6	Accumulated Amortization CIAC	2,942,325		2,942,325
7	Advances for Construction	(4,885)		(4,885)
8	Working Capital Allowance	358,144	(77,019)	281,125
9	Total Water Rate Base	\$ 4,427,672	\$ (484,477)	\$ 3,963,195

(a) Source: Schedule A-2, Page 1 of MFR

**Gulf Utility Company
Wastewater Operations
Test Year Rate Base as Adjusted**

**Exhibit _____ (KRC-7)
Schedule 2
Docket No. 980328-WS
Witness: Cardey**

Line No.	(1) Description	(2) Adjusted Utility Balance (a)	(3) Adjustment	(4) As Adjusted
1	Utility Plant in Service	\$ 14,282,349	\$ (2,265)	\$ 14,280,084
2	Utility Land & land Rights	473,626		473,626
3	Non-Used & Useful Plant (Net)			
4	Accumulated Depreciation	(2,978,837)	(42,770)	(3,021,607)
5	CIAC	(9,060,383)		(9,060,383)
6	Accumulated Amortization CIAC	1,976,074		1,976,074
7	Advances for Construction			
8	Working Capital Allowance	235,467	(39,677)	195,790
9	Total Sewer Rate Base	\$ 4,928,296	\$ (84,712)	\$ 4,843,584

(a) Source: Schedule A-2 Page 1 of MFR

Gulf Utility Company
 Water Operations
 Average Investment and Margin Reserve

Exhibit _____ (KRC-8)
 Docket No. 980329-WS
 Witness: Cardey

Line No.	(1) Description	(2) 12/31/96	(3) Non-Used & Useful	(4) Rate Base	(5) Margin Reserve Percent	(6) Margin Reserve Amount
1	Utility Plant					
2	Source of Supply	\$ 2,386,746	\$ (241,215)	\$ 2,125,531		
3	Water Treatment	3,811,056		3,811,056		
4	Skid #3 - Corkscrew WTP	1,794,445	(932,465)	861,980		
5	Sub-total	7,972,247	(1,173,680)	6,798,567	8.0%	543,885
6	Reserve for Depreciation					
7	Source of Supply	(613,525)	47,261	(566,264)		
8	Water Treatment	(1,223,383)		(1,223,383)		
9	Skid #3 - Corkscrew WTP	(93,220)	50,830	(42,290)		
10	Sub-Total	(1,930,128)	98,191	(1,831,937)	8.0%	(146,555)
11	Net Plant	\$ 6,042,119	\$ (1,075,489)	\$ 4,966,630		397,330

(a) Source: Sch. F-1
 0.297 MGD/3.718 MGD = 8.0%

Gulf Utility Company
Wastewater Operations
Comparison of Company MFR and OPC's Determination of
Used and Useful

Exhibit _____ (KRC-9)
Docket No. 960329-WS
Witness: Cardey

Line No.	(1) Description	(2)		(3)
		MFR	MGD	
1	Capacity of Plant:			
2	San Carlos WWTP	0.218		0.218
3	Three Oaks WWTP	0.750		0.750
4		0.968		0.968
5	Flows:			
6	San Carlos WWTP (1995)	0.245 *		0.200
7	Three Oaks WWTP (1995)	0.426 *		0.428
8	Growth - 1998	0.127		0.075
9	Florida Gulf Coast University	0.052		--
10	Margin Reserve	0.300		--
11		<u>1.149</u>		<u>0.703</u>
12	Percent Used and Useful	1.187		0.728

* Rounded to 0.670 MGD