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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application of GULF UTILITY)
COMPANY for an increase in)
Wastewater Rates, approval of a)
decrease in Water Rates and)
approval of service availability)
charges in Lee County, Florida)

Docket No. 960329-WS

In Re: Application for increase in)
rates and service availability)
charges in Lee County by Gulf)
Utility Company)

Docket No. 960234-WS

Filed: March 31, 1997

**MOTION OF GULF UTILITY COMPANY FOR
AUTHORITY TO FILE A BRIEF OF 85 PAGES**

Gulf Utility Company (Gulf) files this its motion to extend the page limit number for its Brief to 85 pages, and states:

1. There are 62 issues set forth in the prehearing order in this proceeding. There is extensive testimony with a transcript consisting of 891 pages of the hearing. There are 50 exhibits admitted by the Commission in this proceeding.

2. To properly analyze and argue each of the positions, Gulf will need an allowance of 85 pages.

3. This firm has contacted Mr. Reilly of the Office of Public Counsel on March 28, 1997 and was informed by Mr. Reilly that at that time he could not agree to an enlargement of the allowed number of pages: It should be pointed out that in this proceeding, Gulf raised the issue as to the number of discovery requests from OPC. The Hearing Officer's Order allowed all of OPC's discovery, noting that legitimate discovery requests may reach several hundred. In fairness to Gulf, the Commission should allow equal latitude in its Brief as was allowed OPC in its

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discovery.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Utility Company requests that the Prehearing Officer grant Gulf's request and allow Gulf to file a brief consisting of 85 pages.

DATED this 31st day of March, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

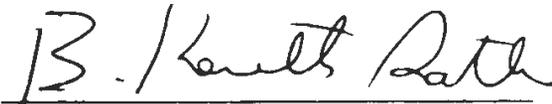


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by hand delivery to Ms. Maggie O'Sullivan, Esquire, Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and to Mr. Stephen C. Reilly, Esquire, Office of Public Counsel, 111 W. Madison Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400, on this 31st day of March, 1997.



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