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July 31, 1997

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2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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RE: Docket Nos. ~~960233~~-WS and 960234-WS

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of a Motion for Extension of Time for filing in the above-referenced docket.

Please indicate receipt of filing by date-stamping the attached copy of this letter and returning it to this office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Stephen C. Reilly
Associate Public Counsel

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

Docket No 960329-WS

Docket No. 960234-WS

Filed: July 31, 1997

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

The Citizens of the State of Florida ("Citizens"), by and through their undersigned attorney, respectfully request the Commission to grant an extension of time to file a response to Gulf Utility Company's ("Gulf, Utility or Company") Motion for Reconsideration. In support of this request the Citizens state:

1. On July 30, 1997 Gulf filed a Motion for Reconsideration of the Commission's Final Order No. PSC-97-0847-FOF-WS in the above dockets. The Citizens received the motion by hand delivery the same day.

2. Pursuant to Commission Rule 25-22 060, Florida Administrative Code, the Citizens are required to file their response to Gulf's Motion on or before 5 00 p m., Wednesday, August 6, 1997

3. Citizens counsel is committed to be out of town from Saturday, August 2, 1997 until the afternoon of Thursday, August 7, 1997. The Citizens need additional time in order to adequately review the Company's motion and prepare a response. The Citizens believe that a proper response can be prepared and filed on or before 5:00 p m., Monday, August 11, 1997

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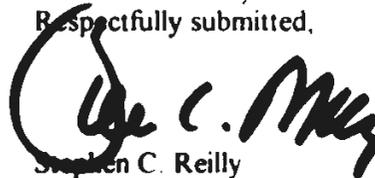
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4. Citizens' counsel has consulted with counsel for Gulf and the Commission's Staff to determine if either has any objection to this motion. Both counsel expressed no opposition to this motion.

WHEREFORE, the Citizens respectfully request the Commission grant the Citizens an extension of time within which to file their response to Gulf's Motion for Reconsideration until 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 11, 1997

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
DOCKET NOS. 960234-WS AND 960329-WS**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by U.S. Mail
or *hand-delivery to the following parties on this 31st day of July, 1997.

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