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December 29, 1997

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Gulf Power Company's Request for Extension of Time for Filing Confidential Classification of Audit Information.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Cranmer
Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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cc: Beggs and Lane
Jeffrey A. Stone, Esquire

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Florida Public Service Commission
Review of Electric Service Quality and
Reliability

Docket No.: Undocketed Audit
Date: December 30, 1997

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FOR FILING CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION
OF AUDIT INFORMATION**

GULF POWER COMPANY ["Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the Company"], by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby files a request that the Florida Public Service Commission ["Commission"] enter an order extending the time by which Gulf must request confidential classification of information obtained by the Commission Staff in its review of Gulf Power Company's electric service quality and reliability. A review of distribution service quality and reliability of Florida's four major electric companies, including Gulf Power, was conducted by Commission Staff. In this review, Gulf provided extensive information about its service quality and reliability to the Commission Staff. Certain of this information is regarded as confidential by Gulf Power. As grounds for this request, Gulf Power Company states:

1. Gulf Power asserts that certain of the information provided to the Commission Staff during its audit of Gulf Power Company's electric service quality and reliability is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to §366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes, as information, the public disclosure of which would cause irreparable harm to the competitive interests of Gulf Power.

2. Information was provided to Staff in the form of responses to document requests and in interviews between the Commission Staff and employees of Gulf Power. The Commission Staff has prepared a report based on the information it obtained from Gulf Power. The public

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disclosure of certain portions of the information provided in the document responses and interviews would cause irreparable harm to the competitive interests of Gulf Power. This information and the summaries of it contained in the Commission Staff audit report will be the subject of a request for confidential classification by Gulf Power.

3. The Commission Staff has informed Gulf Power that none of the document request responses and work papers will be returned to the Company. In order to determine which information must be the subject of a request for confidential classification, Gulf Power must obtain from the Commission Staff the work papers and other notes it will retain. Once it is determined what information is in the possession of the Commission Staff, a request for confidential classification will be made by Gulf. It is estimated that an extension of twenty-one days from the December 31, 1997, due date would be sufficient time for Gulf to review the materials to be retained by the Commission Staff and to request confidential classification accordingly.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order extending by twenty-one days the time in which Gulf Power has to request confidential classification of the information discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted this 29th day of December 1997,

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**RE: Florida Power & Light Company's Request
for Confidential Classification in the Review of
Distribution Systems, Undocketed;
Audit Control No. 97-01-002**

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Dear Ms. Bayó:

In accordance with Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, and Chapter 366.093, Florida Statutes, Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") hereby submits for filing:

The original and fifteen (15) copies of FPL's Request For Confidential Classification in the Review of Distribution Systems, including the following exhibits: - 13297-97

One copy of Exhibit A, the confidential documents referred to in FPL's Request, submitted for filing in a separate, sealed folder marked "EXHIBIT A - CONFIDENTIAL;" 13298-97

Two (2) copies of Exhibit B, the same documents referred to in FPL's Request in which the information contended by FPL to be confidential has been redacted, submitted for filing in two separate folders marked "EXHIBIT B;" 13298-97

The original and fifteen (15) copies of Exhibit C, FPL's justification and identification matrix, submitted for filing as an attachment to FPL's Request;

The originals and fifteen (15) copies of Exhibits D and E, affidavits in support of FPL's Request, submitted for filing as attachments to FPL's Request; and

One copy of Exhibit F, a computer diskette containing FPL's identification and justification matrix (in MicroSoft Word 6.0), submitted for filing as an attachment to FPL's request.

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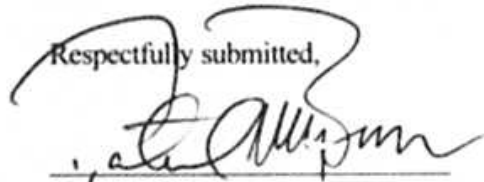
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Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(3)(d), FPL requests confidential treatment of these documents pending resolution of FPL's Request for Confidential Classification.

If you or your Staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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