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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification  
The Southern Company Form U-9C-3 under Rule 104 with the Securities and  
Exchange Commission (SEC) for the period ending December 31, 1997

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is the Notice of Intent to Request  
Confidential Classification by Gulf Power Company.

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

Please mark the enclosed extra copy of this letter with the date and time the material was  
accepted in your office for filing and return same to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

*Susan D. Cranmer*

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Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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Enclosures

cc: Beggs and Lane  
Russell A. Badders, Esquire

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company  
Form U-9C-3 under Rule 104  
with the Securities and Exchange  
Commission (SEC) for the  
period ending December 31, 1997

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION**

The Southern Company and Gulf Power Company, by and through their undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that they intend to request confidential classification for Form U-9C-3 for the period ending December 31, 1997, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 104. A copy of Form U-9C-3 for the period ending December 31, 1997, is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 104 requires that every registered holding company submit certain specified categories of filings to each state commission in which the affiliates of the registered holding company operate. Gulf Power Company is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

Form U-9C-3 for the period ending December 31, 1997, contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and certain of its unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the Southern Company if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification will be filed within the time period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, if at such time the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Southern Company. Form U-9C-3 for the period ending December 31, 1997, is the

subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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