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August 20, 1998

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

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification
The Southern Company - Form U-1 (SEC File No. 70-9335)

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
Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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Enclosures

cc: Beggs and Lane
Russell A. Badders, Esquire

This Notice of Intent was filed with Confidential Document No. 09102-98. The document has been placed in the confidential files pending receipt of a request for confidential treatment.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company-
Filing of Form U1 with the
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Docket No.: 960835
Date: August 20, 1998

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern Company, an associate company of Gulf Power Company, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that it intends to request confidential classification for Form U1, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4). A copy of Form U1 is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 53 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 is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

Form U1 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

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retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies. Form U1 is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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