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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-9C-3 under Rule 104 with the Securities and
Exchange Commission (SEC) for the period ending March 31, 1998

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. 09104-98. 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
Form U-9C-3 under Rule 104
with the Securities and Exchange
Commission (SEC) for the
period ending March 31, 1998

Docket No.: Undocketed
Date: August 20, 1998

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 March 31, 1998, 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 March 31, 1998, 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 March 31, 1998, 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 March 31, 1998, is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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