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Re: 980001-EI; 980007-EI

Dear Leslie:

This letter follows our telephone conversation Wednesday morning, September 30, 1998 during which we discussed Gulf Power's need for an extension of time to make the projection filings otherwise due October 5, 1998 in Dockets 980001-EI and 980007-EI. The purpose of my telephone call and this letter is to request that the deadline for Gulf's filings be extended until October 12, 1998. A similar request is being sent to Cochran Keating in connection with Gulf's filings otherwise due October 5, 1998 in Docket 980002-EG.

As a result of Hurricane Georges striking our area, a number of the people ordinarily involved in completing the filings have been pulled away from normal work for storm-related duty assignments. In addition, there was water damage in Gulf's corporate headquarters caused by high winds and rain. Clean-up efforts have further hindered the performance of normal work assignments. Our best estimate at this time is that the requested one week extension should be sufficient to complete the filings in a reasonable manner given the disruption brought about by the storm.

If anything further is needed in connection with this extension request, please let me know. Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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