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The Florida Public Service Commission announces a hearing and prehearing to be held in the following docket, to which all interested persons are invited.

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HEARING:

DOCKET NO. 990325-EI - Petition of Gulf Power Company to Determine Need for Proposed Electrical Power Plant in Bay County

DATE AND TIME: 9:30 a.m., Monday, June 7, 1999. June 8, 1999, has also been reserved for this proceeding. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PLACE: Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE: The purpose of this hearing will be for the Commission to take final agency action to determine the need, pursuant to Sections 403.501-519, Florida Statutes (1997), for the construction of an electric power plant and related facilities in Bay County,

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Florida, by Gulf Power Company. This proceeding shall be for the following purposes: to allow Gulf Power Company, parties to this proceeding, and Commission staff to present evidence and testimony concerning Gulf Power Company's petition for a determination of need for its proposed plant and related facilities in Bay County, Florida; to permit any intervenors to present testimony and exhibits concerning this matter; to permit members of the public who are not parties to the need determination proceeding the

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opportunity to present testimony concerning this matter; and, for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate. Any member of the public who wishes to offer testimony should be present at the beginning of the hearing. By providing public testimony, a person does not become a party to the proceeding. To become an official party of record, you must file a Petition for Intervention at least five days before the final hearing, pursuant to the requirements of Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony. The hearing will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, Section 403.519, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-22 and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

Only issues relating to the need for the power plant and its associated facilities will be heard at the June 7-8, 1999, hearing. Separate public hearings will be held before the Division of Administrative Hearings to consider environmental and other impacts of the proposed plant and associated facilities as required by the "Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act," Sections 403.501-518, Florida Statutes.

**PREHEARING:**

**TIME AND DATE:** 1:30 p.m., Monday, May 17, 1999

**PLACE:** Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida

**PURPOSE:** To consider: (1) the simplification of the issues; (2)

the identification of the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) the identification of exhibits; (5) the establishment of an order of witnesses; and (6) such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

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