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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Gulf Power Company to determine need for proposed electrical power plant in Bay County.

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COMMISSION STAFF'S PRELIMINARY LIST OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

The Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission hereby files its Preliminary List of Issues and Positions.

- <u>ISSUE 1</u>: Has Gulf Power Company demonstrated a need for the proposed Smith Unit 3, taking into account the need for electric system reliability and integrity, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?
- <u>ISSUE 2</u>: Has Gulf Power Company demonstrated a need for the proposed Smith Unit 3, taking into account the need for adequate electricity at a reasonable cost, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519, Florida Statutes?
- <u>ISSUE 3</u>: Did Gulf Power Company's Request for Proposals, and the subsequent analysis of responses, result in Gulf selecting the most cost-effective alternative available?
- <u>ISSUE 4</u>: Did Gulf Power Company adequately evaluate and include the cost of gas transmission system interconnection for each of the self-build options and respondents to Gulf's Request for Proposals?
- AFA
 ISSUE 5:
 Did Gulf Power Company adequately evaluate and include the cost of electric transmission system interconnection for each of the self-build options and respondents to Gulf's Request for Proposals?
- CTRISSUE 6:Has Gulf Power Company demonstrated that the proposedSmith Unit 3 is the most cost-effective alternativeEAGavailable, as this criterion is used in Section 403.519,LEGFlorida Statutes?
 - <u>ISSUE 7</u>: Are there any conservation measures taken by or reasonably available to Gulf Power Company which might mitigate the need for the proposed Smith Unit 3?

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- <u>ISSUE 8</u>: Should the Commission grant Gulf Power Company's petition to determine the need for the proposed Smith Unit 3?
- ISSUE 9: Should this docket be closed?

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Dated this 25th day of March, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's Preliminary List of Issue and Positions has been furnished by Hand Delivery (*) or U. S. Mail this 25th day of March, 1998, to the following:

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