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February 15, 1999

Susan D. Ritenour, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer
Gulf Power Company
One Energy Place
Pensacola, Florida 32520

Re: Docket No. 990167-EI

Dear Ms. Ritenour:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition for approval, pursuant to Section 34(l) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, of inter-affiliate agreement between Gulf Power Company and Southern Telecom, Inc., which was filed in this office on February 11, 1999 and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6078 or FAX (850) 413-6079.

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From: Kay Flynn Confirm receipt
To: Bob Elias
Subject: filing from Gulf Power

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Received a different kind of filing today from GPC--a petition for approval of inter-affiliate agreement between GPC and Southern Telecom, Inc. (an Exempt Telecommunications Company).

Both are subsidiaries of Southern Company and are subject to the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, which authorizes a public utility company to enter into a contract to purchase services or products from an Exempt Telecommunications Company that is an affiliate or associate company of the public utility only if every State commission having jurisdiction over the retail rates of such public utility approves such contract.

Question: Is this to be docketed and approved by Commission, or is it to be given administrative handling?

I'll hold the petition until I hear back from you. Kay