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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Gulf Power Company – Notification of Foreign Utility Company Status filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Behalf of an Associate Company – Form U-57 (Hidroelectrica Alicura S.A.)

Southern Energy, Inc., a subsidiary of The Southern Company, Inc., a registered holding company under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§79a et seq. (the "Act"), has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") a Notification of Foreign Utility Company Status pursuant to Section 33(a) of the Act. Gulf Power Company is an "associate company" of the foreign utility companies identified in such filing. As required by the SEC's rules, we are herewith providing you with a copy of the Notification filed on such companies' behalf.

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. Ritenour*

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Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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Enclosure

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.  
FORM U-57

NOTIFICATION OF FOREIGN UTILITY COMPANY STATUS

Filed under section 33(a) of the  
Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended

Hidroeléctrica Alicurá S.A  
c/o Southern Energy, Inc.  
900 Ashwood Parkway, Suite 500  
Atlanta, Georgia 30338

(Name of company or companies claiming foreign  
utility company status and their  
business address)

The Commission is requested to address communications to:

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Atlanta, Georgia 30338

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Atlanta, Georgia 30308-2216

**1. Name of the entities claiming foreign utility company status, its business address, and a description of the facilities used for the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy for sale or for the distribution at retail of natural of manufactured gas. Identify each company that holds an interest in the foreign utility company and describe the interest held.**

Hidroeléctrica Alicurá S.A .  
c/o Southern Energy, Inc.  
900 Ashwood Parkway, Suite 500  
Atlanta, Georgia 30338

Southern Energy, Inc. ("SEI"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Southern Company, a registered holding company, on behalf of Hidroeléctrica Alicurá S.A . ("Alicura"), a corporation organized under the laws of Argentina, claims exemption for Alicura as a "foreign utility company" pursuant to Section 33(a) of the Act. SEI indirectly owns 55% of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Alicura, with the remainder held by the government of Argentina, certain of its political subdivisions, and less than 5% by employees of Alicura. Alicura owns the Alicurá hydroelectric complex in the provinces of Neuquén and Rio Negro, Argentina. The complex is located on the Limay River and uses the Negro Basin. The complex is approximately 33 kilometers from the city of San Carlos de Bariloche. The size of the dam is 850,000 meters long with a total volume of 13,000,000 cubic meters. The installed generating capacity is 1,000 MW consisting of four generating units. Notice of the Foreign Utility Company status of Alicura was previously filed prior to the adoption of Rule 57, on or about August 17, 1993. This new electronic filing is made for the convenience of the Commission.

**2. Name of any domestic associate public-utility company and, if applicable, its holding company, and a description of the relationship between the foreign utility company and such company.**

The claimant is an associate company of the following domestic public-utility companies:

Georgia Power Company  
Alabama Power Company  
Mississippi Power Company  
Gulf Power Company  
Mobile Energy Services Company, L.L.C.  
Savannah Electric and Power Company  
Southern Electric Generating Company

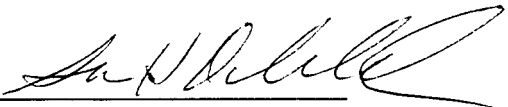
The top registered holding company of the above associate public-utility companies is The Southern Company. None of the foregoing domestic public utility companies has made an investment in or has any contractual relationship with the Foreign Utility Company, and no such investment or contractual relationship is contemplated.

EXHIBIT A

Inapplicable

SIGNATURE

The undersigned company has duly caused this statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

By 

Samuel H. Dabbs, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary  
Southern Energy, Inc.

Date: February 15, 2000