BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

TO

GULF POWER COMPANY

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

FLORIDA CABLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOC., INC.

FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 010949-EI - REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

ISSUED: January 10, 2002

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission in the above referenced docket, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m. EST Monday, February 25, 2002 - Friday, March 1, 2002 4075 Esplanade Way Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of Gulf Power Company for an increase in utility rates and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by

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the parties at the prehearing conference to be held on February 8, 2002. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held before Chairman Lila A. Jaber, as Prehearing Officer, regarding the above referenced matter, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m. EST Friday, February 8, 2002 4075 Esplanade Way Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE

The purpose of this prehearing conference is: (1) to define and limit, if possible, the number of issues; (2) to determine the parties' positions on the issues; (3) to determine what facts, if any, may be stipulated; (4) to dispose of any motions or other matters that may be pending; and (5) to consider any other matters that may aid in the disposition of this case.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing, because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-6, 25-17, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

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APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Sections 366.04, 366.05, 366.06, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, are applicable to this proceeding, as well as Chapter 120, Florida

Statutes, and Rules 25-7, 25-17, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 10th day of January, 2002.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director

Division of the Commission Clerk

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