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March 12, 2002

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Docket No. 010949-EI

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Gulf Power Company's Request for Extension of Time to File Exhibits to be filed in the above referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan D. Ritenour".

Susan D. Ritenour  
Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

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Enclosure

cc: Beggs and Lane  
Jeffrey A. Stone, Esquire

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Petition of Gulf Power Company for  
an increase in its retail rates and charges.

Docket No. 010949-EI  
Date submitted for filing: 3/12/02

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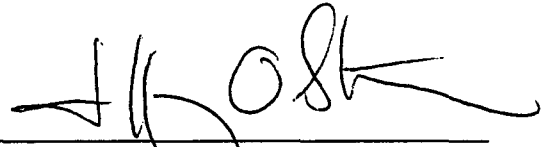
**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE EXHIBITS**

Gulf Power Company (“Gulf” or the “Company”), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby requests that the Florida Public Service Commission allow the Company up to three additional days to file the Exhibits 25 and 55 identified as “Late Filed Exhibits” at the hearing in this proceeding. Prior to this request, the stated deadline for the Company to file these two exhibits would be March 12, 2002. Gulf is requesting that it be allowed an additional three days to file the requested exhibits. If this request is granted, the new deadline for filing Exhibits 25 and 55 will be March 15, 2002.

Due to unanticipated events, including the need for the Company to participate in two workshops on March 12, 2002, the Company has not been able to complete the preparation of both exhibits within two weeks as originally anticipated. Although Gulf is requesting that the deadline be extended by three additional days, the Company will endeavor to file the exhibits earlier than March 15, 2002, if possible. The undersigned counsel for Gulf has consulted with Steve Burgess of the Office of Public Counsel and has been authorized to represent that the Office of Public Counsel has no objection to the Company’s request for an extension of time. Any opportunity to file additional late-filed responses to Gulf’s exhibits would be extended by the same number of additional days as actually taken by Gulf to file its exhibits pursuant to this request. Counsel has not been able to contact the representatives of the other intervenors by the time that this request has been prepared.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power Company requests that the Florida Public Service Commission grant the Company an extension of time to file exhibits so that the revised deadline for filing Exhibits 25 and 55 will be March 15, 2002, and such other and further relief as the Commission may find to be reasonable and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for rate increase by )  
Gulf Power Company )  
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Docket No. 010949-EI

Certificate of Service

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