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STAFF'S 1ST DATA REQUEST

RE: Docket No. 031069-EI – Petition for Authority to Implement Proposed Military Base Facilities Charge Rider by Gulf Power Company

Dear Mr. Badders:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Gulf Power Company (Gulf) please provide responses to the following data requests:

1. Please provide the name, location, and a brief description of each military base located in Gulf's territory to which the Military Base Facilities Charge (MBFC) rider could potentially apply.
2. Please identify the bases that to date have indicated they will not pursue the privatization of their electric distribution systems due to security or other reasons.
3. Please state whether any additional bases other than the two referred to in the petition have solicited bids and have selected Gulf for privatization.
4. Please provide a general description and timeline for the Department of Defense bidding and approval process to be used in the privatization, and the current status of each of the bases in Gulf's territory for which bids are being or will be pursued.
5. Please provide a list of each of the services that may potentially be provided pursuant to contracts with the military bases (e.g., maintenance, meter reading, addition of new facilities, etc.).
6. Please provide a description of how Gulf would determine the purchase price of a base's distribution facilities.

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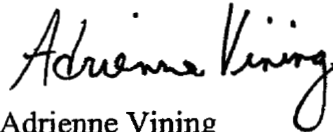
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7. Please describe how Gulf intends to ensure that payments under the contracts will cover the full cost to serve the customers over the life of the contracts.
8. Based on hypothetical numbers, please provide a calculation showing how Gulf would likely determine a charge under the MBFC.
9. Please indicate how the facilities charge will be billed to the customer (e.g., included in the base's regular electric bill or billed separately).

Please file the original and five copies of the requested information as soon as possible with Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6183 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
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