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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: The Southern Company – Form U-1, File No. 70-10186 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the quarter ended March 31, 2005

Rule 53(a)(4), 17 C.F.R. §250.53 (a)(4), of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§79a et seq. (the “Act”), specifies that a copy of each application must be filed with each public utility commission having jurisdiction over retail rates of such holding Company’s public utility subsidiaries.

The enclosed application on Form U-1 was filed with the SEC by Southern. To comply with the requirements of the SEC’s Rule 53(a)(4), a copy of such filing is being provided to you herewith.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed, please feel free to call me at (850) 444-6231.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Ritenour

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Enclosure

cc: Beggs and Lane
R. A. Badders, Esq.

This docketed notice of intent was filed with Confidential Document No. 07029-05 The document has been placed in confidential storage pending timely receipt of a request for confidentiality.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company-
Filing of Form U-1 with the
Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Docket No.: Undocketed
Date: July 20, 2005

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern Company, by and through its undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that it intends to request confidential classification for Form U-1 (File No. 70-10186), submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 53(a)(4), C.F.R. §250.53(a)(4). A copy of Form U-1 is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 53 requires that every registered holding company submit certain specified categories of filings to each state commission in which the affiliates of the registered holding company operate. Gulf Power is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

Form U-1 contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and certain of its unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the Southern Company if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification will be filed within the time period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, if at such time the Staff determines that the information will be

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retained by the Commission and not returned to the Companies. Form U-1 is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

DATE: 7.22.05

TO: Alison Ritener

FROM: T. Henry, Division of the Commission Clerk and
Administrative Services

RE: Acknowledgment of Receipt of Confidential Filing

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This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket No.

050000 or (if filed in an undocketed matter) concerning _____

Form U-1 "Attachment A" File 70-10186, and

filed on behalf of Gulf Power/Ritener. The

document will be maintained in locked storage.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Kay Flynn at (850) 413-6770.