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October 7, 2005

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

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Gulf Power Company's Application for authority to receive common equity RE: contributions and to issue and sell securities.

The original and one copy of Gulf Power Company's Application for authority to receive common equity contributions and to issue and sell securities, together with exhibits certified where required, are enclosed for official filing with the Commission. As noted in paragraph 3 of the application, the individuals authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this application are:

Jeffrey A. Stone Beggs & Lane P. O. Box 12950 Pensacola, FL 32591-2950

Gulf Power Company One Energy Place

Pensacola, FL 32520-0780

Susan D. Ritenour

Also enclosed is a double sided, high density, 3.5 inch disk containing a copy of the application in MicroSoft Word format as prepared on a Windows NT based computer.

Sincerely.

Enclosure

cc/enc:

Beggs and Lane J. A. Stone, Esquire

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Gulf Power Company's application)			
for authority to issue and sell)	Docket No. 05		-EU
securities and to receive common equity)	Filed: Oct.	7,	2005
contributions.)		·	
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GULF POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL SECURITIES AND TO RECEIVE COMMON EQUITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Gulf Power Company ("Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the Company"), pursuant to Chapter 25-8, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 366.04, Florida Statutes, hereby files this its application for authority to issue and sell securities and to receive common equity contributions during the twelve months ending December 31, 2006. In support of this application, the Company states:

(1) The exact name of the Company and the address of its principal business office is:

Gulf Power Company 500 Bayfront Parkway One Energy Place Pensacola, Florida 32520-0780

- (2) The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Maine on November 2, 1925. The Company was admitted to do business in the State of Florida on January 15, 1926; in the State of Mississippi on October 25, 1976; and in the State of Georgia on November 20, 1984.
- (3) The names and addresses of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this application are:

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(4) Capital Stock and Funded Debt of the Company at June 30, 2005, was:

CAPITAL STOCK

(a)	Sto	referred ock \$100 ar Value	Preferred Stock \$10 Par Value	Common Stock Without Par Value	Trust Preferred Securities
(b)	Shares authorized:	801,626	10,000,000	992,717	Not Limited
(C)	Shares outstanding:				
	4.64% Series 5.16% Series 5.44% Series 7.375% Series (1) Var. Rate Series 2002	12,503 13,574 16,284			1,200,000 40,000
(b)	The amount held as reacquired securities:	None	None	None	None
(e)	The amount pledged by applicant:	None	None	None	None
(f)	The amount owned by affiliated corporations:	None	None	992,717	None
(g)	The amount held in any fund:	None	None	None	None

NOTES:

- (1) Company obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust holding company junior subordinated notes--\$25 liquidation amount.
- (2) Company obligated mandatorily redeemable preferred securities of subsidiary trust holding company junior subordinated notes--\$1,000 liquidation amount.

FUNDED DEBT

(a)	Brief description:	Bank Notes	PCB's	FMB's
(α)	biler description.	\$	\$	\$
(b)	Amount authorized:	Not Limited	Not Limited	Not Limited
(c)	Amount outstanding (000):			
	5.25% Series due 2006 6-1/2% Series due 2006 4.80% Series due 2028 Variable Rate Series 2003 due 2023 Variable Rate Series 2003 due 2026 6-7/8% Series due 2026 Variable Rate Series 2002 due 2037 Variable Rate Series 1997 due 2022 5.60% Sr. Insured Notes due 2033 4.35% Sr. Notes due 2013 5.25% Sr. Insured Notes due 2033 5.75% Sr. Insured Notes due 2033 5.875% Sr. Notes due 2044 4.90% Sr. Notes due 2014 Variable Rate Bank Note due 2005	65,000 60,000 60,000 40,000 35,000 75,000	12,075 13,000 32,550 29,075 42,000 40,930	* 25,000 30,000
(d)	Amount held as reacquired securities:		none	none
(e)	Amount pledged (000):			12,075
(5)	* These First Mortgage Bonds are problem of a default of the provision Bond agreements.	vill only be	issued in the	
(f)	Amount owned by affiliated corporations:		none	none
(g)	Amount held in any fund:		none	none

- (5) Statement of Proposed Transactions:
- (a) The Company seeks authority to: receive equity funds from and/or issue common equity securities to the Southern Company ("Gulf's parent company"); issue and sell long-term debt and equity securities; and issue and sell short-term debt securities during the period covered by this application.

The issuance and sale of equity securities and long-term debt may be through either negotiated underwritten public offering, public offering at competitive bidding, agents or dealers, or private sale.

- (1) The common equity funds from Southern may take the form of common equity contributions or the issuance of shares of common stock to Southern.
- (2) The equity securities may take the form of preferred stock, preference stock, or depositary preference shares (with such par values, terms and conditions, and relative rights and preferences as may be permitted by the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation); trust preferred securities; or options, warrants or rights with respect to the foregoing.
- (3) The long-term debt securities may take the form of first mortgage bonds, debentures, notes, guarantees, or other long-term obligations, pollution control bonds, installment contracts or other obligations securing pollution control bonds, or options, rights, interest rate swaps or other derivative instruments with respect to the

foregoing with maturities ranging from one to fifty years and issued in both domestic and international markets.

The Company has established lines of credit with a group of banks under which borrowings may be made by the issuance of unsecured promissory notes. The interest rate on the proposed borrowings will be the interest rate available to the preferred corporate customers of the bank in effect at the time of issuance and may be subject to change, either up or down, at the time the preferred customer rate changes. None of the promissory notes are to be resold by the banks to the public. The Company will reserve the right under the lines of credit to prepay all or any portion of the loans without penalty and to reborrow the amount of any notes so prepaid.

The Company also proposes to issue short-term notes to be sold in the commercial paper market. The notes may have varying maturities not to exceed one year, which maturities may be subject to extension by the Company to a final maturity not to exceed 390 days. The notes will be sold at a discount, plus a commission to the commercial paper dealer, with the aggregate interest cost to the Company expected not to exceed the prime rate in effect at the time of the sale. The Company further proposes that such commercial paper notes may be issued for its benefit by a special purpose affiliate, which would then lend the proceeds to the Company on identical terms. Such loan would be evidenced by the Company's "grid" note issued to the affiliate.

(b) The maximum amount of common equity contributions received from and common equity issued to Southern, the maximum amount of equity securities issued and the maximum principal amount of long-term debt securities issued will total not more than \$400 million. The maximum principal amount of short-term debt at any one time will total not more than \$250 million.

The Statement of Sources of Funds for Gross Property
Additions Forecast for the Year Ending December 31, 2006, is
included as Exhibit B (1).

The actual capital structure at June 30, 2005, is as follows:

Component	Amount	<u>Ratio</u>
Common Equity	\$596,835,000	43.00%
Preferred Equity	4,098,000	.29%
Trust Preferred Securities	72,166,000	5.20%
Long-Term Debt-Net	651,243,000	46.92%
Short Term Debt	63,710,000	4.59%
TOTAL	\$1,388,052,000	100.00%

Pretax Coverage Ratio (Excluding AFUDC): 3.8284

- (c) The present estimate of the dividend rate for the aforementioned equity securities and the interest rate for the aforementioned debt securities, based upon current rates for comparable securities, is as follows:
 - (1) The interest rate for comparable A+ rated first mortgage bonds was 5.80% as of September 30, 2005.

- (2) The dividend rate for comparable BBB+ rated preferred stock was 6.00% as of September 30, 2005.
- (3) The prime interest rate, or its equivalent, for The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., was 6.75% as of September 30, 2005.
- (4) The interest rate in effect for 90-day direct issue commercial paper as published in the <u>Federal</u>

 <u>Reserve Statistical Release</u> (Form H.15) was 3.85% as of September 30, 2005.
- (d) The actual dividend rate and actual interest rates will be determined by market conditions at the time of the sale of the securities.

(6) , Purpose of Issues:

The net proceeds to be received from these additional funds will be added to the Company's general funds and will be used for working capital requirements and for other general business purposes, including the financing of the Company's construction program.

(a) The Company is engaged in a continuous construction program to accommodate existing and estimated future loads of the system. Total construction additions during 2006 are estimated to cost \$156,667,000 and are expected to be apportioned as shown in Exhibit B (2).

At present, none of the planned expenditures require certification of need by this Commission under either the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act or the Transmission Line Siting Act. The construction program referred to herein has been necessitated by the continued growth in the demand for service on the Company's system and the replacement and improvements required to our existing system. It is manifestly in the public interest for the Company to raise the funds which are required to perform such service.

- (b) Included among the purposes of the issues could be the reimbursement of the treasury for expenditures against which securities have not been issued.
- (c) The net proceeds received may also be used to repay previously issued short-term unsecured promissory notes and to refund previously issued long-term debt, preferred stock, and trust preferred securities. Subject to market conditions, the Company may refund such long-term obligations with new issuances of long-term debt, preferred stock, preference stock, depositary preference shares, and/or trust preferred securities.
- (7) The Company submits that the proposed additional funds are for lawful objects within the corporate purposes of the Company and compatible with the public interest and are reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes. The facts relied upon by the Company in support of such allegations are set forth in paragraph (6) hereof.

(8) The name and address of counsel who will pass upon the legality of the proposed issues are:

Beggs & Lane 501 Commendencia Street P. O. Box 12950 Pensacola, FL 32591-2950

Troutman Sanders 600 Peachtree Street Suite 5200 Atlanta, GA 30308-2216

- (9) The Company is required to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, D.C., 20549, a statement on Form U-1 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 with respect to the issuance of equity securities, long-term debt securities and the issuance of short-term debt securities except to the extent exempt under Section 6(b) of the Act.
- (10) The Southern Company, a Delaware Corporation, owns 992,717 shares of the Company's common stock, without par value, representing 100% of the voting stock outstanding. The Southern Company is also the parent company of five other operating companies and certain other companies including: Southern Communications Services; Southern Company Services; Southern Nuclear Operating Company; and Southern Company Energy Solutions.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests an order authorizing it to issue and sell securities and to receive common equity contributions from Southern during the twelve months ending December 31, 2006.

DATED: October 7, 2005

GULF POWER COMPANY

BY:

Ronnie R. Labrato

Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

ATTEST:

Susan D. Ritenour

Secretary and Treasurer

STATE OF FLORIDA

ss.:

COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

Ronnie R. Labrato, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Gulf Power Company, that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Ronnie R. Labrato

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 7th day of October, 2005, by Ronnie R. Labrato of Gulf Power Company, a Maine corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me and did take an oath.

LINDA C. WEBB Notary Public-State of FL Comm. Exp: May 31, 2006 Comm. No: DD 110088

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REQUIRED EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A (1) Balance Sheet of the Company at December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005.
- Exhibit A (2) Summary of Utility Plant and Accumulated

 Provision for Depreciation as of December 31,

 2004 and June 30, 2005.
- Exhibit A (3) Income Statement of the Company for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005.
- Exhibit A (4) Statement of Retained Earnings of the Company for the twelve months ended December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005.
- Exhibit A (5) Contingent Liabilities. None.
- Exhibit B (1) Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds.
- Exhibit B (2) Construction Budget for Gross Property Additions.

GULF POWER COMPANY Balance Sheet At December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005 (Thousands of Dollars)

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Dec. 31, 2004	June 30, 2005
Utility Plant		
Utility Plant in Service	2,357,650	2,465,051
Construction Work in Progress	73,242	15,894
Utility Plant Held for Future Use	3,162	3,162
Utility Plant Acquisition Adjustment	4,329	4,201
Total Gross Utility Plant	2,438,383	2,488,308
Accumulated Prov. for Depreciation	(999,434)	(1,025,787)
Net Utility Plant	1,438,949	1,462,521
Other Property and Investments		
Nonutility Property	2,167	2,290
Accumulated Prov. for Depreciation	(213)	(279)
Net Nonutility Property	1,954	2,011
Other Investments	1,508	1,596
Other Special Funds	0	0
Investment in Capital Trust	2,166	2,166
Total Other Property and Investments	5,628	5,773
Current and Accrued Assets		
Cash	64,326	1.792
Special Deposits	133	105
Working Funds	307	317
Temporary Cash Investments	0	0
Customer Accounts Receivable	44,449	52,397
Other Accounts Receivable	35,731	45,991
Accumulated Prov. for Uncollectible Accounts	(2,144)	(885)
Receivables from Associated Companies	21,913	9,547
Materials and Supplies	69,761	86,482
Prepayments	59,846	59,459
Interest and Dividends Receivable	177	6
Accrued Utility Revenues	35,889	45,203
Vacation Accruel/Other Misc. Current and Accrued	7,426	12,597
Total Current and Accrued Assets	337,814	313,011
Deferred Debits		
Unamortized Debt Expense	6,615	6,528
Regulatory Tax Assets	17,566	17,198
Regulatory Assets	78,585	113,247
Preliminary Survey & Investigation Charges	1,547	2,001
Miscellaneous Deferred Debits	20,721	20,154
Deferred Taxes	54,320	58,652
Total Deferred Debits	179,354	217,780
Total Assets and Other Debits	1,961,745	1,999,085

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GULF POWER COMPANY Balance Sheet At December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005 (Thousands of Dollars)

LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	Dec. 31, 2004	June 30, 2005
Proprietary Capital		
Common Capital Stock	38,060	38,060
Preferred Capital Stock (\$100 par value)	4,236	4,236
Preferred Capital Stock (\$10 par value)	0	0
Premium on Capital Stock	12	12
Miscellaneous Paid-in Capital	397,396	400,055
Other Comprehensive Inc-Reclass to Income	(1,705)	(1,605)
Retained Earnings	159,431	161,422
Total Proprietary Capital	597,430	602,180
Long-Term Debt		
Bonds	55,000	55,000
Other Long-Term Debt	604,630	604,630
Affiliate Debt for Trust Preferred	72,166	72,166
Unamortized Premium	0	0
Unamortized Discount	(8,641)	(8,387)
Total Long-Term Debt	723,155	723,409
Other Noncurrent Liabilities		
Accumulated Prov. for Property Insurance	(49,552)	2,448
Accumulated Prov. for Injuries & Damages	1,700	1,691
Accumulated Prov. for Pensions & Benefits	38,387	39,302
Accumulated Prov. For Asset Retirement Obligation, Other	5,788	5,973
Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities	(3,677)	49,414
Current and Accrued Liabilities		
Notes Payable	50,000	63,710
Accounts Payable	92,554	32,182
Payables to Associated Companies	40,474	36,048
Customer Deposits	18,470	18,450
Taxes Accrued	(25,562)	(13,205)
Interest Accrued	7,665	7,231
Dividends Declared	54	54
Tax Collections Payable	1,888	2,201
Misc. Current and Accrued Liabilities	7,250	7,004
Total Current And Accrued Liabilities	192,793	153,675
Deferred Credits		
Regulatory Tax Liabilities	23,354	21,991
Regulatory Liabilities	9,213	23,946
Unamortized Investment Tax Credit	18,489	17,529
Other Deferred Credits	114,103	117,437
Total Deferred Credits	165,159	180,903
Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes	286,885	289,504
Total Liabilities and Other Credits	1,961,745	1,999,085

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GULF POWER COMPANY Income Statement For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005 (Thousands of Dollars)

	Dec. 31, 2004	June 30, 2005
Utility Operating Income Operating Revenues	960,128	979,936
Operating Revenue Deductions: Operation and Maintenance Expenses Depreciation Amortization & Accretion Taxes - Income	662,761 81,388 1,410 40,896	681,134 83,313 295 39,911
Taxes - Income Taxes - Other Total Operating Revenue Deductions Total Utility Operating Income	69,856 856,311 103,817	70,993 875,646 104,290
Other Income and Deductions Allowances for Funds Used During Construction - Equity Other - Net	1,855 (1,194)	2,013 (472)
Total Other Income	661	1,541
Income Before Interest Charges	104,478	105,831
3. Interest Charges Distributions on Preferred Securities Int on Affiliated LTD Trust Preferred Securities Interest on Long-Term Debt Amortization of Debt Discount, Premium and Expenses - Net Other Interest Charges Allowages for Funds Lload During Construction	1,113 3,443 27,693 3,051 1,557	0 4,590 28,508 2,975 2,107
Allowance for Funds Used During Construction - Borrowed Funds Total Interest Charges	(819) 36,038	(888) 37,292
Extraordinary Income Extraordinary Income - Net	0	0
Balance Transferred to Retained Earnings	68,440	68,539

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GULF POWER COMPANY Statement of Retained Earnings for For the Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2004 and June 30, 2005 (Thousands of Dollars)

	Dec. 31, 2004	June 30, 2005
Retained Earnings - At Beginning of Period	161,208	162,300
Balance Transferred from Income	68,440	68,539
Total Credits	229,648	230,839
Deduct:		
Dividends Declared - Preferred Stock	217	217
Dividends Declared - Common Stock	70,000	69,200
Preferred Stock Transactions, Net	0	0
Total Debits	70,217	69,417
Retained Earnings - At End of Period	159,431_	161,422

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GULF POWER COMPANY Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds Forecast for the Year Ended December 31, 2006 (Thousands of Dollars)

	Amount
Net Income Before Dividends	80,418
Add (Deduct) Non-Cash Items:	
Depreciation & Amortization (Including Fuel Buyouts)	96,758
Deferred Income Tax - Net	(1,640)
Deferred Investment Tax Credits	(1,865)
Allowance for Equity Funds Used During Construction Subtotal	(302) 173,369
Less:	
Dividends on Common Stock	70,400
Dividends on Preferred Stock	3,682
Subtotal	99,288
Decrease (Increase) in Net Current Assets*	(2)
Cash and Temporary Cash Investments	(0)
Receivables - Net	(17,298)
Fuel Inventory	(358) 611
Other Materials and Supplies Accrued Unbilled Revenue	(2,693)
Accounts Payable	8,062
Taxes Accrued	4,355
Interest Accrued	(347)
Other - Net	60,532
Subtotal	52,863
Other - Net (Including Allowance for Equity Funds	(7,635)
Used During Construction)	444.540
Total Funds From Internal Sources	144,516
External Sources:	•
First Mortgage Bonds	(35,000)
First Mortgage Bonds - Retirements Preferred Stock and Trust Preferred Securities	(25,000) 0
Preferred Stock and Trust Preferred Securities Preferred Stock and Trust Preferred Securities - Retirements	0
Capital Contributions by the Parent Company	22,948
Pollution Control Obligations	0
Pollution Control Obligations - Retirements	(12,075)
Other Long-Term Debt	170,293
Other Long-Term Debt - Retirements	(14,614)
Interim Indebtedness	(129,401)
Total Funds From External Sources	12,151
GROSS PROPERTY ADDITIONS	156,667

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Excluding Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt Due Within One Year

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Cash and Temporary Cash Investments	(0)
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(1) Excluding Notes Payable and Long-Term Debt Due Within One Year

(2) Includes both Senior Notes and Securitized Debt related to storm-recovery

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GULF POWER COMPANY

Construction Budget for Gross Property Additions Forecast for the Year Ended December 31, 2006 (Thousands of Dollars)

	Amount
Generating Facilities	0
Miscellaneous Generating Facilities	
Smith CC - LTSA	16,590
Daniel 2 Superheater Replacement	2,375
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause-Crist Unit 6 & 7 Scrubber	44,169
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause-Air Upgrade Smith Unit 1 Precipitator	4,257
Environmental Cost Recovery Clause - Waste-Daniel Ash Storage	2,131
Other Miscellaneous Generating Projects	19,525
Total	89,047
New Business Facilities	26,202
Transmission Plant Additions	
Wright 230/115kv Autobank #3	2,250
Transmission Line Infrastructure Projects	1,569
Shoal River 230/115kv Switchyard Relay Improvement Program	1,271
Other Transmission Plant Additions	5,489
Total	10,579
Distribution Plant Additions	16,489
Joint Line and Substation Additions	8,649
General Plant Additions	5,701
Total Gross Property Additions Projected for 2006	156,667

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