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April 27, 2006

Lisa Polak Edgar Chairwoman Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

Joint Request of Office of the Public Counsel and AARP for a Customer Service Hearing in Panama City in Docket No. 060154-EI

Dear Madam Chairman Edgar:

Upon the requested intervention of AARP in this docket and with its internal efforts to notify its members served by Gulf Power Company of the docket and associated customer service hearings, it came to our attention that customer service hearings were scheduled in Pensacola, but not in Panama City, the second largest concentration of Gulf Power Company's customers and a traditional location for Public Service Commission customer service hearings.

As stated above, Panama City is the second largest city served by Gulf Power Company, with roughly 88,000 customers served, as compared to Pensacola, which is home to about 162,000 customers. The third largest concentration is at Fort Walton Beach which has some 73,000 customers and is located roughly equidistant from Pensacola and Panama City.

In addition to being the second largest concentration of Gulf Power Company customers, Panama City has historically been a customer swervice hearing location for Gulf Power Company cases. AARP has already corresponded with a number of its members residing in Panama City who are desirous of attending the customer service hearings and who will be forced to drive to Pensacola absent a hearing in Panama City. In addition to aiding these AARP members and other interested customers located in and around Panama City, a hearing in that city would make it more convenient for any



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customer located in the eastern portion of Gulf Power Company's service territory to attend.

Since the Commission will be in the Pensacola the morning of April 18, 2006, we would like to suggest an evening hearing on that same day in Panama City, or a continuation of Thursday's Pensacola hearing in Panama City.

Sincerely,

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