

VOTE SHEET

December 16, 2008

Docket No. 080612-EI – Petition of Gulf Power Company for approval of negotiated renewable energy power purchase agreement with Bay County, Florida.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the contract between Gulf Power Company (Gulf) and Bay County, Florida, for purchase of the entire generation of the Bay County Resource Recovery Facility by Gulf?

Recommendation: Yes. Payments for energy are expected to produce savings of approximately \$1.8 million over the term of the contract. Upon a showing by Gulf that expenses for purchased power under the Negotiated Renewable Energy Contract were reasonable and prudently incurred, Gulf should be permitted to recover those costs through the fuel clause.

Approval of this contract should not in any way guarantee cost recovery of the purchase of renewable attributes or RECs. The contract specifies that Gulf is entitled to all RECs with delivery as “mutually agreed upon by the parties.” The contract is silent as to whether the mutual agreement may include a monetary consideration. Any purchase of RECs, therefore, should be subject to Commission review for prudence as an issue separate from the purchased power.

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COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS' SIGNATURES

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Issue 2: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: If no person whose substantial interests are affected files a protest within 21 days of the issuance of the Commission's order approving the petition and contract, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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