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May 17, 2011

Mr. Mark A. Crosswhite
President and CEO
Gulf Power Company
One Energy Place
Pensacola, Florida 32520-0100

Re: Docket No. 110138-EI, Petition for Increase in Rates by Gulf Power Company

Dear Mr. Crosswhite:

In response to your May 9, 2011, test year notification letter, Docket No. 110138-EI has been opened for Gulf Power Company's (Company) forthcoming general base rate increase proceeding. It has been noted that the Company proposes to utilize a projected twelve-month period ending December 31, 2012, as the test year for the permanent base rate increase proceeding. In addition, the Company intends to seek an interim base rate increase based on the most recent twelve months of actual data available at the time the request for permanent rate relief is filed. However, please be aware that the appropriateness of the selected test years may be an issue in the upcoming proceeding.

It is my understanding that the Company intends to make its filing no earlier than July 8, 2011, in order to be in compliance with Rule 25-6.140, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). If the Company cannot file by July 15, 2011, it must notify the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Rule 25-6.140(3), F.A.C.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Marshall Willis, Director, in the Division of Economic Regulation, at (850) 413-6914.

Sincerely,



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