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Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 110138-EI

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed is an original and seven copies of Gulf Power Company's Request for Confidential Classification pertaining to certain portions of Gulf's response to Staff's Twenty-Sixth Set of Interrogatories. Also included is a DVD of Gulf Power's Request for Confidential Classification and Exhibit C in Microsoft Word format as prepared on a Windows XP operating system.

Sincerely,

Susan D. Ritenous

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for increase in rates by Gulf Power Company Docket No.: 110138-EI Date: December 5, 2011

REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

GULF POWER COMPANY ["Gulf Power", "Gulf", or the "Company"], by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests that the Florida Public Service Commission enter an order protecting from public disclosure certain information produced in response to Commission Staff's Twenty Sixth Interrogatories to Gulf Power (Nos. 310-327) (the "Discovery Requests"). As grounds for this request, the Company states:

1. On November 4, 2011, Commission Staff served Gulf Power with the Discovery Requests. Gulf Power is submitting its responses to the Discovery Requests on equal date with this Request for Confidential Classification.

2. A portion of the information provided in response to Interrogatory No. 320 constitutes proprietary confidential business information as defined pursuant to section 366.093(3)(a) and (e), Florida Statutes. Specifically, the confidential information is found on pages two through six of Gulf's response to Interrogatory No. 320 and consists of excerpts from Gulf Power's and the Southern Company's internal standards and specifications for overhead and underground distribution construction. The documents are considered proprietary by Gulf Power and represent the Company's best practices for operating its system. The Southern Company and its affiliates have expended significant resources in developing these standards for use in the course of business. The standards have not been publicly disclosed, are of value to Gulf Power's and its affiliates' business and would provide an economic advantage to Gulf

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Power's competitors in the event of public disclosure. Public disclosure of this information will provide Gulf's competitors with access to the Company's internal procedures and the specifications of its facilities. Gulf's competitors could use this information to optimize their own systems at Gulf Power's expense. Similar Gulf Power documents were granted confidential classification in Order No. PSC-06-0427-CFO-EI and Order No. PSC-08-0048-CFO-EI.

3. The information filed pursuant to this request is intended to be, and is treated as, confidential by Gulf Power and, to this attorney's knowledge, has not been otherwise publicly disclosed.

4. Submitted as Exhibit "A" are copies of the subject documents for which confidential classification is requested. Exhibit "A" should be treated as confidential pending a ruling on this request. Attached as Exhibit "B" are two (2) edited copies of the subject documents, which may be made available for public review and inspection. Attached as Exhibit "C" to this request is a line-by-line/field-by-field justification for the request for confidential classification.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order protecting the information contained in Exhibit "A" from public disclosure as proprietary confidential business information.

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Respectfully submitted this 5th day of December, 2011.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was furnished by overnight delivery the 5th day of December, 2011, on the following:

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EXHIBIT "A"

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Gulf Power's response to this interrogatory is being provided under separate cover pursuant to a Request for Confidential Classification pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(4).

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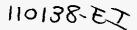


EXHIBIT "C"

Line-by-Line/Field-by-Field Justification

Line(s)/Field(s)

Response to Interrogatory No. 320

Pages 2 through 6 (Confidential in their entirety)

Justification

This information is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to §366.093(3)(a) and (e), Florida Statutes. The basis for this information being designated as confidential is more fully set forth in paragraph 2.

