BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for increase in rates by Gulf

Power Company.

Docket No.

110138-EI

Dated:

April 18, 2012

REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Rule 25-22.0022, Florida Administrative Code, Gulf Power Company ("Gulf Power" or the "Company") hereby requests oral argument on its Motion for Reconsideration which has been filed concurrently with this request. Oral argument will aid in the understanding and evaluation of the issues to be decided as follows:

- 1. Oral argument will allow counsel for Gulf Power to further discuss the factual grounds, applicable law and legal standards which necessitate reconsideration of the Commission's decision to exclude all costs associated with Gulf Power's North Escambia site from inclusion in the Company's rate base as Property Held for Future Use. As more fully explained in Gulf's Motion for Reconsideration, the Commission's decision in this regard represents an unprecedented departure from Commission practice and will have implications far beyond the instant case.
- 2. Given the unprecedented nature of the Commission's decision and the factintensive nature of the analysis which led to the Company's decision to procure the North
 Escambia site, Gulf Power anticipates that the Commission will have questions. Oral argument
 will also allow counsel for Gulf Power to respond to questions from the Commission concerning
 the factual basis and legal grounds supporting the Company's motion.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power requests that oral argument be heard on its Motion for Reconsideration and that Gulf be granted 15 minutes for such oral argument.

OPPLINED BY MED DATE

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of April, 2012.

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