

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for increase in Rates by
Gulf Power Company

DOCKET NO.: 130140-EI
FILED: July 16, 2013

**FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP'S
PETITION TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to sections 120.569, 120.57, Florida Statutes, and rules 25-22.039, 28-106.201 and 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG), through its undersigned counsel, files its Petition to Intervene. In support thereof, FIPUG states the following:

1. Name and address of agency. The affected agency is the Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850.

2. Name and address of Petitioner. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

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3. Petitioner's representatives. Copies of all pleadings, notices and orders in this docket should be provided to:

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4. Notice of docket. Petitioner received notice of this docket by an informal communication from Gulf Power Company (“Gulf”) and a subsequent review of the Commission’s website.

5. Statement of Substantial Interests. FIPUG is an ad hoc association consisting of industrial users of electricity in Florida. The cost of electricity constitutes a significant portion of FIPUG members’ overall costs of production. FIPUG members require adequate, reasonably-priced electricity in order to compete in their respective markets.

6. In this case, the Commission will consider Gulf’s request for a general rate increase in the amount of approximately \$74.4 million per year. The amount of the increase approved, if any, as well as other rate case issues the Commission will consider, will affect FIPUG members’ substantial interests by increasing their costs of electricity, thus affecting their production costs, their competitive posture and their levels of employment. Thus, as customers of Gulf, FIPUG members’ substantial interests will be affected in this docket.

7. FIPUG's interests are of the type that this proceeding is designed to protect. *See, Agrico Chemical Company v. Department of Environmental Regulation*, 406 So.2d 478 (Fla. 2nd DCA 1981). The purpose of the proceeding is to evaluate Gulf’s requests and determine if any of the requests have merit. Thus, the purpose of the proceeding coincides with FIPUG members’ substantial interests, which is to ensure that the rates they pay to Gulf are just and reasonable.

8. Disputed Issues of Material Fact. Disputed issues of material fact include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Is Gulf’s requested rate increase just and reasonable?
- b. Is Gulf’s proposed return on equity reasonable, given current economic conditions?
- c. What is the appropriate return on equity for Gulf?

- d. Should rates be adjusted to address monies placed in Gulf's storm reserve fund?
- e. Should Gulf be allowed to recover additional operating and maintenance expense in excess of the PSC's benchmark for such expenses?
- f. Are Gulf's business transactions with affiliate companies fair, just and reasonable?

FIPUG reserves all rights to raise additional issues in accordance with the Commission's rules and the Order Establishing Procedure that will be issued in this case.

9. Disputed Legal Issues. Disputed legal issues include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. Has Gulf carried its burden to prove that it is entitled to rate relief?
- b. Has Gulf carried its burden of proof as to the return on equity it has requested?

10. Statement of Ultimate Facts Alleged. Ultimate facts include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The rate increase Gulf seeks, including, but not limited to the requested return on equity, is unreasonable and should not be approved.

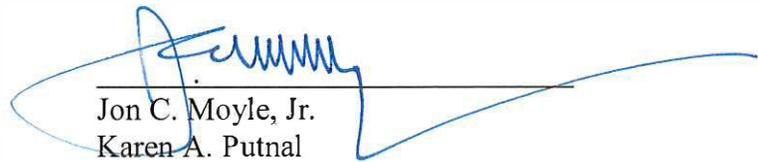
11. Rules and statutes justifying relief. The rules and statutes that entitle FIPUG to intervene and participate in this case include, but are not limited to:

- a. Section 120.569, Florida Statutes;
- b. Section 120.57, Florida Statutes;
- c. Section 366.04(1), Florida Statutes;
- d. Section 366.06, Florida Statutes;
- e. Rule 25-22.039, Florida Administrative Code;
- f. Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code;
- g. Rule 28-106.205, Florida Administrative Code.

12. Relief. FIPUG requests that it be permitted to intervene as a full party in this docket.

13. Position of Gulf regarding FIPUG's petition to intervene. The undersigned is authorized to represent that Gulf does not object to FIPUG being granted full party status as an intervenor in this case.

WHEREFORE, FIPUG requests that the Commission enter an order allowing it to intervene and participate as a full party in this docket.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Florida Industrial Power Users Group's Petition to Intervene has been furnished by electronic mail and U.S. Mail this 16th day of July, 2013, to the following:

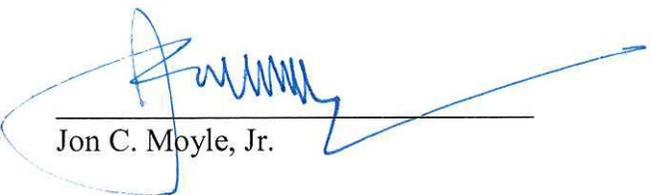
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