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# Public Service Commission

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COMMISSIONER

Mr. Stan W. Connally, Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Gulf Power Company  
One Energy Place  
Pensacola, Florida 32520-0100

**Re: Docket No. 160186-EI, Petition for rate increase by Gulf Power Company**

Dear Mr. Connally:

In response to your Test Year Notification letter, dated August 12, 2016, the Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) has opened Docket No. 160186-EI for Gulf Power Company's (Company) forthcoming general rate increase proceeding. It has been noted that the Company proposes to utilize a projected 12-month test year period ending December 31, 2017, for the permanent rate increase proceeding. Although, please be advised that the appropriateness of the selected test year may be an issue in the proceeding.

It is my understanding that the Company intends to make its filing no earlier than October 11, 2016, in order to be in compliance with Rule 25-6.140(1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). If the Company is unable to file by October 28, 2016, it must notify the Commission in accordance with Rule 25-6.140(3), F.A.C.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Andrew Maurey, the Director of the Division of Accounting & Finance, at (850) 413-6465.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie I. Brown".

Julie I. Brown  
Chairman

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