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Mr. Adam J. Teitzman
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20210000-OT
Gulf Power Company 2021 Storm Protection Plan Annual Status Report
Response to Staff Data Requests Nos. 1-2

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket the Gulf Power Company (“Gulf”) responses to Staff’s Data Requests Nos. 1-2 related to Gulf’s 2021 Storm Protection Plan Annual Status Report.

If you or your staff have any question regarding this filing, please contact me at (561) 691-7144.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures

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QUESTION:

Please refer to pages 3 and 4 of Gulf's SPP Annual Status report.

- a. Please verify that Gulf planned 2,400 transmission inspections in 2020 and completed 2,275 inspections.
- b. Please verify that Gulf is planning 2,400 transmission inspections for 2021.

RESPONSE:

- a. As set forth in Gulf's Commission approved Storm Protection Plan ("SPP"), Gulf inspects all transmission structures and all associated hardware on a six-year cycle. At year-end 2019, Gulf had approximately 12,000 transmission structures on its system, which results in approximately 2,000 transmission structures to inspect each year on a six-year cycle. The actual number of transmission structures inspected each year may vary depending on the cycle, the transmission lines to be inspected, and the total number of poles on Gulf's system at the time. As set forth on page 16 of Gulf's SPP Annual Status Report, Gulf's initial goal for 2020 was to inspect approximately 2,400 transmission structures. However, due to Hurricanes Sally and Zeta impacting the Gulf system in the fall of 2020, Gulf was only able to complete 2,275 transmission inspections.
- b. For 2021, Gulf's initial goal is to inspect approximately 2,400 transmission structures.

QUESTION:

Please refer to pages 8 and 9. Please explain why the residential rate impact decreased when the actual amount spent on the SPP programs was more than Gulf's estimated amount.

RESPONSE:

Gulf notes that while total spend in 2020 was higher than estimated, the revenue requirements used to calculate the rates were lower than estimated. This was due to lower actual O&M expenses compared to the estimated amounts (\$1.6M), which was slightly offset by higher capital spend resulting in an increase of \$0.3M in debt and equity return, depreciation and property taxes. The net impact is a decrease in total revenue requirements by \$1.3M.

Revenue Requirement Comparison:

Estimated Revenue Requirement (\$ in Millions)	Actual Revenue Requirement (\$ in Millions)
\$10.9	\$9.6