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Gulf Power Company Warren E. Tate P. 0 Box 13470 Pensacola, FL 32591-3470

Dear Mr. Tate:

Docket No. 950001-EI -- Gulf Power Company Capacity Cost Audit Request - Period Ending March 31, 1996

The Florida Public Service Commission will review the capacity cost for the period ending March 31, 1996 in accordance with Commission audit procedures. Auditors may select one or more accounts for detailed examination. Access may be requested to documents and records supporting affiliate company transactions that affect regulated operations. Staff auditors may also request to review the firm's external audit working papers for the most recent independent audit. John Grayson, the district office supervisor, (904) 413-6338, will coordinate this audit.

Rule 25-6.014(6), F.A.C., states that, "Upon direction of the Commission, or in the performance of delegated staff duties, any member of the Commission may make at any reasonable time a personal visit to the utility's offices or other -places of business, and may inspect any facility, records, accounts, books, reports, and papers of the utility which may appear necessary in the discharge of Commission duties. During such visits the utility shall provide the staff -member(s) with adequate and comfortable working and filing space, consistent with prevailing conditions and climate and comparable with the accommodations provided the company's outside auditors".

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A formal audit report will be issued for internal official use only by the Commission on or about June 17, 1996. An audit exit conference will be scheduled to inform you of draft findings and prevent audit staff misunderstanding of a company record or procedure. A copy of the final report will be mailed to the company liaison officer listed in the Commission Mailing Directory. Comments should be mailed to the Director of Records and Reporting within ten days after receipt.

Questions regarding the audit or staff conduct should be directed to John Grayson or myself.

Sincerely,

Denise N. Vandiver

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Enclosure: (1) Excerpts from Rule 25-22.006, F.A.C.

and 366.093, F.S.

cc: Mary Bane Andrews, Deputy Executive Director/Tech. (w/o enclosure)

Field Audit Supervisor

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