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February 7, 1996

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Docket No. 960007-EI

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of the Prehearing Statement of Gulf Power Company.

Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch double sided, high density diskette containing the Statement in WordPerfect for Windows 5.1 format as prepared on a MS-DOS based computer.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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IN RE: Environmental Cost Recovery Clause. Docket No. 960007-EI Filed: February 8, 1996

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF GULF POWER COMPANY

Gulf Power Company, ("Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the "Company"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Rule 25-22.038(3), Florida Administrative Code, files this prehearing statement, saying:

A. APPEARANCES:

JEFFREY A. STONE, Esquire, and RUSSELL A. BADDERS, Esquire, of Beggs & Lane, 700 Blount Building, 3 West Garden Street, P.O. Box 12950, Pensacola, FL 32576-2950 On behalf of Gulf Power Company.

<u>B. WITNESSES:</u> All witnesses known at this time, who may be called by Gulf Power Company, along with the subject matter and issue numbers which will be covered by the witness' testimony, are as follows:

(Di	Witness rect)	Subject Matter		<u>Issues</u>		
1.	J. O. Vick (Gulf)	Environmental Compliance Activities, true-up and projections	1, 10	2,	4	
2.	S. D. Cranmer (Gulf)	Environmental Compliance Cost Recovery calculations, true-up and projections	4,	2, 5, 8,	6	

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C. EXHIBITS:

Exhibit Number	Witness	Description
(SDC-1)	Cranmer	Schedules 1A-8A
(SDC-2)	Cranmer	Schedules 42-1P through 42-7P, 42-1E through 42-8E

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Gulf Power Company's Statement of Basic Position:

It is the basic position of Gulf Power Company that the proposed environmental cost recovery factors present the best estimate of Gulf's cost for its environmental compliance activities for the period April 1996 through September 1996, including the true-up calculations and other adjustments allowed by the Commission.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Generic Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period April, 1995 through September, 1995?

GULF: Over recovery \$700,728. (Vick, Cranmer)

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period October, 1995 through March, 1996?

GULF: Under recovery \$669,968. (Vick, Cranmer)

ISSUE 3: What are the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be collected/refunded during the period April, 1996 through September, 1996?

<u>GULF:</u> Refund of \$30,760 (excluding revenue taxes). (Cranmer)

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate projected environmental cost amounts to be included in the recovery factors for the period April, 1996 through September, 1996?

<u>GULF:</u> \$5,928,949. (Vick, Cranmer)

- ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new environmental cost recovery factors for billing purposes?
- <u>GULF:</u> The factors should be effective beginning with the specified billing cycle and thereafter for the period April, 1996, through September, 1996. Billing cycles may start before April 1, 1996, and the last cycle may be read after September 30, 1996, so that each customer is billed for six months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective. (Cranmer)
- **ISSUE 6:** What depreciation rates should be used to develop the depreciation expense included in the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be collected during the period April, 1996 through September, 1996?

GULF: Agree with Staff.

ISSUE 7: How should the newly proposed environmental costs be allocated to the rate classes?

GULF: Inapplicable to Gulf Power Company.

ISSUE 8: What are the appropriate Environmental Cost Recovery Factors for each rate group?

GULF:

See table below: (Cranmer)

RATE CLASS	ENVIRONMENTAL COST RECOVERY FACTORS ¢/KWH
RS, RST	0.136
GS, GST	0.135
GSD, GSDT, SBS	0.120
LP, LPT, SBS	0.111
PX, PXT, RTP, SBS	0.101
OSI, OSII	0.074
OSIII	0.103
OSIV	0.074

ISSUE 9: Should the Environmental Cost Recovery Clause true-up amounts be divided into energy and demand components based on actual project expenditures?

GULF: Agree with staff.

Company-Specific Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

ISSUE 10: Should the Commission approve recovery of Gulf Power Company's costs of Clean Air Act Compliance Studies through the Environmental cost Recovery Clause?

The only such costs which have been included GULF: Yes. within Gulf's calculation of its recoverable ECRC amounts and associated recovery factors are related to studies that were performed as a result of the Company's need to comply with the Clean Air Act Amendments in a cost effective prudent manner. The activities referred to in this issue represented a component of two projects. Both projects were implemented subsequent to the Company's last rate case in an effort to comply with subsequent changes to the Clean Air Act. The Commission has previously authorized Gulf to recover costs of both projects through the ECRC. The costs in question are incremental Clean Air Act compliance costs associated with these recoverable projects.

F. STIPULATED ISSUES

GULF: Yet to be determined. Gulf is willing to stipulate that the testimony of all witnesses whom no one wishes to cross examine be inserted into the record as though read, cross examination be waived, and the witness's attendance at the hearing be excused.

G. PENDING MOTIONS:

GULF: None.

H. OTHER MATTERS:

GULF:

To the best knowledge of counsel, Gulf has complied, or is able to comply, with all requirements set forth in the orders on procedure and/or the Commission rules governing this prehearing statement. If other issues are raised for determination at the hearings set for February 20-21, 1996, Gulf respectfully requests an opportunity to submit additional statements of position and, if necessary, file additional testimony.

Dated this _____ day of February, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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