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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Application for increase) DOCKET NO. 960329-WS
in rates and service)
availability charges in Lee)
County by Gulf Utility Company.) FILED: JANUARY 6, 1997

STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY

The Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission (Staff), pursuant to Rules 25-22.037 and 25-22.048, Florida Administrative Code by and through its undersigned attorney, hereby requests that the Prehearing Officer grant an extension of time to file the testimony of Willam Scott Burns, and in support thereof, states the following:

1. The Order Establishing Procedure, Order No. PSC-96-1178-PCO-WS, issued September 20, 1996, in this docket, established January 6, 1997, as the deadline for filing testimony sponsored by the Commission Staff. On this date, Staff has filed the testimony of several witnesses in this matter.

2. Staff also intends to file the testimony of William Scott Burns of the South Florida Water Management District regarding consumptive use permits and matters relating to reuse. However, due to illness, the individual at the South Florida Water Management District, responsible for compiling the testimony, Marc Elsner, has been unable to compile and complete the testimony and transmit it for filing by today's deadline.

3. Staff requests that the Prehearing Officer grant an extension of time to file testimony on behalf of the Water Management District. While Staff will file the testimony as soon as possible, because Mr. Elsner is unavailable prior to the filing of this motion, Staff requests that the extension be granted until Friday, January 10, 1997.

4. Undersigned counsel has spoken to counsel for Gulf Utility and the Office of Public Counsel, who have stated that they have no objection to a slight delay in the filing of the testimony.

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WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission requests that the Prehearing Officer issue an order permitting an extension of time to file testimony on behalf of South Florida Water Management District Personnel.

Respectfully submitted, this
6th day of January, 1997.



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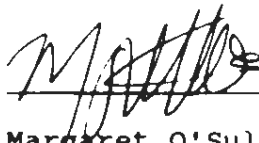
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Staff's Motion for Extension of Time to File Testimony was furnished by U. S. Mail to the following this 6th day of January, 1997:

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