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

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

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Pursuant to Rule 25-6.0436(2)(a), Gulf Power Company respectfully requests approval to initiate amortization of a Cogeneration Facility projected to be placed in service in April 1998. This Cogeneration Facility is located in the Pace, Florida area and consists of three 5 MW natural gas fired Solar Taurus Model 60 combustion turbines. Gulf Power is purchasing these combustion turbines and the related equipment as a turnkey project when the facility achieves commercial in-service status.

Total projected cost to be incurred by Gulf Power for the facility will be approximately \$10 million that will be recorded within FERC accounts 340-346, Other Production. Gulf Power plans to amortize this investment over the 20-year life of the Cogeneration Facility.

We appreciate your taking this request under consideration and look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to call me at (850) 444-6231 if you have any questions or meed additional information.

AFA Sincerely, APP CAF usan D. Cranmer CMU Susan D. Cranmer CTR -Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer EAG LEG w LIN Beggs and Lane CC:-Jeffrey A. Stone, Esquire 104 Florida Public Service Commission Patricia S. Lee

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