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Re: 980002-EG

Dear Cochran:

This letter follows a telephone conversation I had with Leslie Paugh on Wednesday morning, September 30, 1998 during which we discussed Gulf Power's need for an extension of time to make the projection filings otherwise due October 5, 1998 in Dockets 980001-EI and 980007-EI. The purpose of my telephone call was to convey Gulf Power's request that the deadline for Gulf's filings be extended until October 12, 1998. The purpose of this letter is to make a similar request with regard to Gulf Power's filings due in Docket 980002-EG.

As a result of Hurricane Georges striking our area, a number of the people ordinarily involved in completing the filings have been pulled away from normal work for storm-related duty assignments. In addition, there was water damage in Gulf's corporate headquarters caused by high winds and rain. Clean-up efforts have further hindered the performance of normal work assignments. Although it is based on our best estimate at this time, the requested one week extension should be sufficient to allow Gulf Power complete the filings in a reasonable manner following the disruption brought about by the storm.

If anything further is needed in connection with this extension request, please let me know. Your assistance and support is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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