

October 21, 1998

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:

Sincerely,

RE: Docket No. 980007-EI

Enclosed are an original and ten copies of the Preliminary Statement of Gulf Power Company regarding Issues and Positions.

Also enclosed is a 3.5 inch double sided, high density diskette containing the Petition in WordPerfect for Windows 6.1 format as prepared on a Windows NT based computer.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Environmental Cost)	Docket	No. 980007-EI
Recovery Clause.	Filed:	October 22, 1998

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF GULF POWER COMPANY REGARDING ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Gulf Power Company, ("Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the Company"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this preliminary statement of issues and positions, saying:

Generic Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the estimated environmental cost recovery true-up amounts for the period October, 1997 through September, 1998 and October 1998 through

December 1998?

GULF: October, 1997 through September, 1998 -- over recovery of \$1,366,965 is currently estimated for the period. However, an estimated over-recovery of \$105,224 is already being refunded in the period October 1998 through December 1998 as approved in Order No. PSC-98-1224-FOF-EI. The

difference between these two amounts, \$1,261,741, should be refunded in the

period January 1999 through December 1999.

October 1998 through December 1998 -- over recovery of \$2,411,941.

(Vick, Cranmer)

ISSUE 2: What are the total environmental cost recovery true-up amounts to be

collected/refunded during the January 1999 through December 1999 recovery

period?

GULF: Refund of \$3,943,355. (excluding revenue taxes). This includes \$269,673,

which is 9/12 of the final true-up for the period October 1996 through

September 1997 as approved in Order No. PSC-98-1224-FOF-EI. (Cranmer)

ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate projected environmental cost amounts to be included in

the recovery factors for the January 1999 through December 1999 recovery

period?

GULF: \$8,472,306. (Vick, Cranmer)

ISSUE 4: 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	0.097
GS, GST	0.096
GSD, GSDT	0.086
LP, LPT	0.078
PX, PXT, RTP	0.072
OSI, OSII	0.057
OSIII	0.076
OSIV	0.129
SBS	0.072

ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new environmental cost recovery factors

for billing purposes?

GULF: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified billing cycle and

thereafter for the period January, 1999, through December, 1999. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 1999, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 1999, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective. (Cranmer)

Company-Specific Environmental Cost Recovery Issues

None

Respectfully submitted this 21 st day of October, 1998.

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