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November 3, 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:

RE: Docket No. 980002-EG

Enclosed are an original and ten 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 6.1 format as prepared on a Windows NT based computer.

Sincerely,

Justin D. Cranmer

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Conservation Cost Recovery	)	
Clause	)	Docket No. 980002-EG
	)	Date Filed: Nov. 4, 1998
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### PREHEARING STATEMENT OF GULF POWER COMPANY

Gulf Power Company, ("Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the Company"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-1239-PCO-EG and Rule 25-22.038(3), Florida Administrative Code, files this prehearing statement, saying:

### A. APPEARANCES:

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B. WITNESSES: 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:

Witness (Direct)	Subject Matter	Issues
1. Margaret D. Neyman	Components of Gulf's Conservation Plan and associated costs; projections and program results	1, 2, 3

### C. EXHIBITS:

Exhibit Number	Witness	Description
(MDN-1)	Neyman	Schedules CT-1 through CT-6
(MDN-2)	Neyman	Schedules C-1 through C-5

# 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 ECCR factor presents the best estimate of Gulf's Conservation expense for the period January 1999 through December 1999, including the true-up calculations and other adjustments allowed by the Commission.

# E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

# Generic Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate adjusted net true-up amounts for the period October 1,

1997, through March 31, 1998?

GULF: Over recovery \$167,208. (Neyman)

ISSUE 2: What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors by customer class for

the period January 1999 through December 1999?

GULF: See table below: (Neyman)

RATE CLASS	CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTORS £/KWH	
RS, RST	0.021	
GS, GST	0.020	
GSD, GSDT	0.020	
LP, LPT	0.019	
PX, PXT, RTP	0.018	
OSI, OSII	0.018	
OSIII	0.019	
OSIV	0.023	
SBS	0.018	

### Company-Specific Conservation Cost Recovery Issues

#### NONE RAISED AS TO GULF POWER COMPANY

#### 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 November 23-25, 1998, Gulf respectfully requests an opportunity to submit additional statements of position and, if necessary, file additional testimony.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was furnished by hand delivery or the U. S. Mail this <u>3kd</u> day of November 1998 to the following:

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