

GULF COAST ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

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Public Service Commission Donna M. Clemons, Staff Attorney 2440 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Dear Ms. Clemons:

It was the understanding of Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative at the meeting on May 12, 2000, that the two-pronged test would take into account: (1) the proximity/ distance to the new customer and, (2) the cost to extend service, with any differential expressed both as the actual difference in costs (total dollar difference) between the two utilities and the percent that the difference bears to the total project costs of the higher cost utility (percentage difference). This is what we understood Jim Breman to refer to as we closed the meeting. He also suggested some weighting of the total dollar difference and the percentage difference. We do not recall any mention of a comparison to projected revenues from the new service. Our comments will primarily address the test we understood to be under discussion.

Very truly yours,

Roy Barnes

C.E.O./General Manager

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