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Re:

Docket No. 070299-EI: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to Rule 25-6.0342, FAC, submitted by Gulf Company

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of a Proposed Stipulation and Agreement executed by Gulf Power Company and Florida Cable Telecommunications Association, which we ask that you file in the above captioned docket.

Copies have been served to the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service

Sincerely,	
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IN RE: Review of 2007 Electric Infrastructure)	
Storm Hardening Plan filed pursuant to)	
Rule 25-6.0342, Florida Administrative)	Docket No.: 070299-EI
Code, submitted by Gulf Power Company)	

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY, CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was furnished by regular U. S. mail, all this 28 day of September, 2007, on the following:

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STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement ("Agreement") is between Gulf Power Company ("Gulf") and the Florida Cable Telecommunications Association ("FCTA"), on behalf of its member-operators with pole attachments to Gulf's poles. The purpose of this Agreement is to resolve the issues of contention between Gulf and FCTA in Docket No. 070299-EI.

- 1. <u>Overlashing Notification</u>. FCTA has objected to the Overlashing Notification process proposed in Gulf's Storm Hardening Plan, as amended August 14, 2007 ("Plan"). The parties agree as follows:
- a. the Overlashing Notification process, as set forth in Gulf's Plan, will be effective for a time period not to exceed one year from the execution of this Agreement;
- b. the Overlashing Notification process will not apply where a party does not increase the weight or diameter of the existing attached bundle (in such cases, operators shall provide at least 5 days prior notice for purposes of coordinating work crews, and post-notice after completion of work);
- c. the Overlashing Notification shall initially be 30 days but shall, after 90 days from the execution of this agreement or as soon as practicable thereafter, be shortened to a time period as short as Gulf's contractor will allow in order to perform the pole strength and loading analysis;
- d. after 6 months, the parties will engage in a transition period (not to exceed 6 months) during which the parties will develop a process by which FCTA member operators can hire, manage and work directly with Gulf's pole strength and loading contractor on Overlashing Notifications;
- e. no later than one year after the execution of this Agreement, the parties shall have in place the process referenced in part 1.d. above; the advance notice of overlashing required after the end of the transition period will be as short a time period as Gulf's contractor will allow in order to perform the pole strength and loading analysis; under no circumstances will this Agreement allow FCTA member operators to overlash where such overlashing would overload any pole or pole line;
- f. the parties will incorporate the process and timetables set forth in this part 1. in any future pole attachment agreements to be executed between Gulf and FCTA member operators; and
- g. Part 1 of this Agreement shall remain effective until the earlier of the following: (1) execution of new pole attachment agreements between Gulf and FCTA member operators, or (2) Florida Public Service Commission approval of Gulf's storm hardening plan submitted pursuant to F.A.C. 25-6.0342 covering the second three year plan period, 2010 to 2013.
- 2. <u>Pole Strength and Loading Analysis</u>. FCTA has inquired about the extent to which certain pole strength and loading software applications (namely Pole Foreman) account

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for the potential lateral guying effect of existing lateral lines on the pole. The parties agree as follows:

- a. Gulf will evaluate and attempt in good faith to incorporate any methodology proposed by FCTA to account for the lateral guying effect of existing lateral lines on the pole, so long as such methodology is consistent with generally accepted engineering practices and the NESC;
- b. in evaluating the loading impact of any third party attachment or overlash, Gulf and/or its contractor shall employ a reasonably practicable approach and shall consult with any third party attacher deemed responsible for overloading; and
- c. any charges imposed by Gulf or its contractor in performing the pole strength and loading analysis shall not exceed the reasonable and actual cost of such analysis without a mark-up.
- 3. <u>500 Pole Per Year Inspection Program</u>. FCTA has objected to certain aspects of Gulf's planned inspection of 500 joint use pole per year set forth in Gulf's Plan. The parties agree as follows:
- a. Gulf's annual 500 pole inspection program primarily is an assessment of the condition of the pole (i.e., whether it is rotten) and the loading impact of existing attachments;
- b. The cost of Gulf's annual 500 pole inspection program will be recovered from third party attachers, if at all, through annual rental rate and not as a direct reimbursement;
- c. Upon discovering a pole that is non-compliant, Gulf shall avoid changing out the pole unless necessary and would seek first to use guying and/or rearrangement of existing facilities; and
- d. Permitted third party attachments and existing overlashings will not be deemed to have caused loading violations.
- 4. <u>FCTA Withdrawal of Objections to Gulf's Plan</u>. FCTA, on behalf of its member operators, agrees to withdraw its objections to Gulf's Plan and to withdraw its testimony in opposition to Gulf's Plan. FCTA further agrees to waive cross examination of Gulf's witnesses, and stipulate to the admission of their testimony.
- 5. <u>Issue 38</u>. Gulf agrees, and hereby clarifies its position on Issue 38, that Gulf is not seeking the approval of the Florida Public Service Commission of its attachment standards and procedures for third party attachments beyond a finding that Gulf has attachment standards and procedures for third party attachments that meet or exceed the NESC.
- 6. <u>Pole Attachment Agreements</u>. The parties further agree to proceed in good faith with the negotiation of new pole attachment agreements between Gulf and FCTA member operators.

- 7. No Waiver. FCTA does not waive any rights it may have to challenge those of Gulf's construction or attachment standards that exceed the requirements of the NESC as unreasonable.
- 8. <u>Authority to Bind FCTA Member-Operators</u>. The FCTA represents that it has authority to bind the FCTA member operators with attachments to Gulf's poles (Cox Communications Gulf Coast, LLC, Comcast of Panama City, Inc., Comcast Cable Communications, LLC, Brighthouse Networks, LLC, and Mediacom Southeast, LLC).

Signed:	Kunsol A Godden
	Russell Badders, on behalf of
	Gulf Power Company

Date: 17,2007

Beth Keating, on behalf of the FCTA and its member operators

Date: September 28,2007