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October 18, 2007

Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee FL 32399-0850

Dear Ms. Cole:

Sincerely,

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RE: Docket No. 070007-El

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Gulf Power Company's Request for Confidential Classification regarding certain information produced by the Company in response to Commission Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Items 1-17), for filing in the above-referenced docket.

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Environmental Cost

Recovery Clause

Docket No.: 070007-EI

October 18, 2007 Date:

## REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

GULF POWER COMPANY ["Gulf Power", "Gulf", or the "Company"], by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby files its request that the Florida Public Service Commission enter an order protecting from public disclosure certain information produced by the Company in response to Commission Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (Items 1-17). As grounds for this request, the Company states as follows:

- 1. The information submitted by Gulf Power in response to Interrogatory Number 8 of Commission Staff's First Set of Interrogatories (1-17) is "proprietary confidential business information" as defined by §366.093(3), Florida Statutes.
- 2. The response to Interrogatory Number 8 identifies Gulf Power's projected mercury allowance costs between 2010 and 2026. Disclosure of this information could negatively impact Gulf Power's ability to negotiate pricing favorable to its customers when contracting for the purchase of allowances. This information relates to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the Company and therefore constitutes "proprietary confidential business information" pursuant to §366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.
- 3. The information filed pursuant to this Request is intended to be, and is treated as confidential by the Gulf Power and, to the best of this attorney's knowledge, has not been otherwise publicly disclosed.
  - 4. Submitted as Exhibit "A" are copies of the subject response, on which is DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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highlighted the information for which confidential classification is requested. Exhibit "A" should be treated as confidential pending a ruling on this request. Attached as Exhibit "B" are two (2) edited copies of the subject response, which may be made available for public review and inspection. Attached as Exhibit "C" to this request is a line-by-line/field-by-field justification for the request for confidential classification.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order protecting the information contained in Exhibit "A" from public disclosure as proprietary confidential business information.

Respectfully submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007.

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# EXHIBIT "A"

Provided to the Commission Clerk under separate cover as confidential information.

EXHIBIT "B"

Staff's First Set of Interrogatories
Docket No. 070007-EI
GULF POWER COMPANY
October 19, 2007
Item No. 8
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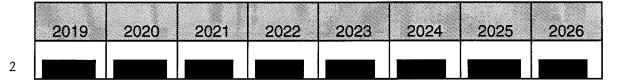
8. What are the mercury allowance prices used to calculate the NPV savings associated with retrofitting Plant Daniel as discussed on Page 11 of Witness Vick's August 31, 2007 direct testimony?

#### ANSWER:

The NPV savings of retrofitting Daniel compared to the retirement and replacement of Daniel that was referenced in Mr. Vick's testimony compares the forecasted cost to continue to operate the retrofitted unit to the forecasted cost of retiring and replacing the unit. The mercury allowance prices are just one part of that analysis.

Southern Company's 2007 mercury forecast, considered confidential and proprietary information, is shown below in nominal dollars per ounce:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
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## EXHIBIT "C"

# <u>Line-by-Line/Field-by-Field Justification</u> <u>Line(s)/Field(s)</u>

Response to Interrogatory Number 8. Lines 1-2; Confidential in their entirety.

## **Justification**

This information is entitled to confidential classification pursuant to §366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes. The basis for this information being designated as confidential is more fully set forth in paragraph 2.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished this day of October, 2007, by regular U. S. Mail to the following:

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TO:	Susan D. Ritenour
FROM:	Marguerite H. Lockard, Office of Commission Clerk
RE:	Acknowledgement of Receipt of Confidential Filing

This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket Number 070007-EI or, if filed in an undocketed matter, concerning response to Commission staff's 1<sup>st</sup> set of interrogatories (No. 8), and filed on behalf of Gulf Power Company. The document will be maintained in locked storage.

If you have any questions regarding this document, please contact Marguerite Lockard, Deputy Clerk, at (850) 413-6770.

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