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Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
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RE: Docket No. 160186-EI

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is Gulf Power Company's Motion for Temporary Protective Order pertaining to certain portions of Gulf's response to Sierra Club's First Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 1-2) to Gulf Power Company.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert L. McGee, Jr.".

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for increase in rates by Gulf
Power Company.

Docket No. 160186-EI
Dated: February 27, 2017

GULF POWER COMPANY'S
MOTION FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

Gulf Power Company ("Gulf"), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby moves pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code, for entry of a Temporary Protective Order covering confidential documents and information sought in discovery by Sierra Club within Sierra Club's First Request for Production of Documents to Gulf Power Company (Nos. 1-2). In support, Gulf states as follows:

1. This Motion pertains to certain proprietary confidential information as defined in Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, which is included within Gulf's Response to Sierra Club's Request for Production of Documents No. 1, and which Gulf is serving upon Sierra Club, the Office of Public Counsel, and others, on the date of this Motion.

2. The confidential information responsive to Sierra Club's Request for Production No. 1 is contained within Microsoft Excel spreadsheets and a PDF file. The information contained within these documents and files contains confidential financial data and results generated by a proprietary Gulf financial model. The model is utilized by Gulf, in part, to perform cost-effectiveness analyses for Gulf's demand-side management measures and plans. The model utilizes various inputs, including but not limited to Company-specific avoided costs relating to fuel, generation, transmission, and distribution. The model and the information it contains and generates are subject to substantial procedures to maintain its secrecy. Only select Gulf and Southern Company Services personnel and their legal counsel are granted access to it, and those personnel receive access only on a "need to know" basis. More specifically, public disclosure of the

information would provide other utilities, independent power producers, and vendors of demand-side management services details related to the Company's avoided cost components and the calculations used in the Company's model that determine pricing and cost effectiveness of marketing programs, individual customer loads, and certain supply-side and demand-side options. The information would bestow an unfair advantage on such entities with respect to resource planning, projected generation costs, and DSM program development and contracting. If suppliers had access to such information, it would place Gulf at an economic disadvantage and provide an economic advantage to its competitors and/or bidders who have access to such information, which could increase costs to Gulf and result in higher rates to customers. Gulf's ability to negotiate the optimum price and contract terms and conditions would be undermined if competitors and suppliers were given access to the company's costs through disclosure of this information. Finally, Gulf's competitors are not required to disclose their avoided cost components. This information is confidential pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.

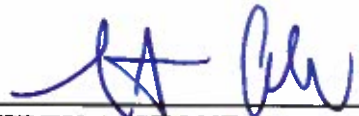
These documents and files also contain confidential information regarding Gulf's customers. This information includes customer-specific names and identifying information, account information, billing demand data, load data, usage information, and other confidential information. Gulf considers this information confidential and also does not have permission to release this information, the release of which would risk its customer relationships. This information is competitively sensitive and confidential pursuant to Section 366.093(3)(d), (e), and (f), Florida Statutes..

3. Section 366.093(2), Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(6), Florida Administrative Code, direct that all records produced pursuant to a discovery request for which proprietary confidential status is requested shall be treated as confidential and shall be exempt

from the public records law, Section 119.07(1), Florida Statutes. Gulf, by this motion, is seeking protection of all confidential information that Gulf will share with the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) within its Response to Sierra Club’s Request for Production No. 1. This protection should extend not only to OPC, but also to any consultants or advisors with whom OPC has contracted for purposes of this proceeding. Gulf has recorded the appropriate objections to providing such confidential and proprietary business information, and will provide documents and information responsive to these requests marked as confidential subject to this motion, the law, Commission rules, and Gulf’s objections. By following this procedure and producing this information, Gulf is not waiving its right to seek further relief as necessary to make certain that its confidential, proprietary, business information is not publicly disclosed.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power respectfully requests that the Commission grant a Temporary Protective Order relating to the information described in the body of this motion.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of February, 2017.



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail this 27th day of February, 2017 to the following:

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