BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Investigation into the earnings and authorized return on equity of Gulf Power Company

DOCKET NO. 990250-EI ORDER NO. PSC-99-1418-PCO-EI ISSUED: July 23, 1999

ORDER GRANTING GULF POWER COMPANY'S SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

By motion filed July 6, 1999, Gulf Power Company (Gulf) requested an extension of time until July 21, 1999 to file any pleadings in response to the Petition on Proposed Agency Action ("Coalition's Petition") filed on June 14, 1999 by the Coalition of Equitable Rates ("Coalition"). Gulf's motion was granted in Order No. PSC-99-1292-PCO-EI, issued July 7, 1999.

By motion filed July 20, 1999, Gulf seeks an additional extension of time to file responsive pleadings to the Petition. Gulf requests an additional extension of the deadline so that responsive pleadings may be filed on or before August 4, 1999. that this extension is states necessary to ensure administrative efficiency, and potentially limit further litigation. The motion states that the Coalition agrees to the requested extension.

Having reviewed the request, I find that it should be granted.

Based upon the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner J. Terry Deason, as Prehearing Officer, that Gulf Power Company's Second Motion for Extension of Time for Serving Responsive Pleadings to Petition on Proposed Agency Action by the Coalition for Equitable Rates is granted. It is further

ORDERED that any pleading filed in response to the Coalition's Petition on Proposed Agency Action shall be filed no later than August 4, 1999.

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By ORDER of Commissioner J. Terry Deason as Prehearing Officer, this <u>23rd</u> day of <u>July</u>, <u>1999</u>.

J. TERRY DEASON

Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by a Prehearing Officer; (2) reconsideration within 15 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code, if issued by the Commission; or (3) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric,

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gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.