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The Honorable E. Leon Jacobs, Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 010949-EI; revised target filing date pursuant to Rule 25-6.140 F.A.C.

Dear Chairman Jacobs:

Pursuant to Rule 25-6.140 F.A.C., this letter is to notify the Commission that Gulf Power Company ("Gulf Power", "Gulf" or the "Company") cannot meet the target filing date of September 4, 2001, for Gulf's petition to change the Company's retail base rates. Gulf established the September 4, 2001, target filing date in the Company's July 6, 2001, Test Year Notification Pursuant to Rule 25-6.140 F.A.C. Pursuant to other provisions within that rule, this notice must be submitted in writing prior to September 4, 2001, and is to include an explanation as to why the Company will not meet the filing date as well as a revised target filing date.

As you know, Gulf filed a petition on June 8, 2001, that sought the Commission's approval of a proposed purchased power arrangement with regard to Smith Unit 3. Along with that petition, Gulf also filed a request for an expedited review and decision in that proceeding which was assigned Docket No. 010827-EI. From July 5 through August 27, 2001, Gulf Power, the Commission Staff, and intervening parties participated in numerous meetings and engaged in an extensive discovery process as part of the proceedings in Docket No. 010827-EI. This effort required an extraordinary commitment of time and resources. The diversion of resources from this proceeding to Docket No. 010827-EI has prevented the Company from being able to complete the rate case filing in time to meet the original target filing date. On August 27, 2001, Gulf Power filed a notice of voluntary dismissal in Docket No. 010827-EI withdrawing the petition in that case from further consideration by the Commission. Gulf is now able to commit its full resources to the preparation of its rate case filing.

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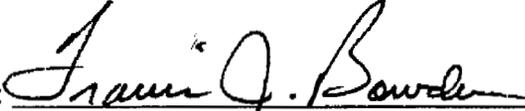
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The Company's revised target filing date pursuant to Rule 25-6.140 F.A.C. is on or before September 17, 2001. All other material aspects of Gulf July 6, 2001, notice pursuant to that rule remain unchanged. If Gulf cannot meet the revised target filing date, the Company will notify the Commission in writing prior to September 17, 2001. Such letter will include an explanation as to why the Company will not meet the filing date as well as a new revised target filing date.

Respectfully submitted,

GULF POWER COMPANY

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