## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Gulf Power Company ) DOCKET NO. 881167-EI for an increase in its rates and ) ORDER NO. 20796 charges. ) ISSUED: 2-22-89

## ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

On February 16, 1989, Gulf Power Company (Gulf) filed a motion for continuance of its rate case hearing, currently scheduled for May 1-3, 8-12 and 15, 1989. Gulf has requested a continuance of the hearings until July 5-7 and 10, 12-14, 1989. Gulf has also agreed to extend the Section 366.06(3), Florida Statutes, eight-month suspension period, currently scheduled to expire on July 14, 1989 for a period of 60 days, or until September 14, 1989.

Based upon a review of Gulf's motion, we find that the request for continuance is reasonable and is hereby granted contingent upon Gulf's waiver of its eight-month suspension date for 60 days. A procedural order on scheduling in this docket will be issued which reflects the changes in the hearing date approved by this order.

By Order of Commissioner Thomas M. Beard, Prehearing Officer this <u>22nd</u> day of <u>February</u>, <u>1989</u>.

THOMAS M. BEARD, Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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