## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Tariff Proposal to increase Schedule A-Residential Service and General Service Non-Demand Rates by Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. DOCKET NO. 901016-EC ORDER NO. 24140 ISSUED: 2-20-91

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

THOMAS M. BEARD, Chairman BETTY EASLEY FRANK S. MESSERSMITH MICHAEL McK. WILSON

## ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

## BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 30, 1990 Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. filed revisions to its Tariff increasing its Residential Service and General Service Non-Demand rates. This Commission has jurisdiction over the rate structure of electrical cooperatives pursuant to section 366.04(2)(b), Florida Statutes.

In general, Rural Cooperative and Municipal utilities have a history of keeping residential rates below cost at the expense of commercial customers. The proposal by Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. increases the Residential and General Service Non-Demand rates while leaving the General Service-Demand rate unchanged. This improves the ratio between the demand and non-demand classes. Therefore we find that the proposed rates should be approved.

Based on the foregoing it is

ORDERED that the Tariff Revisions filed August 30, 1990 by Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative, Inc. are hereby Approved. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall become final and this docket shall be closed unless an appropriate petition for formal proceeding is received by the Division of Records and Reporting, 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on the date indicated in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 20th day of FERRHARY, 1991.

STEVE TRIBBLE, Director Division of Records and Reporting

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## NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed files a petition for a formal Rule 25-22.036(4), proceeding, as provided by Administrative Code, the form provided by in 25-22.036(7)(a)(d) and (e), Florida Administrative Code. petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at his office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on March 13, 1991

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final on the day subsequent to the above date.

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Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this Order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this Order becomes final on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or sewer utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the date this Order becomes final, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.