Gulf Power Company \$500 Baytront Parkway Post Office Box 1151 Pensacrila FL 32520-0781 Telephane 904 444-6251





Susan D. Cranmer Assistant Secietary and Assistant Treasurer

the southern electric system.

January 20, 1997

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Room 110 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870

970103-EE

Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Gulf Power Company's Application for authority to receive common equity contributions and to issue and sell securities.

The original and one copy of Gulf Power Company's Application for authority to receive common equity contributions and to issue and sell securities, together with exhibits certified where required, are enclosed for official filing with the Commission. As noted in paragraph 3 of the application, the individuals authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this application are:

| Jeffrey A. Stone | Susan D. Cranmer |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Beggs & Lane | Warren E. Tate |
| P. O. Box 12950 | Gulf Power Company |
| Pensacola, FL 32576-2950 | P. O. Box 1151 |
| | Pensacola, PL 32520 |

Also enclosed is a double sided, high density, 3.5 inch disk containing a copy of the application in WordPerfect 5.1 format as prepared on a M5-D0S based computer.

Sincerely,

SusanD. Cranmer

lw Enclosure

cc/enc: Beggs and Lane J. A. Stone, Esquire Gulf Power Company R. G. Livingston

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"Our business is customer satisfaction."

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BEFORE TE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE MMISSION

In Re: Gulf Power Company's application) for authority to receive common equity) Docket No. 97_ contributions and to issue or sell securities.

-EU) Filed: Jan. 20, 1997

GULF POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE COMMON EQUITY CONTRIBUTIONS AND TO ISSUE OR SELL SECURITIES

Gulf Power Company ("Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the Company"), pursuant to Chapter 25-8, Florida Administrative Code, and Section 366.04, Florida Statutes, hereby files this its application for authority to receive common equity contributions and to issue and sell securities during the twelve months ending March 31, 1998. In support of this application, the Company states:

(1) The exact name of the Company and the address of its principal business office is:

> Gulf Power Company 500 Bayfront Parkway Post Office Box 1151 Pensacola, Florida 32520-0102

(2) The Company was incorporated under the laws of che State of Maine on November 2, 1925. The Company was admitted to do business in the State of Florida on January 15, 1926; in the State of Mississippi on October 25, 1976; and in the State of Georgia on November 20, 1984.

(3) The names and addresses of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications in respect to this application are:

> Jeffrey A. Stone Beggs & Lane P. O. Box 12950 Pensacola, FL 32576-2950

Susan D. Cranmer Warren E. Tate Gulf Power Company P. O. Box 1151 Pensacola, FL 32520-0781

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00832 JAN 235 FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING (4) The names, titles and addresses of the principal officers of the applicant are:

| T. J. Bowden | President and Chief Executive Officer | Pensacola, Florida |
|--------------------|--|---------------------|
| P. M. Pisher, Jr. | Vice President - Power Delivery and Customer Operations | Peneacola, Florida |
| Bill M. Guthrie | Vice President | Birmingham, Alabama |
| J. E. Hodges, Jr. | Vice President - Marketing and | Pensacola, Florida |
| | Employee/External Af | fairs |
| G. E. Holland, Jr. | Vice President - Power Generation/ Transmission and Corporate Counsel | Pensacola, Florida |
| C. Alan Martin | Vice President | Atlanta, Georgia |
| A. E. Scarbrough | Vice President - Pinance | Pensacola, Florida |
| R. R. Labrato | Controller | Pensacola, Florida |
| W. E. Tate | Secretary and Treasurer | Peneacola, Florida |

(5) The Company is engaged, within the northwestern portion of the State of Florida, in the generation and purchase of electric energy and the distribution and sale of electric energy at retail in 71 communities as well as in rural areas, and the sale at wholesale of electric energy to a non-affiliated utility and a municipality. Principal communities served directly are Bonifay, Century, Chipley, Crestview, DePuniak Springs, Fort Walton Beach, Graceville, Milton, Niceville, Panama City, and Pensacola. A map of the territory served is filed herewith as Exhibit D.

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| Rated Installed Name and Location Generator Date Placed Of Plant Units Crist Plant - Near Pensacola, FL 7 | 5 |
|---|----|
| | 5 |
| <u>Near Pensacola, FL</u> 7 | 5 |
| | 5 |
| Unit No. 1 22,500 January 10, 194 | |
| Unit No. 2 22,500 June 13, 1949 | |
| Unit No. 3 30,000 September 1, 19 | 52 |
| Unit No. 4 75,000 July 22, 1959 | |
| Unit No. 5 75,000 June 1, 1961 | |
| Unit No. 6 320,000 May 31, 1970 | |
| Unit No. 7 500,000 August 16, 1973 | |
| Scholz Plant - <u>Near Chattahoochee, FL</u> 2 | |
| Unit No. 1 40,000 March 17, 1953 | |
| Unit No. 2 40,000 October 26, 195 | 3 |
| Smith Plant - <u>Near Panama City, FL</u> 3 | |
| Unit No. 1 125,000 June 1, 1965 | |
| Unit No. 2 180,000 June 1, 1967 | |
| Combustion Turbine A 39,400 May 31, 1971 | |
| Daniel Plant - <u>Near Pascagoula, MS</u> 2 | |
| Unit No. 1 (50% of 500,000 KW) 250,000 September 6, 193 | 7* |
| Unit No. 2 (50% of 500,000 KW) 250,000 June 1, 1981 | |

*Acquired June 1, 1981

STEAM ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANTS:

Scherer Plant -Near Juliette, GA 3

Unit No. 3 (25% of 818,000 KW) 204,500 January 1, 1987

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(6) The Company owned and operated at November 30, 1996:

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TRANSMISSION LINES:

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| | Overhead <u>Circuit-Miles</u> | Underground <u>Cable-Miles</u> |
|---|----------------------------------|---|
| 230 KV Lines | 368 | |
| 115 KV Lines 46 KV Lines | 1,035 | 6.0 |
| 40 KA DIHER | | |
| Total | 1.553 | 6.0 |
| DISTRIBUTION LINES: (as of 10/31/96) | Pole Line <u>Miles</u> | Primary Underground <u>Trench Miles</u> |
| Lower Voltages - Overhead Lines | 5,341 | |
| Underground | | 867 |

SUBSTATIONS:

| | Number | Capacity <u>KVA</u> |
|--|---------------|---|
| Located at Generating Stations Transmission Substations Distribution Substations | 4 14 99 | 3, 651, 344 2,446,336 <u>3,183,339</u> |
| Total | 117 | 9.281.019 |
| Switching Stations | 2 | |

(7) Capital Stock and Funded Debt of the Company at

November 30, 1996, was:

CAPITAL STOCK

| (a) | A brief description: | Preferred Stock \$100 <u>Par Value</u> | Preferred Stock \$10 <u>Par Value</u> | Common Stock Without <u>Par Value</u> |
|-----|---|--|---|---|
| (b) | Shares authorized: | 801,626 | 10,000,000 | 992,717 |
| (c) | Shares outstanding: | | | |
| | 4.64% Series 5.16% Series 5.44% Series 7.52% Series 7.88% Series 7.00% Series 6.72% Series ARPS Series | 51,026 50,000 50,000 50,000 50,000 | 580,000 600,000 800,000 600,000 | |
| (d) | The amount held as security: | none | none | none |
| (e) | The amount pledged by applicant: | none | none | none |
| (f) | The amount owned by affiliated corporations | s: none | none | 992,717 |
| (g) | The amount held in any fund: | none | лопе | none |

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FUNDED DEBT

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| <u>FUNI</u> | 1sto obstant | | | |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| (a) | Brief description: | Bank <u>Notes</u> \$ | <u>РСВ'в</u> Ş | <u>FMB ' a</u> Ş |
| (b) | Amount authorized: | Not Limited | Not Limited | Not Limited |
| (c) | Amount outstanding (000): | | | |
| | 5-7/8% Series due 1997 5.55% Series due 1998 5% Series due 1998 5.2125% Note due 1998 6.44% Note due 1998 Variable Rate Note due 1999 Variable Rate Note due 1999 6-1/8% Series due 2003 5.25% Series due 2006 6-1/2% Series due 2006 8-1/4% Series due 2017 8-3/4% Series due 2021 6-3/4% Series due 2022 6.20% Series due 2023 5.80% Series due 2023 5.70% Series due 2024 6-7/8% Series due 2026 5-1/2% Series due 2026 | 16,823 7,476 13,500 13,500 | 12,075 32,000 8,930 13,000 32,550 7,875 22,000 21,200 | 25,000 15,000 30,000 * 25,000 * **49,180 * * * * 30,000 |
| | Variable Rate Series 1994 | | 20,000 | |
| (d) | Amount held as reacquired securities: | | none | лоле |
| (e) | Amount pledged (000): | | | 169,630 |
| | These First Mortgage Bonds are Pollution Control Bonds. They a default of the provisions of | will only be | issued in the | event of |
| | ** Retired December 20, 1996. | | | |

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- (f) Amount owned by affiliated corporations: none none
- (g) Amount held in any fund: none none

(8) Statement of Proposed Transactions:

(a) The Company seeks authority to: receive equity funds from the Southern Company ("Gulf's parent company"); issue and sell long-term debt and equity securities; and issue and sell short-term debt securities during the period covered by this application.

The issuance and sale of equity securities and long-term debt may be through either negotiated underwritten public offering, public offering at competitive bidding, or private sale.

- (1) The equity funds from Southern are common equity contributions.
- (2) The equity securities may take the form of preferred stock or preference stock, with such par values, terms and conditions, and relative rights and preferences as may be permitted by the Company's Articles of Incorporation.
- (3) The long-term debt securities may take the form of first mortgage bonds, debentures, notes, guarantees, or other long-term obligations, pollution control bonds, installment contracts or other obligations securing pollution control bonds, with maturities ranging from one to forty years and issued in both domestic and international markets.

The Company has established lines of credit with a group of banks under which borrowings may be made by the issuance of unsecured promissory notes. The interest rate on the proposed borrowings will be the interest rate available to the preferred corporate customers of the bank in effect at the time of issuance and may be subject to

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change, either up or down, at the time the preferred customer rate changes. None of the promissory notes are to be resold by the banks to the public. The Company will reserve the right under the lines of credit to prepay all or any portion of the loans without penalty and to reborrow the amount of any notes so prepaid.

The Company also proposes to issue short-term notes to be sold in the commercial paper market. The notes will not be extendable or renewable nor will they contain any other provision for automatic "roll over," either at the option of the holder or at the option of the Company. The notes will be sold at a discount, plus a commission to the commercial paper dealer, with the aggregate interest cost to the Company equaling or approximating the prime rate in effect at the time of the sale.

(b) The maximum amount of common equity contributions received from Southern, the maximum amount of equity securities issued and the maximum principal amount of long-term debt securities issued will total not more than \$320 million. The maximum principal amount of short-term debt at any one time will total not more than \$150 million.

The Statement of Sources of Funds for Gross Property Additions Forecast for the Year Ending December 31, 1997, is included as Exhibit C (1).

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The actual capital structure at November 30, 1996, is as follows:

| Component | Amount | Ratio |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------|
| Common Equity | \$442,619,000 | 46.398 |
| Preferred Equity | 89,602,000 | 9.398 |
| Long-Term Debt-Net | 421,935,000 | 44.228 |
| Short Term Debt | 0 | 0.00% |
| TOTAL | <u>\$954.156.000</u> | 100.00% |

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Pretax Coverage Ratio (Excluding AFUDC): 4.1538

(c) The present estimate of the dividend rate for the aforementioned equity securities and the interest rate for the aforementioned debt securities, based upon current rates for comparable securities, is as follows:

- The interest rate for comparable A+ rated first mortgage bonds was 7.61% as of December 31, 1996.
- (2) The dividend rate for comparable A rated preferred stock was 6.92% as of December 31, 1996.
- (3) The prime interest rate, or its equivalent, for The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., was 8.25% as of December 31, 1996.
- (4) The interest rate in effect for 180-day direct issue commercial paper as published in the <u>Federal Reserve</u> <u>Statistical Release</u> (Form H.15) was 5.49% as of December 31, 1996.

(d) The actual dividend rate and actual interest rates will be determined by market conditions at the time of the sale of the securities.

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(9) Purpose of Issues:

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The net proceeds to be received from these additional funds will be added to the Company's general funds and will be used for working capital requirements and for other general business purposes, including the financing of the Company's construction program

(a) The Company is engaged in a continuous construction program to accommodate existing and estimated future loads of the system.
Total construction additions during 1997 are estimated to cost \$47,041,000 and are expected to be apportioned as shown in Exhibit C (2). At present, none of the planned expenditures require certification of need by this Commission under either the Florida Electrical Power Plant Siting Act or the Transmission Line Siting Act.

The construction program referred to herein has been necessitated by the continued growth in the demand for service on the Company's system and the replacement and improvements required to our existing system. It is manifestly in the public interest for the Company to raise the funds which are required to perform such service.

(b) Included among the purposes of the issues could be the reimbursement of the treasury for expenditures against which securities have not been issued.

(c) The net proceeds received may also be used to repay previously issued short-term unsecured promissory notes and to refund previously issued long-term debt and preferred stock. Subject to market conditions, the Company may refund such long-term obligations with new issuances of long-term debt and/or preferred stock.

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(10) The Company submits that the proposed additional funds are for lawful objects within the corporate purposes of the Company and compatible with the public interest and are reasonably necessary or appropriate for such purposes. The facts relied upon by the Company in support of such allegations are set forth in paragraph (9) hereof.

(11) The name and address of counsel who will pass upon the legality of the proposed issues are:

| Beggs & Lane | Troutman Sanders | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 3 West Garden Street | 600 Peachtree Street | |
| P. O. Box 12950 | Suite 5200 | |
| Pensacola, FL 32576-2950 | Atlanta, GA 30308-2216 | |

(12) The Company is required to file with the Securities and Excharge Commission, Washington, D.C., 20549, a statement on Form U-1 under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 with respect to the issuance of equity securities, long-term debt securities and the issuance of short-term debt securities except to the extent exempt under Section 6(b) of the Act.

(13) The Southern Company, a Delaware Corporation, owns 992,717 shares of the Company's common stock, without par value, representing 100% of the voting stock outstanding. The Southern Company is also the parent company of four other operating companies and certain other companies including: Southern Communications Services, Southern Company Services, Southern Energy International, Southern Nuclear Operating Company, and The Southern Development and Investment Group.

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WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests an order authorizing it to receive common equity contributions from Southern and to issue and sell securities during the twelve months ending March 31, 1998.

DATED: January 20, 1997

GULF POWER COMPANY BY: Tate

Secretary and Treasurer

ATTEST:

1 B. S. C.

Dulene G. Malone

Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer

STATE OF FLORIDA)) SS.: COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA)

W. E. Tate, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Secretary and Treasurer of Gulf Power Company, that he has read the foregoing petition and knows the contents thereof, and that the facts therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge,

information and belief.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of January, 1997 by W. E. Tate of Gulf Power Company, a Maine corporation, on behalf of the corporation. He is personally known to me and did take an oath.



LINDA C. WEED Notary Public State of FL Comm. Exp: May 31,1995 Comm. Bo: CC 382703 Anda C. Wellt

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REQUIRED EXHIBITS

(1 Certified and 5 Uncertified Copies)

- Exhibit A Composite Certificate of Organ.zation Amended (i.e., Articles of Incorporation) have been filed as Exhibit A in Docket No. 940043-EI and are hereby incorporated herein by reference.
- Exhibit B (1) Balance Sheet of the Company at November 30, 1996 and December 31, 1995.
- Exhibit B (2) Summary of Utility Plant and Accumulated Provision for Depreciation as of November 30, 1996.
- Exhibit B (3) Income Statement of the Company for the twelve months ended November 30, 1996.
- Exhibit B (4) Statement of Retained Earnings of the Company for the twelve months ended November 30, 1996.
- Exhibit B (5) Contingent Liabilities. None.
- Exhibit C (1) Statement of Sources and Uses of Funds.
- Exhibit C (2) Construction Budget for Gross Property Additions.
- Exhibit D System map of the Company.



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Exhibit B (1) Page 1 of 2

GULF POWER COMPANY Balance Sheet At November 30, 1996 and December 31, 1995 (Thousands of Dollars)

| Assets and Other Debits | Nov. 30, 1996 | Dec. 31, 1995 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| | | |
| Utility Plant | 100 Con 100 Con | 1000 |
| Utility Plant in Service | 1,723,356 | 1,685,246 |
| Construction Work in Progress | 23,333 | 26,301 |
| Utility Plant Held for Future Use | 3,937 | 3,942 |
| Utility Plant Acquisition Adjustment | 6,393 | 6,626 |
| Total Gross Utility Plant | 1,757,019 | 1,722,115 |
| Accumulated Prov. for Depreciation | (692,962) | (658,806) |
| Net Utility Plant | 1,064,057 | 1,063,309 |
| Other Property and Investments | | |
| Nonutility Property | 671 | 879 |
| Accumulated Prov. for Depreciation | (52) | (173) |
| Net Nonutility Property | 619 | 706 |
| Other Special Funds | 34 | 34 |
| Total Other Property and Investments | 663 | 740 |
| Current and Accrued Assets | | |
| Cash | 603 | 514 |
| Special Deposits | 604 | 612 |
| Working Funde | 150 | 166 |
| Temporary Cash Investments | 45,536 | 0 |
| Notes Receivable | 0 | 0 |
| Customer Accounts Receivable | 45,187 | 48,660 |
| Other Accounts Receivable | 3,315 | 2,781 |
| Accumulated Prov. for Uncollectible Accounts | (798) | (768) |
| Receivables from Associated Companies | 4,146 | 366 |
| Materials and Supplies | 59,957 | 71,561 |
| Prepayments | 8,994 | 8,000 |
| Interest and Dividends Receivable | 76 | 0 |
| Accrued Utility Revenues | 15,002 | 20,507 |
| Vacation Accrual | 4,056 | 4,419 |
| Coal Contract Buyouts | 2,855 | 2,908 |
| Total Current and Accrued Assets | 189,689 | 169,726 |
| Deferred Debits | | |
| Unamortized Debt Expense | 3,654 | 3,445 |
| Regulatory Tax Assets | 28,599 | 29,093 |
| Regulatory Assets | 44,118 | 53,412 |
| Preliminary Survey & Investigation Charges | 1,007 | 1,606 |
| Clearing Accounts | 1,007 | 21 |
| Miscellaneous Deferred Debits | 77,776 | 76,095 |
| Total Deferred Debits | 155,760 | 163,673 |
| Total Assets and Other Debits | 1,410,169 | 1,387,448 |
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Exhibit B (1) Page 2 of 2

GULF POWER COMPANY Balance Sheet At November 30, 1996 and December 31, 1995 (Thousands of Dollars)

| LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS | Nov. 30, 1996 | Dec. 31, 1995 |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| Proprietary Capital | * | * |
| Common Capital Stock | 38,060 | 38,060 |
| Preferred Capital Stock (\$100 per value) | 26,102 | 26,102 |
| | | |
| Preferred Capital Stock (\$10 per value) | 64,500 | 64,500 |
| Premium on Capital Stock | 81 | 81 |
| Miscellaneous Paid-in Capital | 218,438 | 218,438 |
| Capital Stock Expense | (2,626) | (2,597) |
| Retained Earnings | 188,666 | 182,260 |
| Total Proprietary Capital | 532,221 | 525,844 |
| Long-Term Debt | | |
| Bonds | 204,180 | 150,930 |
| Other Long-Term Debt | 220,929 | 206,704 |
| Unamorilized Premium | 0 | 0 |
| Unamortized Discount | (3,174) | (2,710) |
| Total Long-Term Debt | 421,935 | 364,924 |
| Other Noncurrent Liabilities | | |
| Accumulated Prov. for Property Insurance | (4,359) | 17 5001 |
| Accumulated Prov. for Injuries & Damages | 1,761 | (7,502) |
| Accumulated Prov. for Pensions & Benefits | | 1,662 |
| Total Other Noncurrent Liabilities | 18,157 15,559 | 16,301 10,461 |
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| Current and Accrued Liabilities | | |
| Notes Payable | 0 | 80,500 |
| Accounts Payable | 21,819 | 26,379 |
| Payables to Associated Companies | 10,192 | 14,011 |
| Customer Deposits | 13,431 | 13,195 |
| Taxes Accrued | 20,632 | (3,598) |
| Interest Accrued | 9,479 | 5,719 |
| Dividends Declared | 12,652 | 1,437 |
| Tax Collections Payable | 666 | 817 |
| Misc. Current and Accrued Liabilities | 6,285 | 8,676 |
| Total Current And Accrued Liabilities | 95,156 | 147,136 |
| Deferred Credita | | |
| Regulatory Tax Liabilities | 64,764 | 67,481 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 6,445 | 3,211 |
| Unamortized Investment Tax Credit | 33,944 | 36,052 |
| Other Defarred Credits | 15,350 | 13,322 |
| Total Deferred Credits | 120,503 | 120,066 |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 004 705 | 200 042 |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 224,785 | 229,017 |
| Leruned a Trie Copy. | 1,410,159 | 1,387,448 |

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GULF POWER COMPANY Summary of Utility Plant and Accumulated Provision for Depreciation, as of November 30, 1996 (Thousands of Dollars)

| 1. | Utility Plant - Electric | |
|----|--|-----------|
| | Plant in Service | 1,723,356 |
| | Construction Work in Progress | 23,333 |
| | Utility Plant Held for Future Use | 3,937 |
| | Utility Plant Acquisition Adjustment | 6,393 |
| | Total | 1,757,019 |
| 2. | Reserves - Electric | |
| | Accumulated Provision for Depreciation | (692,962) |
| | Total | 1,064,057 |
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Exhibit B (3)

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Income Statement for the Twelve Months Ended November 30, 1996 (Thousands of Dollars)

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|----|---|---------|
| 1. | Utility Operating Income | |
| | Operating Revenues | 635,408 |
| | Operating Revenue Deductions: | |
| | Operating Expenses | 401,657 |
| | Depreciation | 55,553 |
| | Amortization | 945 |
| | Taxes - Federal Income | 18,274 |
| | - State Income | 2,192 |
| | - Other | 52,078 |
| | Net Provision for Deferred Taxes | 13,748 |
| | Total Operating Revenue Deductions | 544,443 |
| | Total Utility Operating Income | 90,965 |
| 2. | Other Income and Deductions | |
| | Allowances for Funds Used During Construction - | |
| | Equity | (37) |
| | Other - Net | 1,433 |
| | Total Other Income | 1,398 |
| | Income Before Interest Charges | 92,361 |
| 3. | Interest Charges | |
| | Interest on Long-Term Debt | 24,365 |
| | Amortization of Debt Discount, Premium and | |
| | Expenses - Net | 2,080 |
| | Other Interest Charges | 3,824 |
| | Allowance for Funds Used During Construction - | 1.001 |
| | Borrowed Funds | (130) |
| | Total Interest Charges | 30,129 |
| 4. | Extraordinary Income | |
| | Extraordinary Income - Net | 0 |
| | Balance Transferred to Retained Earnings | 62,232 |

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Exhibit B (4)

GULF POWER COMPANY Statement of Retained Earnings for the Twelve Months ended November 30, 1996 (Thousands of Dollars)

| Retained Earnings - At Beginning of Poriod | 180,499 |
|--|---------|
| Balance Transferred from Income | 62,232 |
| Total Credita | 242,731 |
| Deduct: | |
| Dividends Declared - Preferred Stock | 5,765 |
| Dividends Declared - Common Stock | 48,300 |
| Total Oebits | 54,065 |
| Retained Earnings - At End of Period | 188,666 |
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Statement of Sources and Uses Of Funds Forecast For the Year Ended December 31, 1997 (Thousands of Dollars)

| Net Income Before Preferred Dividends | 62,494 |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Add/(Deduci) Non Cash Items; | |
| Depreciation & Amortization (Incl Fuel B/O) | 85,740 |
| Deferred Income Tax - Net | (5,728) |
| Deferred Investment Tax Credits | 0 |
| AFUDC (Equity) | (9) |
| Subtotal | 142,497 |
| Less: | |
| Dividends on Common Stock | 50,100 |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | 5,790 |
| Subtotal | 86,607 |
| | |
| Decrease (Increase) In Net Current Assets - Excluding | |
| Notes Payable and LTD Due Within One Year | |
| Cash and Temporary Cash Investments | - |
| Receivables (Net) | (643) |
| Fuel Inventory | (11,883) |
| Other Materials and Supplies | 1,152 |
| Accrued Unbilled Revenue | (1,746) |
| Accounts Payable | 1,724 |
| Taxes Accrued | (1,848) |
| Interest Accrued | 1,206 |
| Other (Net) | 3,446 |
| Subtotal | (8,592) |
| Others Net Including AFUDC (Equity) | (9) |
| Total Funds From Internal Sources | 78,006 |
| | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| External Sources: | |
| First Mortgage Bonds | 25,000 |
| First Mortgage Bond Retirements | (25,000) |
| Preferred Stock | • |
| Preferred Stock Retirements | - |
| Capital Contributions | (10,000) |
| Pollution Control Obligations | • |
| Pollution Control Obligations - Retirements | - (15.073) |
| Other Long Term Debt Net Interim Indebtedness | (15,972) |
| Total Funds From External Sources | (4,993) (30,965) |
| | (30,803) |
| GROSS PROPERTY ADDITIONS | 47,041 |
| Certified a True Count | |

GROSS PROPERTY ADDITIONS Certified a True Copy.

Linda G. Melane

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Construction Budget for Gross Property Additions Forecast for the Year Ended 12/31/97 (Thousands of Dollars)

| | \$ |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Generating Facilities | 0 |
| Miscellaneous Generating Facilities | |
| Crist 4 - Generator Rotor Rewind Crist 5 - Hotside Precipitator Upgrade Smith Permanent Ash Land-fill Area Other Miscellaneous Generating Projects | 1,000 900 1,900 3,034 |
| Total | 6,834 |
| New Business Facilities | 19,118 |
| Transmission Plant Additions | 3,514 |
| Distribution Plant Additions | 9,262 |
| Joint Line and Substation Additions | 1,298 |
| General Plant Additions | 7,015 |
| Total Plant Additions for 1997 | 47,041 |

Certified a True Colly

ASST. Secretary

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