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December 9, 2003

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

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Dear Ms. Bayo:

RE: Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification

The Southern Company - Filing of Quarterly Report of Form U-9C-3 to the

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

Enclosed for filing in the matter referred to above is the Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification by Gulf Power Company. This request covers information for the quarter ending September 30, 2003.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me.

Please mark the enclosed extra copy of this letter with the date and time the material was accepted in your office for filing and return same to the undersigned.

A copy is also being provided to Cindy Miller pursuant to her request. Gulf Power requests to be notified within 21 days through its counsel whether the Commission Staff will retain this document.

Sincerely,

AUS _ Susan O. Ritenau (lio)

GCL Enclosures

MMS cc:

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OTH

Beggs and Lane

Russell A. Badders, Esquire Florida Public Service Commission

Cindy Miller, Esquire

This docketed notice of intent was filed with Confidential Document No. 2724-03 The document has been placed in confidential storage pending timely receipt of a request for confidentiality.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: The Southern Company Form U-9C-3 under Rule 104 with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for the period

ending September 30, 2003

Docket No.:

Undocketed

Date:

December 9, 2003

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

The Southern Company and Gulf Power Company, by and through their undersigned attorney and pursuant to Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby gives notice that they intend to request confidential classification for Form U-9C-3 for the period ending September 30, 2003, submitted to the Florida Public Service Commission Staff pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 104. A copy of Form U-9C-3 for the period ending September 30, 2003, is attached hereto as exhibit "A". Rule 104 requires that every registered holding company submit certain specified categories of filings to each state commission in which the affiliates of the registered holding company operate. Gulf Power Company is an affiliate of the Southern Company, a registered holding company.

Form U-9C-3 for the period ending September 30, 2003, contains proprietary and commercially sensitive information regarding the Southern Company and certain of its unregulated, non-utility, businesses and investments which would cause irreparable harm to the Southern Company if disclosed to the general public. A formal request for confidential classification will be filed within the time period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, if at such time the Staff determines that the information will be retained by the Commission and not returned to the Southern Company. In the event the Staff determines

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that it will retain this document, the Company request to be notified, through the undersigned counsel, prior to the expiration of the period specified in Rule 25-22.006(3)(a). Form U-9C-3 for the period ending September 30, 2003, is the subject of a claim of confidentiality under the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully submitted,

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

TO:

FROM:

Administrative Services

RE:

Acknowledgment of Receipt of Confidential Filing

This will acknowledge receipt of a CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT filed in Docket No.

Or (if filed in an undocketed matter) concerning

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Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to Kay Flynn at (850) 413-6770.

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