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October 13, 2005

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

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of Gulf Power Company's Petition for Approval of Tariff Revisions to allow the Company the discretion to waive certain service charges for customers affected by natural disasters such as a hurricane, etc. The tariff sheets impacted by this proposed change are sheets numbered 4.13 and 4.14.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Terry Davis, Supervisor of Treasury and Regulatory Matters at (850) 444-6253.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc:

Beggs and Lane

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN RE: Gulf Power Company's petition for)		,
approval of tariff revisions allowing waiver of)	Docket No.:	05 <u>0804</u> -EI
connection service charges for customers)	Date filed:	October 14, 2005
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GULF POWER COMPANY'S PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF REVISIONS

GULF POWER COMPANY ("Gulf Power", "Gulf", or "the Company"), by and through its undersigned counsel, and pursuant to Section 366.06, Florida Statutes, hereby petitions the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC" or "Commission") for approval of revisions to the Company's tariff for retail electric service to allow the Company the discretion to waive certain service charges for customers whose premises have been damaged in a natural disaster such as a hurricane, etc.. In support of the relief requested by this petition, the Company states:

 Notices and communications with respect to this petition and docket should be addressed to:

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2. Gulf is a corporation with its headquarters physically located at 500 Bayfront Parkway, Pensacola, Florida 32501. The Company's mailing address for its corporate headquarters is One Energy Place, Pensacola, Florida 32520. The Company is an investor-owned electric utility as defined by Section 366.8255 of the Florida Statutes operating under the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Chapter 366 of the Florida Statutes.

- 3. Following an inquiry by the Office of Public Counsel, Gulf Power Company has agreed to seek a change to the language in its tariff for retail electric service addressing service charges in order to allow the Company the discretion to waive service connection fees for customers who have suffered significant damage to their premises caused by a natural disaster, or for other conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration. The discretion sought by Gulf through this petition is similar to that granted Florida Power & Light Company, Progress Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Company by vote of the Commission reflected in Order No. PSC-04-0985-TRF-EI issued October 11, 2004, made final by Consummating Order No. PSC-04-1117-CO-EI issued November 9, 2004.
- 4. The proposed revision affects tariff sheets numbered 4.13 and 4.14. A copy of the tariff sheets with the proposed revision is attached to this petition as Exhibit A. A copy of the revised tariff sheets in legislative format is attached as Exhibit B. To the extent deemed necessary by the Commission in order to consider the Company's request for tariff revision proposed herein, Gulf hereby requests a waiver of the requirements of Rule 25-9.005 on the basis that such requirements are not necessary for the Commission's analysis of the revision proposed by this petition.

WHEREFORE, Gulf Power Company respectfully requests that the Florida Public Service Commission approve the proposed revision to tariff sheets numbered 4.13 and 4.14 and grant such other relief as is just and reasonable under the circumstances of this petition.

Respectfully submitted the _____ day of October, 2005.

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Exhibit A

Tariff Sheet



Section No. IV
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 4.13
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 - (2) By the previous occupant of the premises as long as the current Applicant or Customer occupied the premises at the time the delinquency occurred and the previous Customer continues to occupy the premises and such previous Customer shall benefit from such service.

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- 3.1 <u>APPLIES TO ALL APPLICANTS</u> These regulations apply to all applicants requesting service from the regular distribution systems of the Company for residential, commercial and industrial usage. Customers requesting service from the transmission system of the Company may require individual consideration and will be handled accordingly as they request service.
- 3.2 CONNECTION OF INITIAL SERVICE Where the Company's distribution circuits already are in place on the pole adjacent to the Customer's premises requiring only the installation of service wires and meter, the Company will place the service wires and meter completing the connection to provide service. The Customer shall pay a charge of \$27.00 for such connection, in addition to the deposit provided for elsewhere. The Company shall have the discretion to waive the connection fee that would otherwise apply to the Customer as a consequence of significant damage to their premises caused by a natural disaster or other similar conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration.
- 3.3 <u>CONNECTION OF EXISTING SERVICE</u> Where service has previously been connected at a premise, a \$27.00 service charge shall be paid for all subsequent reconnections, except for restoration of service after violation of regulations as provided in Paragraph 4.11 of these Rules or at the Company's discretion as a consequence of significant damage to the Customer's premises caused by a natural disaster or other similar conditions for which an emergency has been declared by a governmental body authorized to make such a declaration.
- 3.4 <u>SERVICE IF LINE EXTENSION IS REQUIRED</u> When an extension from the distribution system is required to place the service applied for on the pole adjacent to the Customer's premises, a test will be run on the projected revenue vs. the estimated construction costs, exclusive of transformers, meters and services. The formula to perform this test is:

CIAC_{OH} = Construction Cost - (4 X Expected Annual Non-fuel Energy Charge Revenues) - (4 X Expected Annual Demand Charge Revenues)

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ISSUED BY: Susan Story



Section No. IV Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 4.14 Canceling Tenth Revised Sheet No. 4.14

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- 3.6 <u>UNDERGROUND SERVICE IN AN OVERHEAD AREA</u> Both new construction of underground facilities and conversion of existing overhead facilities to underground shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of Part VI UNDERGROUND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.
- 3.7 <u>CONNECTION OF TEMPORARY SERVICE</u> Where the Company's distribution circuits are already in place on the pole adjacent to the Customer's premises requiring only the installation of a service drop and meter, the Company will place the service drop and meter completing the connection to provide temporary service. The service drop and meter installation shall not exceed 200 amperes and must utilize self-contained, non-demand metering. The customer shall pay a charge of \$110.00 for each such connection in addition to the deposit provided for elsewhere.
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Certificate of Service

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing was furnished by hand delivery or the U. S. Mail this <u>13 th</u> day of October 2005 on the following:

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