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November 13, 2008

Docket No. 080395-EG – Petition for approval of modifications to demand-side management plan by Gulf Power Company.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve Gulf's petition to add the proposed Solar Thermal Water Heating Pilot Program to its DSM Plan?

Recommendation: Yes. However, the pilot program should only be approved through December 31, 2009. The Commission is scheduled to establish new conservation goals, based on new statutory direction, by January 1, 2010. Therefore, Gulf's Solar Thermal Water Heating Pilot Program should be reevaluated when new conservation goals go into effect on January 1, 2010. Initial cost-effectiveness test results provide little assurance that the program will be cost-effective. Expenditures for the pilot program, reduced to one year, should be capped at \$517,000, the first year of Gulf's three-year estimate. Gulf will use the data collected to perform a cost-effectiveness analysis and the Commission can revisit continuation of this program in 2010 when Gulf files its DSM program to meet its new goals. Upon a showing by Gulf that expenses for the Solar Thermal Water Heating Pilot Program were reasonable and prudently incurred, the company should be permitted to recover those costs through the ECCR clause.

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<u>Issue 2</u>: Should the Commission approve Gulf's petition to add the proposed Energy Education Program to its DSM Plan?

Recommendation: Gulf should be allowed to initiate the Energy Education Program as a pilot program for one year, with expenditures capped at \$1,010,000. Gulf should also ensure that advertising is not image enhancing and be fuel neutral. Gulf can revisit the continuation of this program after new DSM goals take effect in 2010. Furthermore, upon a showing by Gulf that expenses for the Energy Education Program are reasonable and prudently incurred, the company should be permitted to recover those costs, through the ECCR clause.

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Issue 3: Should this docket be closed?

Recommendation: Yes. If Issues 1 and 2 are approved, the program modifications should become effective December 29, 2008. If a protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the proposed agency action order, the modifications should not be implemented until after resolution of the protest. If no timely protest is filed, the docket should be closed upon the issuance of a consummating order.

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