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- c. Document being filed on behalf of Gulf Power Company
- d. There are 5 pages to Gulf's Objections
- e. The document attached for electronic filing is Gulf's Objections to Staff's Eighth Request for Production to Gulf Power (No. 35)

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In Re: Petition for increase in rates by Gulf  
Power Company.

Docket No. 110138-EI  
Dated: September 7, 2011

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**GULF POWER COMPANY'S OBJECTIONS TO STAFF'S EIGHTH  
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (NO. 35)**

Pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.206, Rule 1.350 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Order Establishing Procedure in this matter, Gulf Power Company ("Gulf") hereby serves its objections to the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission's ("Staff") Eighth Request for Production of Documents to Gulf Power Company (No. 35, "the Requests") and states as follows:

**GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

With respect to any "Definitions" and "Instructions" in Staff's Request for Production, Gulf objects to any definitions or instructions that are inconsistent with Gulf's discovery obligations under applicable rules. If some question arises as to Gulf's discovery obligations, Gulf will comply with applicable rules and not with any definitions that are inconsistent with those rules. Gulf also objects to any request that calls for documents to be produced from the files of Gulf's counsel in this matter because such documents are privileged and are otherwise not within the scope of discovery under the applicable rules and laws. Gulf also objects to any request that calls for information that is not within the scope of discovery under the applicable rules and law. Furthermore, Gulf objects to any definition or request that seeks to encompass persons or entities other than Gulf who are not parties to this action and thus are not subject to discovery. Information of affiliated companies, including The Southern Company, that is directly relevant to Gulf's rate request, including information regarding transactions or cost allocations among Gulf and its affiliated companies may be provided, upon request. Otherwise,

no responses to the requests will be made on behalf of persons or entities other than Gulf. Gulf objects to any request that calls for Gulf to create documents that it otherwise does not have because there is no such requirement under the applicable rules and law.

Additionally, Gulf generally objects to Staff's requests to the extent that they call for information protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the accountant-client privilege, the trade secret privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection afforded by law. Gulf will provide a privilege log in accordance with the applicable law or as may be agreed to by the parties to the extent, if at all, that any request calls for the production of privileged or protected information.

Further, in certain circumstances, Gulf may determine upon investigation and analysis that information responsive to certain requests to which objections are not otherwise asserted is confidential and proprietary and should be produced only under an appropriate confidentiality request. By agreeing to provide such information in response to such a request, Gulf is not waiving its right to insist upon appropriate protection of confidentiality. Gulf hereby asserts its right to require such protection of any and all information that may qualify for protection under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure, the Order Establishing Procedure, and all other applicable statutes, rules and legal principles.

Gulf generally objects to Staff's Request for Production to the extent that they call for the production of "all" documents of any nature, including, every copy of every document responsive to the requests. Gulf will make a good faith, reasonably diligent attempt to identify and obtain responsive documents when no objection has been asserted to the production of such documents, but it is not practicable or even possible to identify, obtain, and produce "all" documents. In addition, Gulf reserves the right to supplement any of its responses to Staff's

Request for Production if Gulf cannot produce documents immediately due to their magnitude and the work required to aggregate them, or if Gulf later discovers additional responsive documents in the course of this proceeding.

Gulf also objects to any request that calls for projected data or information beyond the year 2012 because such data or information is irrelevant to this case and has no bearing on this proceeding, nor is such data or information likely to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.

By making these general objections at this time, Gulf does not waive or relinquish its right to assert additional general and specific objections to Staff's discovery at the time Gulf's response is due under the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and the Order Establishing Procedure. Gulf provides these general objections at this time to comply with the intent of the Order Establishing Procedure to reduce the delay in identifying and resolving any potential discovery disputes.

Respectfully submitted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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