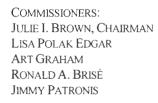
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Public Service Commission

October 28, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey A. Stone, Esquire Beggs & Lane Post Office Box 12950 Pensacola, Florida 32576-2950

Re: Docket No. 160186-EI, Petition for rate increase by Gulf Power Company

Dear Mr. Stone:

On October 12, 2016, Gulf Power Company (Company) filed its Petition requesting authority to increase its rates and charges for electric service pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-6.043, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.).

In accordance with Rule 25-6.043, F.A.C., the petition must be accompanied by certain minimum filing requirements and copies of prepared direct testimony and exhibits for each witness testifying on behalf of the Company in support of the requested increase. We have reviewed the Company's filing and have determined that the Company has met the filing requirements imposed by this rule.

If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Andrew L. Maurey

Director

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cc: Robert L. McGee, Jr. (GPC)

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