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Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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Re: Docket No. 160186-EI

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached herein are Gulf Power Company's Objections to Citizens' Fifth Request to Produce Documents (Nos. 110-117) submitted by electronic mail in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert L. McGee, Jr.".

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for rate increase by Gulf
Power Company.

Docket No. 160186-EI
Dated: December 28, 2016

**GULF POWER COMPANY'S OBJECTIONS TO CITIZENS' FIFTH
REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS (NOS. 110-117)**

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 Power," "Gulf," or the "Company") hereby serves its objections to Florida Citizens' ("OPC") Fifth Request for Production of Documents (Nos. 110-117) (collectively "the Requests") and states as follows:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

With respect to any "Definitions" and "Instructions" in OPC's Requests 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 of OPC's 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 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. Records of affiliated companies, including The Southern Company, that are directly relevant to Gulf's rate request, including records 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 also objects to OPC's request that

Gulf provide documents in a specific electronic format. Gulf will produce electronic data in its native format. Non-electronic documents will be scanned and produced in PDF format. However, Gulf objects to OPC's request to produce documents in an OCR searchable format on the grounds that doing so would be unduly burdensome and otherwise beyond Gulf's discovery obligations under applicable law. Furthermore, 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.

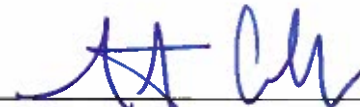
Additionally, Gulf generally objects to OPC's Requests to the extent that they call for documents protected by the attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, the accountant-client privilege, the trade secret privilege, or any other applicable privilege or protection afforded by law. Gulf will 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 document request calls for the production of privileged or protected documents.

Further, in certain circumstances, Gulf may determine upon investigation and analysis that documents responsive to certain requests to which objections are not otherwise asserted are confidential and proprietary and should be produced only under an appropriate confidentiality agreement and protective order, if at all. 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 by means of a confidentiality agreement, protective order, or the procedures otherwise provided by law or in the Order Establishing Procedure. 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 OPC's Requests 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 OPC'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 generally objects to each Request to the extent that it calls for information that is not relevant to this case. Where practical, Gulf has made efforts to redact irrelevant information with a notation regarding the nature of the redaction.

Respectfully submitted this 28th day of December, 2016.



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IN RE: Petition for Increase in Rates)
By Gulf Power Company)
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Docket No.: 160186-EI

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail this 28th day of December, 2016 to the following:

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