BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

GULF POWER COMPANY

OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

EARTHJUSTICE

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AGENCIES

FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA

SIERRA CLUB

SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY

WAL-MART STORES EAST, LP AND SAM'S EAST, INC.

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 160186-EI

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

CONSOLIDATED WITH

DOCKET NO. 160170-EI

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF 2016 DEPRECIATION AND DISMANTLEMENT STUDIES, APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DEPRECIATION RATES AND ANNUAL DISMANTLEMENT ACCRUALS AND PLANT SMITH UNITS 1 AND 2 REGULATORY ASSET AMORTIZATION, BY GULF POWER COMPANY.

ISSUED: February 14, 2017

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing in the above referenced docket at the following time and place:

HEARING

Monday, March 20, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. Hearing Room 148 Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399

March 21-24, 2017, have also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of Gulf Power Company for an increase in rates, any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing, and for such other purposes as the Commission may deem appropriate. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on March 6, 2017. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or (850) 413-6770, or via the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Monday, March 6, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. Hearing Room 148 Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida 32399 NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING DOCKET NO. 160186-EI PAGE 3

The purpose of this prehearing conference is: (1) to define and limit, if possible, the number of issues; (2) to determine the parties' positions on the issues; (3) to determine what facts, if any, may be stipulated; (4) to dispose of any motions or other matters that may be pending; (5) to identify exhibits; (6) to establish an order of witnesses; and (7) to consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding by the provisions of Sections 366.03, 366.041, 366.05, 366.06, and 366.07, Florida Statutes, and any other relevant sections of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, applicable to this proceeding, in addition to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Rules 25-6, 26-9, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.psc.state.fl.us/) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th day of February, 2017.

CARLOTTA S. STAUFFER

Commission Clerk

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