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February 20, 2017

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 160186-El

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached herein are Gulf Power Company's Objections to Southern Alliance for Clean Energy's and The League of Women Voters of Florida's Fifth Set of Interrogatories (Nos. 34-48) submitted by electronic mail in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

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Regulatory and Pricing Manager

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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: February 20, 2017

# GULF POWER COMPANY'S OBJECTIONS TO SOUTHERN ALLIANCE FOR CLEAN ENERGY'S AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FLORIDA'S FIFTH SET OF INTERROGATORIES (NOS. 34-48)

Pursuant to Fla. Admin. Code R. 28-106.206, Rule 1.340 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 the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy's ("SACE") and the League of Women Voters of Florida's ("LWVF") Fifth Set of Interrogatories to Gulf Power Company (Nos. 34-48) (collectively "the Interrogatories") and states as follows:

## **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

With respect to any "Definitions" and "Instructions" in SACE's and LWVF's Interrogatories, 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 SACE's and LWVF's definitions that are inconsistent with those rules. 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 perform analyses that it has not otherwise performed in support of its case and would not normally perform in the ordinary course of its business because there is no such requirement under the applicable rules and law.

Additionally, Gulf generally objects to SACE's and LWVF'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 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 SACE's and LWVF's interrogatories to the extent that they call for the production of documents on the ground that such a request is beyond the scope of Rule 1.340 of the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure.

# Respectfully submitted this 20th day of February, 2017,

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

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true copy of the foregoing has been furnished by electronic mail this 20th day of February, 2017 to the following:

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