BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application for Qualified Representative)	Docket No. 20200008-0T
Status)	
)	Date Filed: December 21, 2020

REQUEST FOR NAMING OF JASON A. HIGGINBOTHAM AS QUALIFIED REPRESENTATIVE

Pursuant to Rule 28-106.107, Florida Administrative Code, Gulf Power Company ("Gulf") requests that Jason A. Higginbotham, Senior Attorney, be named a qualified representative of Gulf for all docketed and non-docketed matters currently before the Commission and for any new matters in Calendar Year 2021 or such additional period as the Commission may authorize. Gulf is aware that it can be represented by counsel as defined in Rule 28-106.106, Florida Administrative Code and may also elect such representation.

Attached hereto is a declaration setting forth Mr. Higginbotham's qualifications. Mr. Higginbotham's business address is 700 Universe Boulevard, Juno Beach, FL 33408, telephone number (561) 691-7108.

WHEREFORE, for the above and foregoing reasons, Florida Power & Light Company respectfully requests that its Request for Naming of Qualified Representative be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Naming of Qualified Representative has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties on this 21st day of December 2020.

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DECLARATION OF JASON A. HIGGINBOTHAM

1. My name is Jason A. Higginbotham. I am employed by Florida Power & Light Company ("FPL") as Senior Attorney and authorized to represent its affiliate **Gulf Power Company** ("**Gulf**"). My business address and telephone number are as follows:

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- 2. I have personal knowledge of the matters stated in this Declaration.
- 3. I am an attorney, admitted to the practice of law and in good standing in the State of Illinois since 2006. I also am admitted to the practice of law and in good standing in the State of Texas since 2015. Since 2015, I have represented natural gas and electric utility clients in state regulatory proceedings before the Illinois Commerce Commission. I have also represented electric utilities in state regulatory proceedings before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Kansas Corporation Commission. Additionally, I have represented electric utilities in numerous proceedings before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. My representation at both the state and federal levels has included stated rate and formula rate proceedings, mergers and acquisitions, customer complaint cases, requests for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity, requests for approval to issue securities, RTO/ISO tariff filings, informational and compliance filings, rulemakings, rate incentives filings, and other related matters. Prior to 2015, I represented industrial and commercial product manufacturers and premises owners in various litigation matters.

- 4. I was approved as a qualified representative and authorized to represent the interests of Gulf by Order No. PSC-2020-0025-FOF-OT issued January 15, 2020. Since that time, I have served as Florida Authorized House Counsel and represented Gulf before the Florida Public Service Commission, which has jurisdiction with respect to electric and other utilities in the State of Florida. My work includes representing Gulf in general rate proceedings, storm cost recovery proceedings, territorial agreement amendments, and other electric utility matters
- 5. I have experience and am familiar with the Florida Statutes relating to jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission, and the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure relating to discovery in an administrative proceeding. I also have experience and am familiar with portions of the Florida Administrative Code and Florida Statutes relative to the rules of evidence.
- 6. I have been certified by the Supreme Court of Florida as "Authorized House Counsel" pursuant to Chapter 17 of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar. Accordingly, I am subject to the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar and to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Florida for disciplinary purposes.
- 7. I have reviewed Rule 28-106.107 of the Florida Administrative Code and agree to abide by its standards.
- 8. Consistent with the standard set forth in Rule 28-106.107, I have acquired or will acquire knowledge of the factual and legal issues involved insofar as my representation of Gulf is concerned in proceedings before this Commission.
- 9. Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing declaration and that the facts stated in it are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jason A. Higginbotham
Authorized House Counsel No. 1017875