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April 23, 1990

Mr. Steve Tribble, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 101 East Gaines Street Tallahassee FL 32399-0870

Dear Mr. Tribble:

RE: Docket No. 891345-RI

Enclosed are Gulf Power Company's responses to the customer complaints that were reported at our Service Hearings on April 4 and 5, 1990 to be filed in the above docket. The complaints are listed below:

Complaint No. Name No. 10287-I Marvin Harper Austin M. Hudson No. 10291-P No. 10290-P Don Welch ACK No. 10286-P A. D. Cobb AFA Ray B. Keahey None APP Sincerely, CAF CMU CTR EAG / 14 LEG Enclosures LIN Division of Consumer Affairs cc: OPC George B. Hanna RCH SEC 1 WAS _____ OTH _ RECEIVED & FILED DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE 03506 APR 24 1990 FPSC-BUREAU OF RECORDS **FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING**



Date April 16, 1990

Re FPSC Inquiry - Marvin Harper 4091 East Johnson Pensacola, FL

G. M. Sammons

W. E. Tate

Mr. Harper owns a trailer at 8601 Fowler Avenue. In March, 1989, during a change of tenants, the service pole to the trailer disappeared. According to the inquiry, Mr. Harper believed Gulf had removed the pole.

Our Engineering Representative contacted Mrs. Harper several times, performed a field inspection of the property, and researched Gulf's records after receiving this inquiry.

The representative explained to Mrs. Harper that Gulf might remove the meter or possibly disconnect the wires to the pole if necessary, but the Company would not remove the pole. The representative also explained that Gulf had no record indicating a problem with the service at that location. It appears that the service pole at 8601 Fowler Avenue, was stolen or taken by the previous tenant. Mrs. Harper seemed to be satisfied with this explanation.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

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Date April 16, 1990

He FPSC Customer Inquiry - Austin M. Hudson 12964 Seratin Dilve Pensacola, FL

Gary M. Sammons

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On April 6, 1990, an engineering representative met with Mr. & Mrs. Hudson at their home, and listened to their concerns. The Hudson's have experienced four unrelated power interruptions since December 22, 1989, with the longest lasting about an hour. Two of these outages were caused by bad weather. The cause of the other two were undetermined.

An animal guard will be installed on the transformer serving the Hudson residence, and the area is scheduled for maintenance tree trimming later this year. We also patrolled the line, but did not find any problems.

A meter reading supervisor also met with Mr. Hudson to discuss the way his meter is read. We have no record of Mr. Hudson's meter ever being misread, and Mr. Hudson was not concerned over any previous readings. The supervisor also explained the reduced costs associated with using binoculars to read some meters and assured him it could be done accurately.

Mr. & Mrs. Hudson were satisfied with our response to their concerns. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

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Date April 16, 1990

Re FPSC Inquiry - Don Welch 50 Eden Lane Cantonment, FL

From G. M. Sammons

W. E. Tate

Mr. Welch lives in an area of Pensacola known as Cottage Hill. A number of system improvements in the Cottage Hill area have either recently been completed or will be completed by June 15, 1990. When completed, nearly \$400,000 in improvements will have been made and residents, including Mr. Welch, will experience improved electric service reliability. Much of this work had been budgeted and scheduled for the Spring 1990, however the extreme cold on December 23, increased the load far beyond even our 1990 load projections.

Listed below are some of these improvements:

Old Palafox Highway has been reconductored from Muscogee Road north to Stacey Road.

The old phase conductors will be replaced and additional ones added to Williams Ditch Road, McKenzie Road, Cedar Tree Lane, Wishbone and Virecent Roads. These projects will be completed by June 15, 1990.

Many of the outages which Mr. Welch listed were probably automatic operations on the oil circuit reclosers for which the Company does not keep records. However, the Company did have records of 7 of the interruptions which have occurred since December 23, 1989. They are attached.

We have discussed the improvements being made in Cottage Hill with Mr. Welch and he appears to be satisfied with the actions we have taken. He also understands that we can not cost effectively eliminate the OCR operations which occur and represents only a momentary outage.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

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Attachment

Record of Outages Affecting Don Welch 50 Eden Lane Cantonment, Florida

12/23/89 - from 10:45 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. Original fault occurred when a compression connector on the feeder failed. Then restoration was prolonged because of heavy load during the extremely cold weather.

- 01/09/90 from 10:50 a.m. to 11:09 a.m. The circuit was being reconductored by crews with a non-reclosing clearance for safety purposes on the line when a circuit breaker tripped. This outage was caused by a squirrel.
- 01/15/90 from 9:55 a.m. to 10:05 a.m. The circuit was being reconductored by crews with a non-reclosing clearance for safety purposes on the line when a circuit breaker tripped.
- 01/30/90 from 3:38 p.m. to 3:57 p.m. The circuit was being reconductored by crews with a non-reclosing clearance for safety purposes on the line when a circuit breaker tripped. This outage was caused when a fiberglass arm used to separate the phases failed.
- 01/31/90 from 3:06 p.m. to 3:28 p.m. The circuit was being reconductored by crews with a non-reclosing clearance for safety purposes on the line when a circuit breaker tripped. This outage was caused when a train hit a cablevision wire and the resulting jolt caused a fault.

02/22/90 - from 2:05 a.m. to 7:17 a.m. Tree caused primary to burn down during storm. 03/18/90 - from 9:28 a.m. to 9:29 a.m. Occurred when a oil circuit breaker was opened in order to close bypass

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switch on a oil circuit recloser.

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April 16, 1990

FPSC Customer Inquiry - Mr. A. D. Cobb 1240 Dunmire Street Pensacola, FL

Gary M. Sammons

Warren E. Tate

An engineering representative contacted Mr. Cobb on April 5, 1990, concerning his inquiry to the Florida Public Service Commission. Sometime last year, Mr. Cobb experienced partial lights and contacted the Company. The employee who took the call advised Mr. Cobb to check his fuses, since that is often the problem with partial lights, and call us back if the fuses were not bad. Rather than check the fuses himself, Mr. Cobb contacted an electrician to check the fuses. The electrician billed Mr. Cobb \$45.00 for the service call.

Mr. Cobb also stated that he did experience occasional outages caused by squirrels but was not real concerned about it. The engineering representative patrolled the facilities in the area and found acceptable tree conditions and animal protection. At the conclusion of our contact with Mr. Cobb, he thanked us for our help.

If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

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Date April 19, 1990

- FPSC Rate Case Hearing Ray B. Keahey, 8207 Elizabeth Ave Customer Complaint Account #3105-651-022777
- From John W. Stephens, Jr.

Mr. Jack L. Haskins

Mr. Keahey appeared before the Commission during the Rate Case Hearing held in Panama City on April 5, 1990 and complained of excessive usage during the period from 12/15/89 through 2/28/90. He claims that he was out of town during a great portion of this time frame. He also claimed to have experienced excessive outages during the past fifteen years.

On April 9, 1990, a Marketing Supervisor, a Customer Service Supervisor, and an Engineering Representative met with Mr. Keahey to discuss his electric service concerns. During the 12/15/89 - 1/18/90 billing period, we calculated Mr. Keahey's usage at 2907 KWH. Although this was 973 KWH higher than the previous month's usage, it also occurred during a period of record low temperatures. As you can see from the attached printout, Mr. Keahey used almost 2000 KWH during a period of relatively mild weather (11/15/89 - 12/15/89). We pointed out to Mr. Keahey that during the period he was out of town the longest (1/18/90 - 2/19/90), his usage was calculated at 265 KWH, and this was in line with his claim that he only had a refrigerator and lamp on while he was gone.

Mr. Keahey also told us that his electric service had been interrupted at least twice a year for fifteen years and claims that the problem was with the transformer. Our Engineering Representative reviewed our records, and they show no transformer problems during the last six years. The Representative also checked with a neighbor who is served off the same transformer, and he said that he had never experienced any problem with power outages.

The meter at Mr. Keahey's residence was tested on April 9, 1990 and was found to be operating within the accuracy guidelines set by the FPSC. Mr. J. L. Haskins April 19, 1990 Page Two

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The Marketing Supervisor discussed several tips for saving energy with Mr. Keahey and also left a pamphlet outlining additional energy-saving suggestions.

We also advised Mr. Keahey to contact us anytime he experienced any problems or had questions concerning his electric service and that we would be more than happy to help him.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please contact me.

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