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Public Service Commission

July 16, 1996

Mr. B. Kenneth Gatlin Gatlin, Woods & Carlson 1705-D Mahan Drive Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Re: Docket No. 960329-WS, Application For Increased Water and Wastewater Rates and For A Change In Service Availability Charges by Gulf Utility Company in Lee County

Dear Mr. Gatlin:

We have reviewed the company's application including the minimum filing requirements submitted on June 27, 1996, on behalf of the above mentioned utility. After reviewing this information, we find the minimum filing requirements to be deficient. The specifics are identified below.

- 1. Filing Fee. The filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(e), F.A.C., for the rate case is \$4,500 for water and \$3,500 for wastewater. The filing fee pursuant to Rule 25-30.020(h), F.A.C., for the application to change service availability charges is \$2,250 for water and \$1,750 for wastewater. The total filing fee equals \$12,000 for which the company provide a check for \$10,500. The additional filing fee of \$1,500 must be submitted.
- 2. Schedule A-4, A-8, A-11, A-13, B-7 and B-8. These schedules require that the starting point be the date that rate base was last established by the Commission. Rate base was last established in Docket No. 900718-WS. The test year used in Docket No. 900718-WS should be the starting point for these schedules.
- 3. Schedule A-11, A-12 & A-19. The Contributions in Aid of Construction shown on Schedules A-11 and A-12 does not reconcile to the amount shown on Schedule A-19. The difference must be reconciled or corrected.
- 4. Schedule B-3. The budget assumptions and Other Emplaired Properties 4 Materials & Supplies and Note 12 Miscellaneous Expenses 7 JUL 17 &

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5. Schedule A-9, B-13 and F-5. The non-used and useful percentages shown on Schedule A-9 do not reconcile to those shown on Schedule B-13. Also, the non-used and useful percentages shown on schedule F-4 do not reconcile to either A-9 or B-13.

Your petition will not be deemed filed until the date that we receive the above mentioned information. These corrections should be submitted no later than August 9, 1996.

Sincerely,

Charles H. Hill Director

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