THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

In the Matter of an Application for Permit by:	OGC No.
Gulf Power Company One Energy Place Pensacola, FL 32520	DRAFT Permit No.: 0050014-001-AV Smith Plant Bay County
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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

By and through undersigned counsel, Gulf Power Company (Gulf) hereby requests, pursuant to Florida Administrative Code Rules 28-106.111(3) and 62-103.050(1), an extension of time, to and including December 31, 1997, in which to file a Petition for Administrative Proceedings in the above-styled matter. As good cause for granting this request, Gulf states the following:

- 1. On or about October 13, 1997, Gulf received from the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) an "Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit" (Permit No. 0050014-001-AV) for the Smith Plant located in Bay County, Florida. Along with the Intent to Issue, Gulf received a draft Title V permit and "Public Notice of Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit."
- 2. Based on Gulf's review, the draft permit and associated documents contain several provisions that warrant clarification or correction.
- 3. Gulf is in the process of conducting studies in an effort to respond to concerns raised by the Department in the draft permit.

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4. Representatives of Gulf intend to correspond with staff of the Department's

Bureau of Air Regulation in the near future in an effort to resolve all issues.

5. This request is filed simply as a protective measure to avoid waiver of Gulf's right

to challenge certain conditions contained in the draft Title V permit. Grant of this request will

not prejudice either party, but will further their mutual interest and likely avoid the need to file

a petition and proceed to a formal administrative hearing.

6. Jonathan Holtom with the Bureau of Air Regulation has agreed to an extension

until December 31, 1997, on behalf of the Department. Counsel for Gulf has contacted Jeffrey

Brown with the Department's Office of General Counsel regarding this request, and he has no

objection.

WHEREFORE, Gulf respectfully requests that the time for filing of a Petition for

Administrative Proceedings in regard to the Department's Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation

Permit for Permit No. 0050014-001-AV be formally extended to and including December 31,

1997.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October, 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following by U.S. Mail on this 17th day of October, 1997:

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