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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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BUREAU OF  
AIR REGULATION

In the Matter of an  
Application for Permit by:

OGC No. 97-1824

Gulf Power Company  
One Energy Place  
Pensacola, FL 32520

DRAFT Permit No.: 0330045-001-AV  
Crist Plant  
Escambia County

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 April 1, 1998, 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 6, 1997, Gulf received from the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) an "Intent to Issue Title V Air Operation Permit" (Permit No. 0330045-001-AV) for the Crist Plant located in Escambia 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. By order dated January 5, 1998, the Department granted an extension of time until March 1, 1998, within which to file a petition for an administrative hearing.
3. Based on Gulf's review, the draft permit and associated documents contain several provisions that warrant clarification or correction.

4. Representatives of Gulf have corresponded and intend to continue to correspond with staff of the Department's Bureau of Air Regulation in an effort to resolve all issues.

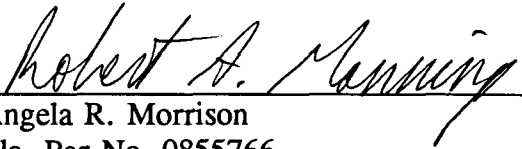
5. This request is filed simply as a protective measure to avoid waiver of Gulf's right to challenge certain conditions contained in the draft Title V permit. Grant of this request will not prejudice either party, but will further their mutual interest and likely avoid the need to file a petition and proceed to a formal administrative hearing.

6. Jonathan Holtom with the Bureau of Air Regulation and Jeffrey Brown with the Office of General Counsel have agreed to an extension until April 1, 1998, on behalf of the Department.

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. 0330045-001-AV be formally extended to and including April 1, 1998.

Respectfully submitted this 25 day of February, 1998.

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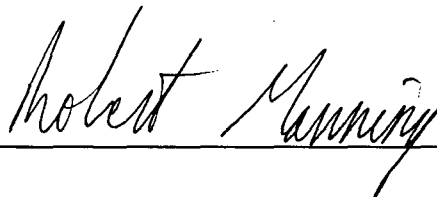
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing has been furnished to the following  
by U.S. Mail on this 25 day of February, 1998:

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