

One Energy Place
Pensacola, Florida 32520

850.444.6111



November 9, 1998

Mr. Michael Hatcher, P.E.
Department of Environmental Protection
2600 Blair Stone Road
Mail Station 3545
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

Re: Gulf Power Company
Comments on Draft Permit FL0002283
Scholz Electric Generating Plant

Dear Mr. Hatcher:

Enclosed please find an original copy of the notice of draft permit for Plant Scholz that was published in the Jackson County Floridan. A facsimile of this notice was faxed to your office previously.

Gulf Power Company (Gulf) received the draft Scholz NPDES Permit on October 14, 1998. Gulf will be issuing comments later this week on the draft permit. If you have any questions, please contact me at 850.444.6573.

Sincerely,

Richard "Mike" Markey, P.G.
Environmental Affairs

Cc: FDEP-Northwest District
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Industrial Wastewater Section

Jackson County Floridan

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared

Valeria Roberts, who on oath says

that (s)he is Advertising Manager of the Jackson County Floridan, a daily newspaper published at Marianna, in Jackson County, Florida: that the attached copy of advertisement, in the matter mentioned, was published in said newspaper in the issues shown.

Affiant further states that the said Jackson County Floridan is a newspaper published at Marianna, in said Jackson County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Jackson County, Florida, each day (Monday and Saturday excepted) and has been entered as second class mail matter at the post office in Marianna, in said Jackson County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that (s)he has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

Valeria Roberts

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

day of

October

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Lori A. Spradlin
Notary Public, State of Florida at Large



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October 24, 1999
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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT

The Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft renewal permit for Gulf Power Company, One Energy Place, Pensacola, FL 32520 to operate Units 1 and 2 of the Scholz Electric Generation Plant located on 1460 Gulf Power Road, Sheepshead, Florida 32460. All treated and untreated wastewater (except once through cooling water) from the operation of Units 1 and 2 is discharged to the ash pond. Once-through condenser cooling water and ash pond overflow discharge through a 850-foot long discharge canal to the Apalachicola River, A Class III fresh Water.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the Department's proposed permitting decision or may submit a written request for a public meeting to the Industrial Wastewater Section, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400, Attention: Mr. Michael Hatcher in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C. The comments or request for a public meeting must contain the information set forth below and must be received in the Department's Industrial Wastewater Section within 30 days of publication of this notice. Failure to submit comments or request a public meeting within this time period shall constitute a waiver of any right such person may have to submit comments or request a public meeting under Rule 62-620.555, F.A.C.

The comments or request for a public meeting shall contain the following information:

- The commenter's name, address, and telephone number, the applicant's name and address, the Department Permit File Number and the county in which the project is proposed;
- A statement of how and when notice of the Department's action or proposed action was received;
- A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;
- A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department's action or proposed action; and
- A request that a public meeting be scheduled (if applicable) including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting.

If a public meeting is scheduled, the public comment period is extended until the close of the public meeting. If a public meeting is held any person may submit oral or written statements and data at the meeting on the Department's proposed action. As a result of significant public comment the Department's final action may be different from the position taken by it in this intent.

The draft permit, fact sheet, and other supporting data are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, Industrial Wastewater Section, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2400, telephone (904) 488-4522. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet also are available for review at the Department's Northwest District Office located at 160 Government Center, Pensacola, Florida 32501-5794.

1T: October 23, 1998