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July 13, 2010

Mr. Marc Harris
Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Facilities Regulation
Industrial Wastewater Section
Mail Station 3545
Twin Towers Office Building
2600 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400

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**RE: Notice of Draft Permit – Proof of Publication
Gulf Power Company- Scholz Electric Generating Plant
NPDES Permit No. FL0002283**

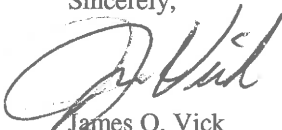
Dear Mr. Harris:

On June 17, 2010, Gulf Power received the Notice and Draft Permit Revision for the above-reference facility. As required by Section 403.815, Florida Statutes, and Rule 62-620.550(2), Florida Administrative Code, Gulf Power has published the Notice of Draft Permit. The Notice was published on July 6, 2010 in the legal ad section of a newspaper of general circulation in the County where this activity is to take place within 30 days of receipt of the Notice.

Gulf Power has attached the Proof of Publication to this letter for your reference.

Please feel free to contact Susan Kennedy at (850) 444-6153 of my staff if you have any questions or need any additional information

Sincerely,



James O. Vick
Environmental Affairs

Attachment

Cc: Bill Armstrong – FDEP, Pensacola

Cc (electronic): Kenny Peacock – Scholz Plant
Jora Maxwell – Scholz Plant
Mike Markey – Gulf Power

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Before the undersigned authority appeared JoAnn Greenlee, who on oath says that she is Legal Advertising Representative of The News Herald, a daily newspaper published at Panama City, in Bay County, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Legal Advertisement # 7837 in the matter of Notice of Draft Permit and Request for Public Comment - GPC Scholz Electric Generating in the Bay County Court, was published in said newspaper in the issue of July 6, 2010.

Affiant further says that The News Herald is a direct successor of the Panama City News and that this publication, together with its direct predecessor, has been continuously published in said Bay County, Florida, each day (except that the predecessor, Panama City News, was not published on Sundays), and that this publication together with its said predecessor, has been entered as periodicals matter at the post office in Panama City, in said Bay County, Florida, for a period of 1 year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that he or she 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.

State of Florida
County of Bay

Sworn and subscribed before me this 6th day of July, A.D., 2010, by JoAnn Greenlee, Legal Advertising Representative of The News Herald, who is personally known to me or has produced N/A as identification.



Marie L. Forrest

Notary Public, State of Florida at Large

7837
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NOTICE OF DRAFT PERMIT and REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Department of Environmental Protection gives notice of its preparation of a draft permit renewal (FL0002283) for Gulf Power Company to operate wastewater treatment and effluent disposal facilities for Units 1 and 2 of the Scholz Electric Generating Plant in Jackson County, Florida. The discharge consists of once-through non-contact cooling water and ash pond overflow. Ash sluice water, low volume wastes, auxiliary equipment cooling water, coal pile runoff, yard sump runoff, and treated domestic wastewater are discharged to the on-site ash pond. The facility discharges to the Apalachicola River (Class III fresh waters).

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit of the Department or may submit a written request for a public meeting to the Industrial Wastewater Section, Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, Attention: Marc Harris, P.E., in accordance with Rule 62-620.555, Florida Administrative Code (FAC). 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, FAC.

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

(a) 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;

(b) A statement of how and when notice of the Department action or proposed action was received;

(c) A statement of the facts the Department should consider in making the final decision;

(d) A statement of which rules or statutes require reversal or modification of the Department action or proposed action; and

(e) If desired, a request that a public meeting be scheduled including a statement of the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the meeting. However, the Department may not always grant a request for a public meeting. Therefore, written comments should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice, even if a public meeting is requested.

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 proposed action. As a result of significant public comment the Department final action may be different from the position taken by it in this draft permit.

The permit application file and 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 Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Facilities Regulation, Industrial Wastewater Section, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400, telephone (850) 245-8589 and at the Department's Northwest District Office located at 160 Governmental Center, Pensacola, Florida 32502, Phone Number: (850) 595-8300.
July 6, 2010