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STANDARD OFFER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FIRM CAPACITY AND ENERGY FROM A RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY OR SMALL QUALIFYING FACILITY

("RENEWABLE STANDARD OFFER CONTRACT")

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| | THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this | s da | y of | | , | _ by |
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| and | between, | hereinafter | referred | to as the | "Seller"; | and |
| Gulf | Power Company, a corporation, hereinafter refere | red to as th | ie "Compa | ny". The S | Seller and | d the |
| Com | pany shall collectively be referred to herein as the | e "Parties". | | | | |

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, for purposes of this contract, the term "Renewable Energy Facility" means a facility that produces electrical energy from one or more of the sources stated in Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) Rule 25-17.210 (1), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and the term "Small Qualifying Facility" means a facility with a design capacity of 100 KW or less as defined in FPSC Rule 25-17.080, F.A.C., thus, both "Renewable Energy Facility" and "Small Qualifying Facility" are herein referred to as "Facility"; and

WHEREAS, the Seller desires to sell, and the Company desires to purchase, firm capacity and energy to be generated by the Facility, such sale and purchase to be consistent with FPSC Rules 25-17.080 through 25-17.091; and

WHEREAS, the Seller, in accordance with FPSC Rule 25-17.087, F.A.C., has entered into an interconnection agreement with the utility that the Facility is directly interconnected, attached hereto as Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, the FPSC has approved the following standard contract for use in the acceptance of the Company's standard offer for the purchase of firm capacity and energy from Facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, for mutual consideration the Parties agree as follows:



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| 1. <u>Fac</u> | cility | | | | | |
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| The | Seller either co | ontemplates insta | alling and oper | ating or has ins | talled and is | operating a |
| Facility | comprised in | whole or in | part of the | following gene | erator units | located at |
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The entire Facility, whether comprised in whole or in part of the generator units set forth above, is designed to produce a maximum of _____ kilowatts (KW) of electric power at an 85% power factor.

2. Term of the Agreement

This Agreement shall begin immediately upon its execution and the contemporaneous payment by the Seller to the Company of a completion security deposit in the amount of \$20.00 times each KW of nameplate capacity of the Facility's generator unit(s). This Agreement shall end at 12:01 A.M., _______, 20______ (date specified shall be no earlier than May 31, 2033).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if construction and commercial operation of the Facility are not accomplished before June 1, 2023, the Company's obligations to the Seller under this Agreement shall be considered to be of no force and effect. The Company shall be entitled to retain and use the funds required by the Company as a completion security deposit under this section of the Agreement.

At the election of the Seller, the completion security deposit may be phased in such that one half of the total deposit due is paid upon contract execution and the remainder is to be paid within 12 months after contract execution. If the Seller elects to phase in payment of the completion security deposit due under this paragraph, the effective date of the contract shall be the date of execution provided, however, that the Company shall have no further obligation to the Seller if either installment of the completion security deposit is not timely received by the Company.



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Depending on the nature of the Facility's operation, financial health and solvency, and its ability to meet the terms and conditions of this Agreement, one of the following, at the Company's discretion in accordance with the provisions of Schedule REF-1, may be used as an alternative to a cash deposit as a means of securing the completion of the project in accord with this Agreement:

- (a) an unconditional, irrevocable direct pay letter; or
- (b) surety bond; or
- (c) other means acceptable to the Company.

In the case of a governmental solid waste facility, pursuant to FPSC Rule 25-17.091, F.A.C., the following will be acceptable to the Company: the unsecured promise of a municipal, county, or state government to pay the actual damages incurred by the Company because the governmental facility fails to come on line prior to June 1, 2023.

| The specific completion security vehicle agreed upon by the parties is: | |
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(IN ORDER FOR THIS FORM OF CONTRACT TO BE USED TO TENDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMPANY'S STANDARD OFFER BY A SELLER OTHER THAN A GOVERNMENTAL SOLID WASTE FACILITY, THE ABOVE LINE MUST SPECIFY CASH DEPOSIT IN THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT UNLESS THE SELLER HAS SECURED THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE COMPANY TO AN ALTERNATIVE COMPLETION SECURITY VEHICLE.)

3. Sale of Electricity by the Facility

The Company agrees to purchase firm capacity and energy generated at the Facility and transmitted to the Company by the Facility. The purchase and sale of firm capacity and energy pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with the following billing methodology (choose one):

- () Net Billing Arrangement; or
- () Simultaneous Purchase and Sales Arrangement.



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The billing methodology chosen above may not be changed except in accordance with and subject to the following provisions of Rules 25-17.082 and 25-17.0832 F.A.C.:

- (a) when a Facility selling as-available energy enters into a negotiated contract or standard offer contract for the sale of firm capacity and energy; or
- (b) when a firm capacity and energy contract expires or is lawfully terminated by either the Facility or the purchasing utility; or
- (c) when the Facility is selling as-available energy and has not changed billing methods within the last twelve months; and
- (d) upon at least thirty days advance written notice to the Company;
- upon the installation of any additional metering equipment reasonably required to effect the change in billing and upon payment by the Facility for such metering equipment and its installation;
- (f) upon completion and approval of any alterations to the interconnection reasonably required to effect the change in billing an upon payment by the Facility for such alterations; and
- (g) where the election to change billing methods will not contravene the provisions of Rule 25-17.0832 or the tariff under which the Facility receives electrical service, or any previously agreed upon contractual provision between the Facility and the Company.

4. Payment for Electricity Produced by the Facility

4.1 Energy

The Company agrees to pay the Seller for energy the Facility produces and delivers for sale to the Company. The purchase and sale of energy pursuant to this Agreement shall be in accordance with the rates and procedures contained in Paragraph B of the RATES FOR PURCHASES BY THE COMPANY section of Schedule REF-1 as it exists at the time this Agreement is properly submitted by the Seller to the Company as tendered acceptance of the Company's Standard Offer.



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| For all energy delivered by the Facility to the Company, the Seller elects to be paid pursuant |
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| to the method described in: |
| Paragraph B (1), or |
| Paragraph B (3)(b), |
| and (if applicable); |
| Paragraph B (2), or |
| Paragraph B (3)(a) |
| of the RATES FOR PURCHASES BY THE COMPANY section of Schedule REF-1. If the Seller |
| elects any payment method under Paragraph B (3), the details underlying the derivation of the |
| associated energy payments will be described in an exhibit to this Standard Offer Contract. The |
| Company will provide the Seller an energy payment schedule for the elected payment method |
| within thirty (30) days after receipt of a Seller's request for such information. |
| 4.2 <u>Capacity</u> |
| 4.2.1 Anticipated Committed Capacity. The Facility is expected to deliver |
| approximately kilowatts of capacity, beginning on or about, 20 |
| (Date specified may not be later than June 1, 2023.) |

The Facility may finalize its Committed Capacity (CC) after initial facility testing, and specify when capacity payments are to begin, by completing Paragraph 4.2.2 at a date subsequent to the execution of this Agreement by the parties. However, the Seller must complete Paragraph 4.2.2 before June 1, 2023 in order to be entitled to any capacity payments pursuant to this Agreement. The final Committed Capacity set forth in Paragraph 4.2.2 shall not exceed plus or minus ten percent of the above estimate. The date specified in Paragraph 4.2.2 as the date on which capacity payments shall begin shall be no earlier than the date specified above, nor any later than June 1, 2023.



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Company under Option _____ or ____ a customized payment stream as described in the Company's Schedule REF-1 of the Company Tariff for Retail Electric Service as it exists at the time this Agreement is properly submitted by the Seller to the Company as tendered acceptance of the Company Standard Offer. If the customized payment option is chosen by the Seller as the preferred capacity payment option, the details underlying the derivation of such payment stream will be described in an exhibit to this Standard Offer Contract.

The Capacity Payments to be made by the Company to the Seller are based upon the Avoided Unit that the Company has designated for purposes of the Standard Offer. The Capacity Payments to the Seller are based on an avoided gas-fired Combustion Turbine generating facility with the following economic assumptions:

Size: 349 MW total Installed Costs (2023): \$988/kw Discount Rate: 6.39% AFUDC Rate: 7.33%

Annual Inflation: 2.50% K-factor: 1.3285

Annual Capacity Factor: 9.5% Fixed O & M: \$18.03/kw-yr

Equivalent Availability: 95% Unit Life: 40 years



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The Company agrees it will pay the Seller a capacity payment. This capacity payment will be the product of the Facility's Committed Capacity and the applicable rate from the Seller's chosen capacity payment option in accordance with the Company's Schedule REF-1, as it exists at the time this Agreement is properly submitted by the Seller to the Company as tendered acceptance of the Company's Standard Offer. In the event either: (1) the date specified in Section 2 of this Agreement is later than June 1, 2033; or (2) the date specified in Paragraph 4.2.2 as the date capacity payments are to begin is one other than the dates shown in Schedule REF-1, a payment schedule will be calculated by the Company and attached to this agreement as Exhibit D. Under those circumstances, the payment schedule set forth in Exhibit D will be used in the calculation of capacity payments pursuant to this paragraph. The Company will provide the Seller a capacity payment schedule for the chosen payment method within thirty (30) days after receipt of a Seller's request for such information. The capacity payment for a given month will be added to the energy payment for such month and tendered by the Company to the Seller as a single payment as promptly as possible, normally by the twentieth business day following the day the meter is read.

In October following each performance period, the Company will calculate the availability of the Facility over the most recent twelve month period ending August 31. For purposes of this Agreement, availability means Equivalent Availability Factor (EAF) as defined by the North American Electric Reliability Council Generating Availability Data System (NERC GADS) or its successor's indice. If the availability (EAF) of the Facility is not equal to or greater than 0.95 (95%), then the Seller will repay the Company a portion of the performance period capacity payments as calculated in accordance with the procedure detailed in the **ANNUAL CAPACITY AVAILABILITY FACTOR DETERMINATION** section of Rate Schedule REF-1.



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Repayment under this paragraph shall not be construed as a limitation of the Company's right to pursue a claim against the Seller in any appropriate court or forum for the actual damages the Company incurs as a result of non-performance or default.

5. Metering Requirements

Hourly demand recording meters shall be required for each individual generator unit comprising a Facility with a total installed capacity of 100 kilowatts or more. Where the total installed capacity of the facility is less than 100 kilowatts, the Facility may select any one of the following options (choose one):

- () hourly demand recording meter(s);
- () dual kilowatt-hour register time-of-day meter(s); or
- standard kilowatt-hour meter(s).

Unless special circumstances warrant, meters shall be read at monthly intervals on the approximate corresponding day of each meter reading period.

6. <u>Electricity Production Schedule</u>

During the term of this Agreement, the Seller agrees to:

- (a) Adjust reactive power flow in the interconnection so as to remain within the range of 85% leading to 85% lagging power factor;
- (b) Provide the Company, prior to October 1 of each calendar year (January through December), an estimate of the amount of firm capacity and energy to be generated by the Facility and delivered to the Company for each month of the following calendar year including the time, duration and magnitude of any planned outages or reductions in capacity;
- (c) Promptly update the yearly generation schedule and maintenance schedule as and when any changes may be determined necessary;
- (d) Coordinate its scheduled Facility outages with the Company;



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- (e) Comply with reasonable requirements of the Company regarding day-to-day or hourby-hour communications between the parties relative to the performance of this Agreement; and
- (f) Promptly notify the Company of the Facility's inability to supply any portion of its Committed Capacity. (Failure of the Seller to notify the Company of a known derating or inability to supply its full Committed Capacity from the Facility may, at the sole discretion of the Company, result in a determination of non-performance.)

7. The Seller's Obligation if the Seller Receives Early Capacity Payments

The Seller's payment option choice pursuant to paragraph 4.2.3 may result in payment by the Company for capacity delivered prior to June 1, 2023. The parties recognize that capacity payments received for any period through May 31, 2023, are in the nature of "early payment" for a future capacity benefit to the Company. To ensure that the Company will receive a capacity benefit for which early capacity payments have been made, or alternatively, that the Seller will repay the amount of early payments received to the extent the capacity benefit has not been conferred, the following provisions will apply:

The Company shall establish a Capacity Account. Amounts shall be added to the Capacity Account for each month through May 2023, in the amount of the Company's capacity payments made to the Seller pursuant to the Seller's chosen payment option from Schedule REF-1 or Exhibit D if applicable. The monthly balance in the Capacity Account shall accrue interest at the rate then prevailing for thirty (30) days highest grade commercial paper; such rate is to be determined by the Company thirty days prior to the date of each payment or posting of interest to the account. Commencing on June 1, 2023, there shall be deducted from the Capacity Account an Early Payment Offset Amount to reduce the balance in the Capacity Account. Such Early Payment Offset Amount shall be equal to that amount which the Company would have paid for



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capacity in that month if the capacity payment had been calculated pursuant to Option 1 in Schedule REF-1 and the Seller had elected to begin receiving payment on June 1, 2023 minus the monthly capacity payment the Company makes to the Seller pursuant to the capacity payment option chosen by the Seller in paragraph 4.2.3.

The Seller shall owe the Company and be liable for the outstanding balance in the Capacity Account. The Company agrees to notify the Seller monthly as to the current Capacity Account balance. Prior to receipt of early capacity payments, the Seller shall execute a promise to repay any outstanding balance in the Capacity Account in the event of a default pursuant to this Agreement. Such promise shall be secured by means mutually acceptable to the Parties and in accordance with the provisions of Schedule REF-1.

The specific repayment assurance selected for purposes of this Agreement is:

Any outstanding balance in the Capacity Account shall immediately become due and payable, in full, in the event of default or at the conclusion of the term of this Agreement. The Seller's obligation to pay the balance in the Capacity Account shall survive termination of this Agreement.

8. Non-Performance Provisions

The Seller shall be entitled to receive a complete refund of the security deposit described in Section 2 of this contract (or in the event an alternative completion security vehicle is in effect, release of that completion security) upon the Facility's achieving commercial in-service status (which, for purposes of this Agreement, shall include the demonstration of capability to perform by actual delivery of firm capacity and energy to the Company) provided that this occurs prior to June 1, 2023 and that said



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commercial in-service status is maintained from the date of initial demonstration to, through and including June 1, 2023. The Seller shall not be entitled to any of its security deposit if the Facility fails to achieve commercial in-service status prior to June 1, 2023 and maintain that status to, through and including said date. Additionally, once construction of the Facility or any additions necessary for the Facility to have the capability to deliver the anticipated Committed Capacity and energy to the Company from the Facility has commenced, the Seller will allow Company representatives to review quarterly the construction progress to provide the Company with a level of assurance that the Facility will be capable of delivering the anticipated Committed Capacity from the Facility on or before June 1, 2023.

Additionally, failure of the Seller to notify the Company of a known derating or inability to supply its full Committed Capacity from the Facility may, at the sole discretion of the Company, result in a determination of non-performance. Upon such determination by the Company, capacity payments to the Seller shall be suspended for a period of time equal to the time of the known derating or inability to supply the full Committed Capacity from the Facility or six months, whichever shall be longer.

9. Default

9.1 <u>Mandatory Default</u>. The Seller shall be in default under this Agreement if: (1) Seller either voluntarily declares bankruptcy or becomes subject to involuntary bankruptcy proceedings; or (2) the Facility ceases all electric generation for either of the Company's peak generation planning periods (summer or winter) occurring in a consecutive 12 month period. For purposes of this Agreement, the Company's summer peak generation planning period shall be May through September and the Company's winter peak generation planning period shall be December through February. The months included in the Company's peak generation planning periods may be changed, at the sole discretion of the Company, upon 12 months prior notice to the Seller.



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9.2 Optional Default. The Company may declare the Seller to be in default if: (1) at any time prior to June 1, 2023 and after capacity payments have begun, the Company has sufficient reason to believe that the Facility is unable to deliver its Committed Capacity; (2) because of a Seller's refusal, inability or anticipatory breach of its obligation to deliver its Committed Capacity after June 1, 2023; or (3) the Company has made three or more determinations of non-performance due to the failure of the Seller to notify the Company of a known derating or inability to supply Committed Capacity during any eighteen month period.

10. General Provisions

- 10.1 <u>Permits</u>. The Seller hereby agrees to obtain any and all governmental permits, certifications, or other authority the Seller and/or Facility are required to obtain as a prerequisite to engaging in the activities provided for in this Agreement. The Company hereby agrees to obtain any and all governmental permits certifications or other authority the Company is required to obtain as a prerequisite to engaging in the activities provided for in this Agreement.
- 10.2 <u>Indemnification</u>. The Seller agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates, and their respective employees, officers, and directors, against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or expense which the Company, its subsidiaries, affiliates, and their respective employees, officers, and directors may hereafter incur, suffer or be required to pay by reason of negligence on the part of the Seller in performing its obligations pursuant to this Agreement or the Seller's failure to abide by the provisions of this Agreement. The Company agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Seller against any and all liability, loss, damage, cost or expense which the Seller may hereafter incur, suffer or be required to pay by reason of negligence on the part of the Company in performing its obligations pursuant to this Agreement or the Company's failure to abide by the provision of this Agreement. The Seller agrees to include the Company as an additional named insured in any liability insurance policy or policies the Seller obtains to protect the Seller's interests with respect to the Seller's indemnity and hold harmless assurances to parties contained in this Section.



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The Seller shall deliver to the Company at least fifteen days prior to the delivery of any capacity and energy under this Agreement, a certificate of insurance certifying the Seller's and Facility's coverage under a liability insurance policy issued by a reputable insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Florida, protecting and indemnifying the Seller and the Company as an additional named insured, their officers, employees, and representatives, against all liability and expense on account of claims and suits for injuries or damages to persons or property arising out of the Seller's and the Facility's performance under or failure to abide by the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation any claims, damages or injuries caused by operation of any of the Facility's equipment or by the Seller's failure to maintain the Facility's equipment in satisfactory and safe operating conditions, or otherwise arising out of the performance by the Seller of the duties and obligations arising under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

The policy providing such coverage shall provide comprehensive general liability insurance, including property damage, with limits in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence. In addition, the above required policy shall be endorsed with a provision whereby the insurance company will notify the Company within thirty days prior to the effective date of cancellation or a material change in the policy. The Seller shall pay all premiums and other charges required or due in order to maintain such coverage as required under this section in force during the entire period of this Agreement beginning with the initial delivery of capacity and energy to the Company.

10.3 <u>Taxes or Assessments</u>. It is the intent of the parties under this provision that the Seller hold the Company and its general body of ratepayers harmless from the effects of any additional taxes, assessments or other impositions that arise as a result of the purchase of energy or capacity from the Facility in lieu of other energy or capacity and that any savings in regards to taxes or assessments be included in the avoided cost payments made to the Seller to the extent



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permitted by law. In the event the Company becomes liable for additional taxes, assessments or imposition arising out of its transaction with the Seller under either this agreement or any related interconnection agreement or due to changes in laws affecting the Company's purchases of energy or capacity from the Facility occurring after the execution of this agreement and for which the Company would not have been liable if it had produced the energy and/or constructed facilities sufficient to provide the capacity contemplated under this agreement itself, the Company may bill the Seller monthly for such additional expenses or may offset them against amounts due the Seller from the Company. Any savings in taxes, assessments or impositions that accrue to the Company as a result of its purchase of energy and capacity under this agreement that are not already reflected in the avoided energy or avoided capacity payments made to the Seller hereunder, shall be passed on to the Seller to the extent permitted by law without consequential penalty or loss of such benefit to the Company.

10.4 <u>Force Majeure</u>. If either party shall be unable, by reason of <u>force majeure</u>, to carry out its obligations under this Agreement, either wholly or in part, the party so failing shall give written notice and full particulars of such cause or causes to the other party as soon as possible after the occurrence of any such cause; and such obligations shall be suspended during the continuance of such hindrance which, however, shall be extended for such period as may be necessary for the purpose of making good any suspension so caused. The term "force majeure" shall be taken to mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, arrests and restraints of rules and people, environmental constraints lawfully imposed by federal, state or local government bodies, explosions, fires, floods, lightning, wind, perils of the sea provided, however, that no occurrences may be claimed to be a <u>force majeure</u> occurrence if it is caused by the negligence or lack of due diligence on the part of the party attempting to make such claim. The Seller agrees to pay the costs necessary to reactivate the Facility and/or the interconnection with the Company's system if the same are rendered inoperable



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due to actions of the Seller, its agents, or <u>force majeure</u> events affecting the Facility or the interconnection with the Company. The Company agrees to reactivate at its own cost the interconnection with the Facility in circumstances where any interruptions to such interconnections are caused by the Company or its agents.

- 10.5 <u>Assignment</u>. The Seller shall have the right to assign its benefits under this Agreement, but the Seller shall not have the right to assign its obligations and duties without the Company's prior written approval.
- 10.6 <u>Disclaimer</u>. In executing this Agreement, the Company does not, nor should it be construed, to extend its credit or financial support for the benefit of any third parties lending money to or having other transactions with the Seller or any assignee of this Agreement.
- 10.7 <u>Notification</u>. For purposes of making any and all non-emergency oral and written notices, payments or the like required under the provisions of this Agreement, the parties designate the following to be notified or to whom payment shall be sent until such time as either party furnishes the other party written instructions to contact another individual.

| For Seller: | For Gulf Power Company: |
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| | Secretary and Treasurer |
| | Gulf Power Company |
| | One Energy Place |
| | Pensacola FL 32520-0780 |
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- 10.8 <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.
- 10.9 <u>Severability</u>. If any part of this Agreement, for any reason, be declared invalid, or unenforceable by a pubic authority of appropriate jurisdiction, then such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Agreement, which remainder shall remain in force and effect as if this Agreement had been executed without the invalid or unenforceable portion.



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- 10.10 <u>Complete Agreement and Amendments</u>. All previous communications or agreements between the parties, whether verbal or written, with reference to the subject matter of this Agreement are hereby abrogated. No amendment or modification to this Agreement shall be binding unless it shall be set forth in writing and duly executed by both parties to this Agreement and, if required, approved by the FPSC.
- 10.11 <u>Incorporation of Schedule</u>. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be subject to all of the provisions contained in the Company's published Schedule REF-1 as approved and on file with the FPSC, as the Schedule exists at the time this Agreement is properly submitted by the Facility to the Company as tendered acceptance of the Company's standard offer.
- 10.12 <u>Survival of Agreement</u>. This Agreement, as may be amended from time to time, shall be binding and insure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors-in-interest and legal representatives.

11. Environmental Interests

In the event that the Seller decides to sell any or all Renewable Energy Certificates, Green Tags, or other tradable environmental interests (collectively "Environmental Interests") that result from the electric generation of the Facility during the term of this Agreement, the Seller shall provide notice to the Company of its intent to sell such Environmental Interests and provide the Company a reasonable opportunity to offer to purchase such Environmental Interests.

12. Changes in Environmental and Governmental Regulations

This contract may be reopened at the election of either party in the event that environmental or other regulatory requirements are enacted during the term of this contract which either (a) increase or (b) decrease the full avoided costs of the Avoided Unit. The parties may negotiate a threshold amount of change below which this reopener will not apply.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers.

GULF POWER COMPANY

| By: | |
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| • | (Signature) |
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| | (Print or Type Name) |
| Title: | |
| Date: | |
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| SELLER | |
| By: | |
| - y. | (Signature) |
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