ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.

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January 24, 1997

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Re: Docket No. 970003-GU Purchased Gas Cost Recovery for period ending March 31, 1998

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are an original and fifteen (15) copies of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's:

- 1. Prehearing Statement
- 2. Certificate of Service

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter which is also enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG) by and through its undersigned officer, hereby submits its Prehearing Statement to be taken up at the Hearing set to begin February 19, 1997 in the above listed docket.

A. APPEARANCES:

None; Stuart L. Shoaf has substituted prepared testimony which should be inserted into the record as if read.

B. WITNESSES:

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues
Stuart L Shoaf	Fuel Adjustment,	All
	true-up and projections	

C. EXHIBITS:

Exhibit No.	Witness	Description
(SLS-1) E-1	Stuart Shoaf	PGA Summary of estimates for the projected period.
(SLS-2) E-2	Stuart Shoaf	Calculation of true-up amount current period (8 months actual 4 months estimated)
(SLS-3) E-3	Stuart Shoaf	Transportation purchases system supply and end use for the projected period

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Exhibit No.	Witness	Description
(SLS-4) E-4	Shoaf	Calculation of true-up amount for the projected period based on the prior period and current period (8 months actual, 4 months estimated)
(SLS-5) E-5	Shoaf	Therms Sales and Customer Data (For the pro- jected period)
(SLS-6) E-1/R	Shoaf	Reprojected PGA for Current Period (8mths, 4 mths est.)

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

The appropriate over (under) recovery amounts and purchased gas adjustment factors are shown in the company's positions on Issues 1 - 5.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

ISSUE 1: What is the appropriated final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1995 through March, 1996?

SJNG's Position: \$21,039 overrecovery.

Issue #2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up
amount for the period of April 1996 through March 1997?
SJNG's Position: \$379,791.00 underrecovery.

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Issue #3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be collected during the period of April 1997 through
March 1998?

SJNG's Position: \$358,752 underrecovery

Issue #4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas adjustment recovery (cap) factor for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

SJNG's Position: 67.600 recovery (cap) factor

Issue #5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased
gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

SJNG's Position: The effective date for the new purchased gas adjustment charge should be April 1, 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Prehearing Statement filed on behalf of St. Joe Natural Gas Company has been served upon all known parties of record on this 24th day of January 1997.

Stuart L. Shoaf, President

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