November 10, 1997

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Ms Blanca Bayo Director of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd Tallahassee FL 32399-0950

RE: DOCKET NO. 970003-GU --- True-Up Period 4-96 through 3-97 & Testimony

Dear Mr. Fulford:

We are forwarding to you 15 non-confidential sets of the above, including 15 copies of George Bachman's testimony. 1.569-97

We have also forwarded copies of each month's complete non-confidential filing for the above period and a copy of our PGA True-Up (non-confidential) including George's testimony, for that period to Mr. Max Fulford, FPSC. 11576

Please call me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

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Corporate Accounting Manager

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 970003-GU DETERMINATION OF PURCHASED GAS/COST RECOVERY FACTOR

Direct Testimony of George Bachman On Behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company

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1	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
2	A.	George Bachman, 401 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.
3	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
4	A.	I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company as the Director of
5		Accounting.
6	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?
7	A.	To advise the Commission of the actual over/under recovery of the Purchased Gas
8		Adjustment for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997. As compared to
9		the true-up amount previously reported for that period which was based on eight
10		months actual and four months estimated.
11	Q.	Please state the actual amount of over/under recovery of the Purchased Gas
12		Adjustment for April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997.
13	A.	The Company over-recovered \$521,524 during April 1996 through March 1997.
14		This amount is substantiated on Schedules A-2 and A-7.
15	Q.	How does this amount compare with the estimated true-up amount which was
16		allowed by the Commission during the February 1997 hearing?

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We had estimated an under-recovery of \$41,418 as of March 1997.

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- 1 Q. Have you prepared any exhibits at this time?
- A. We prepared and pre-filed Schedules A-1, A-1 Supplement, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5,
- 3 A-6, and A-7.
- 4 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 5 A. Yes

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