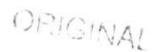
ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.

PO BOX 549 PHONE 229 8216 PORT ST JOE. FLORIDA 32457





November 19, 1997

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Record and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970003-GU
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Final True-Up
for Period April 1996 through March 1997

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are an original and ten (10) copies of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's:

- Petition for Approval of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's "11111"/
 Purchased Gas Cost Recovery True-Up Amount;
- 2. Direct Testimony of Stuart L. Shoaf 1749 11
- 3. Schedule A-7 for period April 1996 through March 1997

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

Thank you for your assistance.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In	Re:	Purchased	Gas	Recovery)
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PETITION OF ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.
FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY TRUE-UP
AMOUNT FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1996 THROUGH MARCH 1997

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG), pursuant to the requirments of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission to approve its purchased gas cost recovery true-up amount for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997. In support hereof the Company states:

 The name of the petitioner and the mailing address of its principal office is:

> St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. Post Office Box 549 Port St. Joe, Florida 32457-0549

2. The name and mailing address to the person authorized to receive notices and communications of this petition is:

> Stuart L. Shoaf, President St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. Post Office Box 549 Port St. Joe, Florida 32457-0549

- 3. Pursuant to the requirements of this Docket, SJNG has prepared a testimony and the Schedule A 7 true up form supplied by the Commission Staff in a manner consistent with the Commission Staff's instructions.
- 4. As indicated on the true-up form which is filed herewith, the company has an overrecovery of \$20,240.25 for the period of April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997.

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WHEREFORE, St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. prays the Commission will enter an order approving the Company's true-up amount for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997.

DATED this 19th day of November, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stuart L. Shoaf, President

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing petition, together with the attached Schedule A-7 has been served upon all known parties of record in this docket, by U.S. mail dated this 19th day of November, 1997.

Stuart L. Shoaf, President

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Testimony of Stuart L. Shoaf has been served upon all known parties of record in this docket, by U.S. mail dated this 19th day of November, 1997.

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