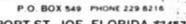
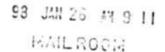
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January 23, 1998

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

Docket No. 980003 GU Purchased Gas Cost Recovery for period ending March 31, 1999

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:

- 1. Preliminary Issues and Positions
- 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,

Must Most Stuart L. Shoaf President

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# ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S PRELIMINARY LIST OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG) by and through its undersigned officer, hereby submits its Preliminary List of Issues and Postitions to be taken up at the Hearing now scheduled to begin the week of February 25, 1998.

Issue #1: What is SJNG's appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April 1996 through March 1997:

SJNG's Position: \$20,240 overrecovery.

Issue #2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up
amount for the period of April 1997 through March 1998?

SJNG's Position: \$6,762.00 underrecovery.

Issue #3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be collected during the period of April 1998 through March 1999?

SJNG's Position: \$13,478 overrecovery.

Issue #4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas adjustment recovery (cap) factor for the period April, 1998 through March, 1999?

SJNG's Postition: 68.000 recovery (cap) factor

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Continued Preliminary Issues and Positions:

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

SJNG's Postion: The effective date for the new purchased gas adjustment charge should be April 1, 1998.

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Preliminary Issues and Positions filed on behalf of St. Joe Natural Gas Company has been served upon all known parties of record on this 23rd day of January 1998.

Stuart L. Shoaf, President