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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up.

DOCKET NO. 990003-GU OCTOBER 25, 1999

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-99-0698-PCO-GU, issued April 12, 1999, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

GENERIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

<u>ISSUE 1:</u> What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1998 through December 1998?

POSITION:

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AFA	Chesapeake:	\$21,077	underrecovery
$\mathcal{E}_{V}\mathcal{F}^{\mu\nu}$	City Gas:	1,121,676	overrecovery
CAF	FPUC:	185,992	underrecovery
CIMIU	Indiantown:	29,016	underrecovery
CIR	Peoples Gas:	4,088,862	overrecovery
EAG	Sebring:	1,452	underrecovery
LEG	St. Joe:	59,445	overrecovery
VIAS	_3 South Florida:	26,970	overrecovery

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<u>ISSUE 2:</u> What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 1999 through December 1999?

POSITION:

Chesapeake: City Gas: FPUC: Indiantown: Peoples Gas: Sebring: St. Joe: South Florida:	1,073,447 253,448 28,701 3,807,198 6,725 52,925	overrecovery underrecovery overrecovery underrecovery underrecovery overrecovery
South Florida:	115,104	overrecovery

<u>ISSUE 3:</u> What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2000 through December 2000?

POSITION:

Chesapeake: City Gas: FPUC:	48,229 67,456	overrecovery overrecovery overrecovery
Indiantown: Peoples Gas:	281,665	underrecovery overrecovery
Sebring: St. Joe: South Florida:	112,370	underrecovery overrecovery overrecovery

<u>ISSUE 4:</u> What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2000 through December 2000?

POSITION:

Chesapeake:	46.424	cents/therm
City Gas:	49.002	cents/therm
FPUC:	50.050	cents/therm
Indiantown:	47.941	cents/therm
Peoples Gas:	55.097	cents/therm
Sebring:	52.548	cents/therm
St. Joe:		cents/therm
South Florida:	31.066	cents/therm

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<u>ISSUE 5:</u> What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

<u>POSITION:</u> The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2000, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2000 through December 2000.

e. <u>Pending Motions</u>

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-99-0762-PCO-EI

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of October, 1999.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 25th day of October, 1999, to the following:

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