BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 020004-GU

FILED: October 23, 2002

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-02-0337-PCO-GU, issued March 14, 2002, the Commission Staff (Staff) files its prehearing statement as follows:

A. All Known Witnesses

Staff does not intend to call any witnesses.

B. All Known Exhibits

Staff does not intend to sponsor any exhibits, but reserves the right to use exhibits for the purpose of cross-examination.

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

The following are issues identified by Staff and its positions on these issues. Staff's positions are preliminary, are based upon materials filed by the utility or obtained through discovery and are intended to inform the parties of Staff's preliminary positions. Staff's final positions will be based upon an analysis of the evidence presented at the hearing.

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<u>ISSUE 1</u>: What is the final end-of-the-period true-up amount for the period January 2001 through December 2001?

POSITION:

CUC:	\$ 221,691 Under Recovery	
CGC:	\$ 745,761 Over Recovery	
FPU:	\$ 283,183 Under Recovery	
PGS:	\$ 352,527 Over Recovery	
SJNG:	\$ 8,277 Under Recovery	
PGWF:	\$ 1,138,610 Under Recovery	У

<u>ISSUE 2</u>: What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2003 through December 2003?

POSITION:

CUC:	Rate Class GS1/TS-1 GS2/TS-2 GS3/TS-3 GS4/TS-4 GS5/TS-5 GS6/TS-6 GS7/TS-7 GS8/TS-8 GS9/TS-9	ECCR Factor 17.201 cents/therm 8.540 cents/therm 5.753 cents/therm 4.725 cents/therm 4.057 cents/therm 3.257 cents/therm 1.985 cents/therm 1.656 cents/therm 1.462 cents/therm
CGC:	Rate Class RS - Residential CS - Commercial LCS - Commercial Lge Vol. GS - Industrial	ECCR Factor 7.799 cents/therm 2.272 cents/therm 1.494 cents/therm 1.363 cents/therm
FPU:	Rate Class Residential Commercial Small Commercial Lge Vol. Lge Vol. Transport	ECCR Factor 9.003 cents/therm 3.442 cents/therm 2.275 cents/therm 2.275 cents/therm

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PGS:	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
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Residential 5.960 cents/therm
Small Commercial 5.146 cents/therm
Commercial 2.152 cents/therm
Commercial Lge Vol. I 1.750 cents/therm
Commercial Lge Vol. II 1.270 cents/therm
Street Lighting .740 cents/therm
NGVS .578 cents/therm

SJNG: Rate Class ECCR_Factor

Residential 2.160 cents/therm Commercial 1.810 cents/therm Commercial Lge Vol. .857 cents/therm

PGWF: Rate Class <u>ECCR Factor</u>

Residential 12.620 cents/therm
Commercial 3.951 cents/therm
Commercial Lge Vol. I 2.943 cents/therm
Industrial 2.904 cents/therm

<u>ISSUE 3</u>: What should be the effective date of the cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

POSITION:

The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January, 2003, through December, 2003. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2003, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2003, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

E. Stipulated Issues

There are no issues that have been stipulated at this time.

F. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

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G. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims at this time.

H. Compliance with Order No. PSC-02-0337-PCO-GU

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

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of October, 2002.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT has been furnished by U.S. Mail, on this 23rd day of October, 2002, to the following:

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