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Re: Florida Public Utilities Company; Docket No. 000003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in this docket are a original and 10 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)
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Docket No. 000003-GU
Filed: October 25, 2000

**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") hereby submits its prehearing statement to be taken up at the hearing now scheduled to begin on November 20, 2000 in this docket.

A. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
George M. Bachman	Purchased gas cost recovery projections, true-ups, and estimate of therm sales	1-5
Marc L. Schneidermann	Natural gas sales projection, demand and commodity costs, and WACOG	4

B. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>GMB-1 (Composite)</u>	Bachman	Schedules A-1, A-1/R, A-1 Flexdown, A-1 Supporting Detail, A-1 Supporting Detail Supplement, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, and A-7
<u>GMB-3 (Composite)</u>	Bachman	Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, and E-5

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C. BASIC POSITION

FPU has properly projected its true-up amounts and projected gas costs. Its costs and projections are reasonable and its purchased gas cost recovery factors should be approved by the Commission.

D. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Issue 1: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January, 1999 through December, 1999?

FPU's Position: \$67,156 (underrecovery)

Issue 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January, 2000 through December, 2000?

FPU's Position: \$33,877 (overrecovery)

Issue 3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be refunded or collected in the January, 2001 through December, 2001 period?

FPU's Position: \$33,279 (under recovery)

Issue 4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period January, 2001 through December, 2001?

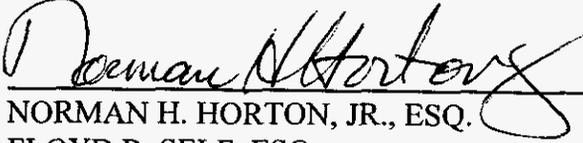
FPU's Position: 84.781 cents

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

FPU's Position: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January, 2001, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2000.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 000003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 25th day of October, 2000 upon the following:

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