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Re: Docket No. **970002-EG**; West Florida Natural Gas Company

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of West Florida Natural Gas Company in connection with the hearings to begin February 19, 1997 in this docket are an original and 15 copies of the following:

1. Petition for Approval of West Florida Natural Gas Company's Proposed Conservation Cost Recovery Charges; - *00629-97 - 01/17/97*

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2. Direct Testimony of William B. Gray, Tom Goodwin and Ron Sott; and *00631-97 00632-97*
3. Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-5. *00630-97*

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: William B. Gray
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Conservation Cost)
Recovery Clause)
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Docket No. 970002-EG
Filing Date: January 17, 1996

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PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
WEST FLORIDA NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S
PROPOSED CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY CHARGES

West Florida Natural Gas Company ("West Florida") hereby submits its petition for approval of its proposed conservation cost recovery factors and amounts as further identified below. In support hereof the Company states:

1) West Florida Natural Gas Company is a natural gas distribution company within the jurisdiction of this Commission. Its address is:

Caller Box 1460
301 Maple Avenue
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2) The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this Petition are:

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3) Pursuant to the requirements of this docket, West Florida has prefiled testimony and the conservation true-up forms supplied by the Commission Staff in a manner consistent with the Staff's instructions.

4) The Conservation Cost Recovery factor was calculated in accordance with the methodology which has been previously approved by the Commission in this docket. The factor is designed to recover the projected conservation program expenses of West Florida for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998, adjusted for the net true-up (which includes the estimated conservation true-up) for the current period as well as interest calculated in accordance with the methodology established by the Commission. The factors calculated in the accompanying schedules for the various classes are as follows:

Residential Customers	4.742¢/therm
Commercial Customers	1.608¢/therm
Commercial Large Customers/Transportation	
Commercial Large Customers	1.204¢/therm
Industrial and Transportation Customers	.285¢/therm

5) West Florida projects total conservation program expenses of \$508,714.00 for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998. The estimated net true-up for the twelve months ending March, 1997 is an underrecovery of \$276,807.00. After combining the projected conservation expenses with the amount of this underrecovery, a total of \$785,521.00 is to be recovered during the April, 1997 through March, 1998 period. Apportioning this total to the various classes as prescribed by the Commission and expanding for taxes results in the

conservation cost recovery factors set forth above, for which West Florida seeks approval in this Petition.


WHEREFORE, West Florida respectfully requests that this Commission enter its order approving the above total conservation cost recovery factors to be applied to billings for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998 and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the West Florida Natural Gas Company's Petition for Approval of Proposed Conservation Cost Recovery Charges in Docket No. 970002-EG have been served by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail on this 14th day of January, 1997 to the following parties of record:

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