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ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, C. ORIGINAL

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January 9, 1998

Blanca Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 980002-B0

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket is the original and ten (10) copies of St Joe Natural Gas Company's Petition for approval of its Conservation Cost Recovery Factor to be applied to customer bills during the twelve month period ending March 31, 1999.

Debbie Stitt

Energy Conservation Analyst

Enclosures

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Conservation Cost Recovery Clause

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Docket No. 980002-EG Submitted for Filing January 12, 1998

ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("SJNG") by and through its undersigned officer, hereby submits its Prehearing Statements for the hearing scheduled to commence in the proceeding February 25, 1998.

A. Witness that may be called:

None, Debbie Stitt has substituted prepared testimony which should be inserted into the record as if read.

B. Additional Exhibits: Schedules C1 through C4.

C. Statement of Basic Position:

The Commission should approve the final adjusted net trueup amount for the twelve month period ending September 30, 1998 including interest, the projected conservation program expenses for the six month period ending March 31, 1999 and the Conservation Cost Recovery Factors to be applied to customer bills rendered for the twelve month period ending March 31, 1999 as filed by SJNG.

- D. Statements of fact, law and policy and a statement of SJNG's position on each issue :
 - What is the appropriate projected end to period total net true-up amount for the period beginning October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997?

SJNG: An underrecovery of \$1,362.00

- What is the appropriate Conservation Cost Recovery Factor to be applied to customer bills during the twelve month period ending March 31, 1999.
- SJNG: \$0.03140 per therm for residential, \$0.04283 for commercial and \$0.01690 for large commercial.

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