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September 10, 1998

Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0866

980003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find an original and ten copies of the petition of NUI City Gas Company of Florida for approval of its final true-up amount related to the twelve month period ended March 31, 1998.

Please note that the Florida Public Service Commission granted Specified Confidential Treatment to portions of the attached schedules. As a result, the Company is submitting the confidential schedules in a separate sealed envelope.

The Company requests acknowledgment of this filing and for such purposes is enclosing a duplicate of this letter with a self addressed envelope. Should you have any further questions with respect to this filing, please contact Mr. Raymond A. DeMoine at (908) 289-5000, extension 6521.

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Sincerely,

Michael A. Palecki

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Attorney, Legal & Regulatory Affairs

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NUI Companies and Affiliates:
City Gas Company of Florida
Elizabethtown Gas
Elkton Gas
North Carolina Gas

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NUI Energy
NUI Energy Brokers
NUI Environmental Group

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TIC Enterprises, LLC
Utility Business Services
Valley Cities Gas
Waverly Gas

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)
(PGA) True-Up)

Docket No. 980003-GU
Filed: September 10, 1998

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

RAYMOND A. DeMOINE

ON BEHALF OF

NUI CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA

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2 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
3 RAYMOND A. DeMOINE
4 ON BEHALF OF NUI CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA
5 DOCKET NO. 980003-GU
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7 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

8 A. My name is Raymond A. DeMoine. My business address is NUI
9 Corporation, One Elizabethtown Plaza, Union, New Jersey
10 07083.
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12 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

13 A. I am employed by NUI Corporation ("NUI") as Director, Rates
14 and Compliance. NUI City Gas Company of Florida ("City Gas"
15 or "the Company") is an operating division of NUI Corporation
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17 **Q. BRIEFLY STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
18 EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.**

19 A. I received a Bachelor of Science in Commerce degree, with a
20 major in Accounting, from Rider College in June 1983. In June
21 of 1990, I received a Master of Business Administration Degree
22 from Rider College. I am a Certified Public Accountant in the
23 State of New Jersey, and a member of the American Institute of

1 Certified Public Accountants and the New Jersey Society of
2 Certified Public Accountants.

3 Upon graduation from Rider College in 1983, I was employed by
4 the State of New Jersey as an Auditor/Investigator with the
5 Division of Criminal Justice. I audited various types of business
6 entities, primarily for the detection of fraud. In December of
7 1986, I accepted a professional staff position with the Certified
8 Public Accounting Firm of Arthur Young (currently Ernst and
9 Young), a worldwide accounting and consulting firm. My
10 experience with this public accounting firm included auditing and
11 consulting engagements on a variety of entities and exposure to
12 various accounting systems.

13 In July 1989, I was hired as Administrator of External Reporting
14 by Elizabethtown Gas Company, NUI's New Jersey Division. In
15 that role, I was responsible for the coordination of the
16 Accounting Department's efforts in all regulatory filings.

17 In August 1993, I was assigned to NUI's Florida Division, City
18 Gas Company of Florida, to coordinate the analysis, filing and
19 prosecution of its 1994 base rate case. In March 1995, I was
20 promoted to Manager of Regulatory Affairs. In July 1995, I
21 assumed a supervisory role for all rate and regulatory matters in
22 Elizabethtown's Rate Department.

1 On October 1, 1995, NUI centralized certain functions, which
2 included the utility rate and pricing function. Therefore, I now
3 have responsibility for the rate and pricing function of each of
4 NUI's utility jurisdictions. In November 1996, I was promoted to
5 Director.

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7 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

8 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the comparison of
9 Actual versus Original estimate of the purchased gas adjustment
10 cost recovery factor and true-up provision for the period April,
11 1997 through March, 1998 for City Gas.

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13 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY PREPARED THE FORMS PRESCRIBED
14 BY THIS COMMISSION FOR THIS PURPOSE?**

15 A. Yes. The forms prescribed by the Commission Schedules A-1
16 through A-6 for the months of April 1997 through March 1998,
17 and Schedule A-7 are attached to my testimony.

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19 **Q. HAS CITY GAS PREPARED A SCHEDULE WHICH SHOWS
20 THE ACTUAL GAS COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GAS
21 ADJUSTMENT COST RECOVERY FACTOR?**

22 A. Yes. City Gas prepared Schedule A-7, attached, which
23 describes the total fuel cost for the period in question, recovery

1 A. Yes. As shown on Schedule A-7, the total fuel revenues for the
2 period are 9,719,192 and the total fuel cost is \$29,681,599.
3 The difference between the fuel cost and fuel recoveries is an
4 over-recovery of \$37,593. The interest provision for the period
5 is an over-recovery of \$45,089. The sum of these two over-
6 recoveries is \$82,682.

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8 Q. **WHAT IS THE FINAL OVER/UNDER RECOVERY FOR THE**
9 **APRIL 1997 THROUGH MARCH 1998 PERIOD TO BE**
10 **INCLUDED IN THE 1999-2000 PROJECTION?**

11 A. The final over-recovery for the period of April 1997 through
12 March 1998 to be included in the 1999-2000 projection is
13 \$1,706,048.

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15 Q. **DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

16 A. Yes.