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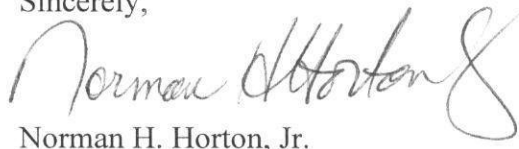
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in connection with the hearings to begin November 22, 1999 in this docket are an original and 10 copies of the Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it in WordPerfect 9.0.

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

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)
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Docket No. 990003-GU
Filed: October 28, 1999

**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 22, 1999 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>
_____ GMB-1 (Composite)	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
_____ GMB-2 (Composite)	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 April, 1998 through December, 1998?**

FPU's Position: \$185,992 (underrecovery)

Issue 2: **What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January, 1999 through December, 1999?**

FPU's Position: \$253,448 (overrecovery)

Issue 3: **What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be refunded in the January, 2000 through December, 2000 period?**

FPU's Position: \$67,456 (overrecovery)

Issue 4: **What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period January, 2000 through December, 2000?**


FPU's Position: 50.050 cents/therm

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, 1999, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January, 1999 through December, 1999.

Dated this 28th day of October, 1999.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 990003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 28th day of October, 1999 upon the following:

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