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Re: Docket No. 960003-GU  
Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-up

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed on behalf of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for filing in the above docket are an original and 15 copies of the following:

1. Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions;
2. Prehearing Statement of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Florida Division; and
3. our Certificate of Service.

Also enclosed is a 3½" high density diskette containing the Prehearing Statement. The software used to prepare this document is WordPerfect 6.1.

Please acknowledge receipt of the foregoing by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter and returning same to my attention. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

*Wayne L. Schiefelbein*  
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment ) Docket No. 960003-GU  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions and its Prehearing Statement have been furnished on this 1st day of February, 1996 by hand-delivery to SHEILA L. ERSTLING, ESQ., Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and by regular U.S. Mail to the following:

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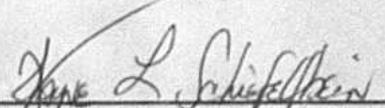
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CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION'S  
PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("CUC") hereby submits its preliminary statement of issues and positions to be taken up at the hearing now scheduled to begin on February 21, 1996 in this docket.

Issue 1: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1994 through March, 1995?

CUC's Position: \$642 overrecovery.

Issue 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1995 through March, 1996?

CUC's Position: \$765,449 overrecovery.

Issue 3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be refunded in the April, 1996 - March, 1997 period?

CUC's Position: \$766,091 overrecovery.

Issue 4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period April, 1996 through March, 1997?

CUC's Position: 35.159 cents per therm.

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

CUC's Position: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1996, beginning with the first

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or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1996 through  
March, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION  
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