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Docket No. 970003-GU; South Florida Natural Gas Co. Re:

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of South Florida Natural Gas Co. in connection with the hearings to begin February 19, 1997 in this docket are an original and 15 copies of the Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions.

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

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

		Sincerely,	
ACK	-	Norman & Horton &	,
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re:	Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)	Docket No. 970003-GU Filed: January 22, 1997
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SOUTH FLORIDA NATURAL GAS CO.'S PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

South Florida Natural Gas Company ("SFNG") hereby submits its preliminary statement of issues and positions to be taken up at the hearing now scheduled to begin on February 19, 1997 in this docket.

The exact name of the Company and the address of its principal business office is:

South Florida Natural Gas Co. Post Office Box 69000J Miami, FL 33269-0078

The names and addresses of the persons authorized to receive notices and applications in this docket are:

Norman H. Horton, Jr. Messer, Caparello, Metz, Maida & Self, P.A. Suite 701, First Florida Bank Building P.O. Box 1876 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1876

Issue 1: What is the final true-up amount for the period April, 1995 through March.
1996?

SFNG's Position: \$9,577 underrecovery

<u>Issue 2</u>: What is the projected true-up amount for the period April, 1996 through
March, 1997?

SFNG's Position. \$75,329 underrecovery

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Issue 3: What is the total true-up amount to be collected in the April, 1997 - March, 1998 period?

SFNG's Position: \$84,900 underrecovery

<u>Issue 4</u>: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas factor (cap) for the period
April, 1997 through March, 1998?

SFNG's Position: 43.569 cents per therm.

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

SFNG's Position: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April

1, 1997, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the
period April, 1997 through March, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE: F SERVICE

1 HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of South Florida Natural Gas Co 's Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions in Docket No. 970003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 22nd day of January, 1997 upon the following:

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