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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA, true-up.

DOCKET NO. 980003-GU

FILED: NOVEMBER 2, 1998

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-1098-PCO-GU, issued August 17, 1998, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

Staff takes no basic statement of position pending the evidence developed at hearing.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1997 through March 1998?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$133,533 Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,706,048 Overrecovery

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Florida Public Utilities	\$516,932	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$67,692	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$1,014,745	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$14,074	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$99,666	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$19,668	Underrecovery

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1998 through December 1999?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$60,458	Overrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$73,153	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$783,237	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$22,934	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$804,877	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$7,257	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$61,834	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$101,779	Overrecovery

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 1999 through December 1999?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$73,075	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,632,896	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$266,305	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$90,626	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$209,981	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$6,817	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$161,500	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$82,111	Overrecovery

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 1999 through December 1999?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	41.668 cents per therm
City Gas Company of Florida	46.082 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	49.397 cents per therm

Indiantown Gas Company	44.710 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	49.786 cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	40.930 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	60.800 cents per therm
South Florida Natural Gas Company	30.644 cents per therm

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

POSITION: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 1999, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 1999 through December 1999.

Company-Specific Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

Staff has not identified any company-specific purchased gas adjustment issues.


e. Pending Motions

Staff is not aware of any pending motions at this time.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-98-1098-PCO-EG

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of November, 1998.


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U. S. Mail this 2nd day of November, 1998, to the following:

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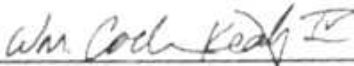
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