FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AUDIT REPORT

12 MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

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DECEMBER 6, 1996

ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

GULF COUNTY

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT AUDIT

DOCKET NUMBER - 960003-GU

AUDIT CONTROL NUMBER 96-151-1-1

DAVID J. DRAPER AUDIT MANAGER

AUDIT STAFF
MIKE BUCKLEY

MINORITY OPINION

YES

NO

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REGULATORY ANALYST SUPERVISOR
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AUDIT PURPOSE: We have applied the procedures described in Section II of this report and have recalculated the true-up and interest exhibits filed by ST Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. in support of Docket 950003-GU for the twelve month period ended September 30, 1995, to determine that the exhibits represent the utility's books and records and those books and records are maintained in compliance with Commission directives and that facts which may influence the Commission's decision process are disclosed.

SCOPE LIMITATION: There are no confidential documents associated with the audit report.

DISCLAIM PUBLIC USE: This is an internal accounting report prepared after performing a limited scope audit; accordingly, this document must not be relied on for any purpose except to assist the Commission staff in the performance of their duties. Substantial additional work would have to be performed to satisfy generally accepted audit standards and produce audited financial statements for public use.

OPINION: The Purchased Gas Adjustment exhibit for the twelve months period ended September 30, 1996 represent ST JOE Natural Gas Company's books and records maintained in substantial compliance with commission directives. The expressed opinions extend only to the scope of work described in Section II of this report.

II. AUDIT SCOPE

This report is based on the audit work described below. When compiled is used in this report, it defines completed audit work as follows:

COMPILED: The audit staff reconciled exhibit amounts with the general ledger; visually scanned accounts for error or inconsistency; disclosed any unresolved error, irregularity, or inconsistency; and, except as noted, performed no other audit work.

SCOPE OF WORK PERFORMED

REVENUES: Compiled the Purchased Gas Adjustment revenue accounts to determine that the Company has used the approved PGA factor including taxes as set forth in Commission Orders No. PSC-95-0350-FOF-GU AND PSC-96-0323-FOF-GU. Reconciled revenues per therm usage and compared those calculated dollar amounts to the actual dollar amounts listed within the sales journal and general ledger. Reconciled invoice amounts to the general ledge and company exhibit.

EXPENSES: Recalculated PGA Transportation and Purchase Gas cost for the audit period; Reconciled hand-bills and supporting documents to the general ledger; and Traced general ledger account balances to subsidiary ledgers.

OTHER: Recalculated Company true-up and interest provision; Verified the correct beginning true-up; Verified that the correct interest rates were applied to under or over recovered amounts for the twelve months ended September 30, 1996.

COMPANY: St. Joe Natural Gas Company SCHEDULE: Purchase Gas Adjustment PFRIOD: October 1995 - September 1996

AUDITOR: DAVID J. DRAPER

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-	TRUE-UP CALCULATION			1	100000000000000000000000000000000000000			1					Section 1	Tetals
		October 1995	November 1995	December 1995	January 1996	February 1996	March 1996	April 1996	May 1996	June 1996	July 1996	Avgust 1996	September 1996	
L	Purchased Gas Cost	327,299	390,715	475,597	483,168	503,476	577,372	224,265	351,978	405,881	444,695	32.366	41,986	4,261,79
2	Transportation Cost (All line 11 -line 4 & 6)	155,409	128,995	174,755	173,033	162,666	176,600	138.267	145,647	142.515	140,798	18,965	18,320	
3.	Tetal	482,708	519,710	650,352	656,201	666,142	753,972	362,532	497,625	548,396	585,493	51,331	63,306	1,575,97 5,837,76
4	Fuel revenues (Net of Revenue Tax)	446,970	521,635	629,151	703,889	622,384	770,714	415,569	506,676	554,148	584.035	36,658	36,841	5,848,67
5	True-Up (Collected) or refunded	(1.019)	(1.019)	(1.019)	(1.919)	(1,019)	(1.919)	(7,871)	(7,871)	(7,871)	(7,871)	(7,871)	(7,871)	(53,34
6	Fuel Revenue Applicable Te Period (L4 +/- L5)**	445,951	520,616	628,132	702,870	621,365	769,695	427,698	498,805	546,277	576,164	28,767	28,970	5,795,33
7	True-Up Provision - This Period (L6 - L3)	(36,757)	906	(22,220)	46,669	(44,777)	15,723	65,166	1,180	(2,119)	(9,329)	(22,544)	(34,336)	(42,43
	Interest Provision - This Period (L21)	(269)	(349)	(397)	(323)	(302)	(367)	(168)	18	52	62	25	(68)	(2,08
9	Beginning Of Period True-Up & Interest	(37,066)	(73,073)	(71,497)	(93,094)	(45,729)	(89,790)	(73,414)	(545)	8,524	14,328	12,932	(1,716)	(450,14
92.	PGA Audit Adj.	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,710)	(4,0,14
10	True-up (Refunded) or Collected -(reverse of L5)	1,019	1,019	1,019	1,019	1.019	1.019	7.871	7,871	7,871	7.871	7.871	7,871	53,340
10a	Flex Rate Refund	0	0		0	0	0		11.00	. 0				23,34
11	Total Est/Actual True-Up (7+8+9+10+10a)	(73.073)	(71.497)	(93.094)	(45,729)	(89.790)	(73.414)	(545)	8.524	14.328	12 932	(1.716)	(28.248)	(441,32

	INTEREST PROVISION	100	[S S S										
12	Beginning True-Up & Interest Provision (L9)	(37,966)	(73,073)	(71,497)	(93,094)	(45,729)	(89,790)	(23,414)	(545)	8.524	14,328	12,932	(1,716)
13	Ending True-up Before Interest (L12 +L 7- L5)	(72,894)	(71,148)	(92,698)	(45,406)	(89,487)	(73,048)	(377)	8,506	14,276	12,870	(1,741)	(28,181)
14	Total (L12 + L13)	(109,870)	(144,221)	(164,195)	(118,500)	(135,217)	(162,837)	(73,792)	7,961	22,800	27,198	11,191	(29,897)
15	Average (50% of L14)	(54,935)	(72,110)	(82,097)	(69,250)	(67,608)	(81,419)	(36,896)	3,980	11,400	13,599	5,595	(14,948)
16	Interest Rare 1st Day of Month	0.05940	0.05810	0.05800	0.05810	0.05400	0.05330	0.05500	0.05400	0.05400	0.05520	0.05450	0.01400
17	Interest Rate 1st. Day of Subsequent Month	0.05810	0.05800	0.05810	0.05400	0.05330	0.05500	0.05400	0.05400	0.05520	0.05450	0.05400	0.05440
18	Total (L16 + L17)	0.11750	0.11610	0.11610	0.11210	0.10730	0.10830	0 10900	0.10800	0.10920	0.10970	0.10850	0 10840
19	Average (50% of L18)	0.05875	0.05805	0.05805	0.05605	0.05365	0.05415	0.05450	0.05400	0.05460	0.05485	0.05425	0.05420
20	Monthly Average (L19/12)	0.00490	0.00484	0.00484	0.00467	0.00447	0.00451	0.00454	0.00450	0.00455	0.00457	0.00452	0.00452
21	Interest Provision (L15 x L20)	(269)	(349)	(397)	(323)	(302)	(367)	(168)	18	52	62	25	(68)

** if 1.5 is a refund add to 1.4 if L5 is a Collection () Subtract from L4

Conclusion

Source St Joe Natural Gas Company Fillings Recalculated by Auditor

State of Florida

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Public Service Commission

December 20, 1996

Mr. Stuart L. Shoaf St. Joe Natural Gas Company Post Office Box 549 Port St. Joe, Florida 32457-0549

> RE: Docket No. 960003-GU -- St. Joe Natural Gas Company PGA Audit Report - Period September 30, 1996 Audit Control # 96-151-1-1

Dear Mr. Shoaf:

The enclosed audit report is forwarded for your review. Any company response filed with this office within ten (10) work days of the above date will be forwarded for consideration by the staff analyst in the preparation of a recommendation for this case.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Kay Flynn, Chief Bureau of Records

KF/cls Enclosure

cc: Public Counsel Holland Law Firm