

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)

Docket No. 020003-GU

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 November 4, 2002 in this docket.

<u>Issue 1</u>: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January 2001 through December 2001?

CUC's Position: \$223,376 overrecovery.

Issue 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January 2002 through December 2002?

CUC's Position: \$93,231 overrecovery.

<u>Issue 3</u>: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be collected in the January 2003 - December 2003 period?

CUC's Position: \$316,607 overrecovery.

<u>Issue 4</u>: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period January 2003 through December 2003?

CUC's Position: 87.382 cents per therm.

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

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<u>CUC's Position</u>: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1,

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2003, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2003

through December 2003.

Dated this day of October, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION FLORIDA DIVISION

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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions were furnished by hand-delivery to Katherine Echternacht, Esquire, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and by U.S. Mail to the following, on this 15th day of October, 2002:

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