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Re: Docket No. 020003-GU

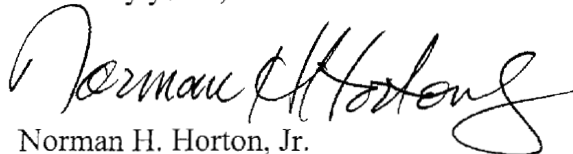
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sebring Gas System, Inc. are an original and 10 copies of Sebring Gas System, Inc.'s Preliminary List of Issues and Positions in the above referenced docket.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jerry H. Melendy, Jr.
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)
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Docket No. 020003-GU
Filed: October 18, 2002

**SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.'S
STATEMENT OF PRELIMINARY ISSUES AND POSITIONS**

Sebring Gas System, Inc. ("Sebring") hereby submits its preliminary issues and positions to be taken up at the hearing scheduled to begin on November 20, 2002 in this docket.

ISSUE 1: **What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2001 through December 2001?**

Sebring's Position: \$25,341 underrecovery.

ISSUE 2: **What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2002 through December 2002?**

Sebring's Position: \$10,763 overrecovery.

ISSUE 3: **What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2003 through December 2003?**

Sebring's Position: \$15,799 underrecovery.

ISSUE 4: **What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2003 through December 2003?**

Sebring's Position: 52.751 cents per therm.


ISSUE 5:

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

Sebring's Position: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January, 2003, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January, 2003 through December, 2003.

Dated this 18th day of October, 2002.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Sebring Gas System, Inc.'s Statement of Preliminary Issues and Positions in Docket No. 020003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 18th day of October, 2002 upon the following:

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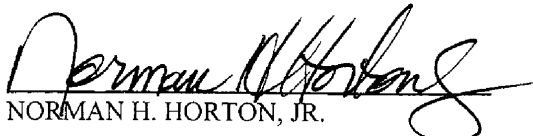
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