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October 25, 2002

Ms. Blanca S. Bayó, Director Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0870

RE: Docket No. 020003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed are an original and fifteen copies of the Office of Public Counsel's Prehearing Statement, together with a diskette containing the electronic version. The enclosed diskette is HD density, the operating system is Windows 2000, and the word processing software in which the document appears is Word 2000.

Please indicate receipt of filing by date-stamping the attached copy of this letter and returning it to this office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Robert Vandiver Associate Public Counsel

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up DOCKET NO. 020003-EI FILED: October 25, 2002

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U.S. Mail on this 25th day of October, 2002, to the following:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment DOCKET NO. 020003-GU (PGA) true-up. FILED: October 25, 2002

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, Order No. PSC-02-0336-PCO-GU, issued March

14, 2002, submit this Prehearing Statement.

APPEARANCES:

ROBERT D. VANDIVER, Esquire Associate Public Counsel Office of Public Counsel c/o The Florida Legislature 111 West Madison Street, Room 812 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400 On behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida.

A. WITNESSES:

None.

B. EXHIBITS:

None.

C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

None at this time.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

- <u>ISSUE 1</u>: What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2001 through December 2001?
- POSITION: None at this time.
- ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2002 through December 2002?
- **POSITION:** None at this time.
- <u>ISSUE 3</u>: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2003 through December 2003?
- POSITION: None at this time.
- <u>ISSUE 4</u>: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2003 through December 2003?
- POSITION: None at this time.
- <u>ISSUE 5</u>: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?
- POSITION: None at this time.

E. STATEMENT OF LEGAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None.

F. STATEMENT OF POLICY ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES: None.

H. PENDING MOTIONS: None.

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE:

There are no requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure with which the Office of Public Counsel cannot comply.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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