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Re: Sebring Gas System, Inc.; Docket No. 020003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sebring Gas System, Inc. in connection with the hearings to begin November 20, 2002 in this docket are an original and 10 copies of the Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it in WordPerfect 9.0.

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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

In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA))
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Docket No. 020003-GU
Filed: October 25, 2002

**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.**

Sebring Gas System, Inc., through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this corrected prehearing statement.

A. APPEARANCES

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On behalf of Sebring Gas System, Inc.

B. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Jerry H. Melendy, Jr.	Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Projections, True-ups, and Estimate of Therm Sales	1-5

C. EXHIBITS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>JHM-01</u> (composite)	Melendy	Schedule A-7
<u>JHM-02</u> (composite)	Melendy	Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

The Commission should approve Sebring Gas' final PGA true-up amount for the period Jan - Dec 2001 of \$25,341 underrecovery, its estimated PGA true-up amount of \$10,763 overrecovery for the period Jan - Dec 2002, and its levelized PGA (cap) factor of 52.751 cents per therm for gas billed to customers during the period Jan - Dec 2003.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

ISSUE 1: **What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount 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 amount 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 amount to be collected during the period January 2003 through December 2003?**

Sebring's Position: \$14,799 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

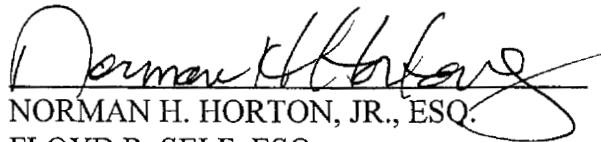
ISSUE 5: **What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?**

Sebring's Position: With the first billing of the year 2003.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Sebring Gas System, Inc.'s Prehearing Statement Positions in Docket No. 020003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 25th day of October, 2002 upon the following:

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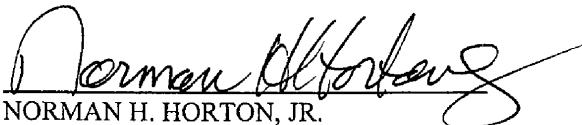
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