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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director **Division of Records and Reporting** Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Florida Public Utilities Company; Docket No. 030003-GU Re:

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in this docket are the following documents:

An original and 10 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Approval 1. 03966-03 of Purchased Gas Cost Recovery True-Up Amount;

An original and 10 copies of the Direct Testimony of Cheryl Martin; 2.

03967-03 An original and 10 copies of Schedule A-7. 3. 03968-03

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance.

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Sincerely.

Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment Cost Recovery Docket No. 030003-GU Filed: May 1, 2003

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY TRUE-UP AMOUNT

Florida Public Utilities Company ("the Company"), through undersigned counsel and pursuant to the requirements of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission to approve its purchased gas cost recovery true-up amount for the period January, 2002 through December, 2002. In support hereof, the Company states:

1) The Company is a natural gas utility company within the jurisdiction of this

Commission. Its principal business address is:

401 South Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, FL 33401

2) The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this Petition are:

Norman H. Horton, Jr. Messer, Caparello & Self, P. A. Suite 701, First Florida Bank Building Post Office Box 1876 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1876

3) Pursuant to the requirements of this Docket, the Company has prefiled testimony and the purchased gas cost recovery true-up forms (Composite Exhibit CM-1) supplied by the Commission Staff in a manner consistent with the Commission Staff's instructions.

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4) As indicated in the prefiled testimony and true-up forms, the Company had an actual underrecovery of \$1,126,889 for January, 2002 through December, 2002 as compared to an estimated underrecovery of \$1,240,602 for an overrecovery of \$108,041.

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that this Commission enter its order approving the Company's true-up amount for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2003.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 1st day of May, 2003 upon the following:

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