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Re: Docket No. 030004-GU; Florida Public Utilities Company

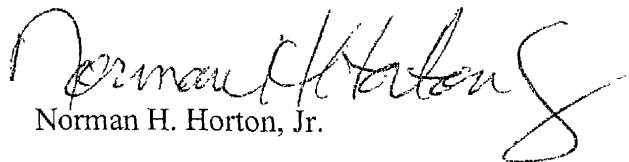
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company are an original and 15 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Extension of Time 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 in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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Enclosures  
cc: Mr. Robert L. Smith  
Parties of Record

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Natural Gas Conservation Cost )  
Recovery Clause )  
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Docket No. 030004-GU  
Filed: September 23, 2003

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

COMES NOW, Florida Public Utilities Company (“FPUC”) and requests an extension of time to file its testimony and schedules in this docket and as basis would state:

1. Florida Public Utilities Company is a provider of natural gas and a party to this docket.

2. The Procedural Order issued in this docket establishes September 26, 2003 as the filing date for testimony and projections and FPUC would request an extension of time to October 3, 2003 to file its testimony and schedules.

3. The Company Staff member/witness with primary responsibility for the conservation program, testimony and projections has been on extended leave and this has caused a delay in the compilation and preparation of the filings. FPUC has tried to get the filings completed so they can be reviewed and timely filed but has not been able to do so with available resources. Consequently, FPUC would request the additional time to make the filing.


4. FPUC has contacted PSC Staff and the Office of Public Counsel and they are aware of this request.

WHEREFORE, the FPUC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this request and allow an extension to October 3, 2003.

DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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