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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Room 110, Easley Building
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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 10 copies of the following documents:

1. Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Approval of Conservation Cost Recovery Factors;
2. Direct Testimony of Robert L. Smith; and
3. Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-5.

Please indicate receipt of these documents 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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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 29, 2003

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S
CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTOR**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("the Company"), through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to the requirements of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission for approval of the Company's conservation cost recovery factors for its consolidated natural gas division for the period January, 2004 through December, 2004. In support hereof, the Company states:

- 1) The exact name of Petition and the address of its principal office is

Florida Public Utilities Company
P.O. Box 3395
West Palm Beach, FL 33420-3395

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

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- 3) Pursuant to the requirements of this Docket, the Company has prefiled the conservation cost recovery forms supplied by the Electric & Gas Department in a manner consistent with the Department's instructions.

- 4) As indicated in the prefiled forms, the recoverable conservation costs for the period January 2004 through December 2004 are projected to be an overrecovery of \$2,178,300. The

conservation cost recovery true-up amount for the period January 2003 through December 2003 is an underrecovery of \$139,864.

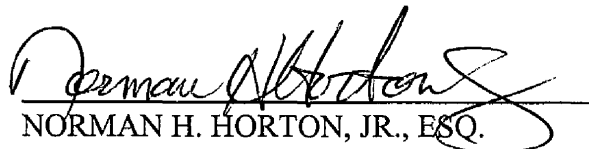
5) The resulting net total projected conservation costs to be recovered for the period January 2004 through December 2004 are an overrecovery of \$2,038,436. Based upon projected sales the appropriate levelized conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2004 through December 2004 are:

Residential	\$.08923
General Service	\$.03274
Large Volume Service	\$.02184
Large Volume Transportation Service	\$.02184

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company petitions the Commission to approve the foregoing conservation cost recovery factors, to be applied to customer bills for the period January, 2004 through December, 2004, and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

DATED this 29th day of September, 2003.

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 29th day of September, 2003 upon the following:

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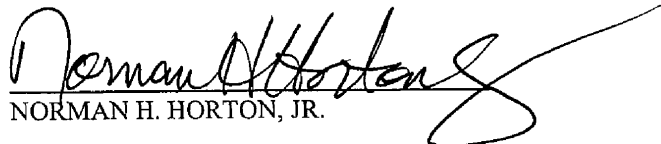
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