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Re: Docket No. 030003-GU

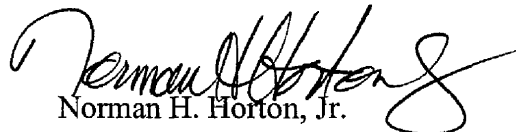
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company are an original and 10 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Preliminary List of Issues and Positions 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: Ms. Cheryl Martin
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Cost Recovery)
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Docket No. 030003-GU
Filed: October 10, 2003

**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S
STATEMENT OF PRELIMINARY ISSUES AND POSITIONS**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") hereby submits its preliminary issues and positions to be taken up at the hearing scheduled for November 12 - 14, 2003 in this docket.

Issue 1: **What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January, 2002 through December, 2002?**

FPU's Position: \$479,733 (overrecovery)

Issue 2: **What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period January, 2003 through December, 2003?**

FPU's Position: \$292,342 (underrecovery)

Issue 3: **What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be refunded in the January, 2004 through December, 2004 period?**

FPU's Position: \$187,391 (overrecovery)

Issue 4: **What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period January, 2004 through December, 2004?**

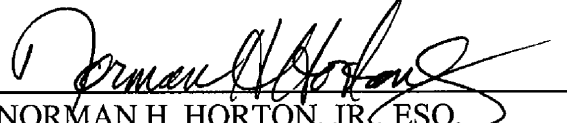
FPU's Position: 91.812 cents per therm.

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

FPU's Position: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January, 2004, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January, 2004 through December, 2004.

Dated this 10th day of October, 2003.

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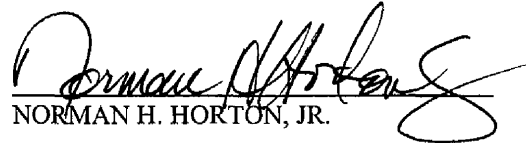
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