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DATE: April 2, 2004

TO: Kay B. Flynn, Chief of Records and Hearing Services, Division of the Commission
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FROM: John Slemkewicz, Public Utilities Supervisor, Division of Economic Regulation JS

RE: Docket No. 040270-GU, Sebring Gas Rate Case - Document for Docket File

Please include the attached letter from Chairman Baez to Mr. Jerry Melendy as an official document in the docket file.

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March 30, 2004

Mr. Jerry H. Melendy, Jr.
Vice President
Sebring Gas System, Inc.
3515 U.S. Hwy 27 South
Sebring, Florida 33870-5452

Dear Mr. Melendy:

In response to your test year notification letter that was received on March 26, 2004, Docket No. 040270-GU has been opened for Sebring Gas Utility, Inc.'s (Company) forthcoming general rate increase proceeding for its natural gas operations. It has been noted that the Company proposes to utilize a projected twelve-month period ending December 31, 2005, as the test year for the permanent rate proceeding. However, the appropriateness of the selected test year may be an issue in the proceeding. In addition, the Company intends to seek its permanent rate relief through the Proposed Agency Action procedure as authorized in §366.06(4), Florida Statutes, as well as seeking interim rate relief in this proceeding.

It is my understanding that the Company intends to make its filing 60 days after its notification date of March 26, 2004. Therefore, the Minimum Filing Requirements and associated testimony will be due at the Commission's offices no earlier than May 25, 2004. If the Company is unable to file on that date, it must notify the Commission in accordance with the provisions of Rule 25-7.140(3), Florida Administrative Code.

If you should have any questions, please contact John Slemkewicz, Public Utilities Supervisor, in the Division of Economic Regulation, at (850) 413-6420.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Braulio Baez".

Braulio L. Baez
Chairman

BLB/JS

cc: Tim Devlin