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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
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Tallahassee, FL 32301

HAND DELIVERY

Re: Docket No. 960003-GU; South Florida Natural Gas Company

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of South Florida Natural Gas Company in connection with the hearings scheduled to begin February 21, 1996 in this docket are the original and 15 copies of the following:

1. Petition for Approval of South Florida Natural Gas Company's Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor;
2. Direct Testimony of Lou J. Defrain; and
3. Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5.

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Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.
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cc: Parties of Record
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas
Adjustment Cost Recovery

Docket No. 960003-GU
Filed: _____

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
SOUTH FLORIDA NATURAL GAS CO.'S
PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS

South Florida Natural Gas Co. ("the Company"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to the requirements of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission for approval of the Company's purchased gas cost recovery factors for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997. 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:

South Florida Natural Gas Co.
Post Office Box 69-J
Miami, Florida 33269-0078

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 purchased gas cost recovery forms supplied by the Electric & Gas Department in a manner consistent with the Department's instructions.

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4) As indicated in the prefiled forms, the Company experienced an overrecovery of \$71,061 for the period April 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995 and estimates an overrecovery of \$41,431 for the period April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996, for a net overrecovery of \$112,492. Based upon estimated sales of 2,209,818, it will be necessary to subtract 5.091 cents per therm to refund this overrecovery.

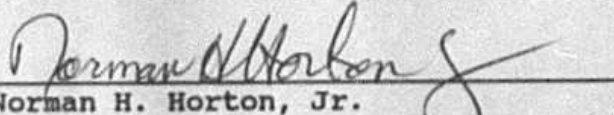
5) The Company has also projected its purchased gas costs for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997. As indicated in the accompanying schedules, the maximum purchased gas cost recovery factor is 27.000 cents per therm. This rate includes projected cost of gas purchased, prior period true-up, and revenue tax factors, and is based upon projected sales.

WHEREFORE, South Florida Natural Gas Co. petitions the Commission to approve the foregoing purchased gas cost recovery factors, to be applied to customer bills for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997, and to billings thereafter until other purchased gas cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

DATED this 16th day of January, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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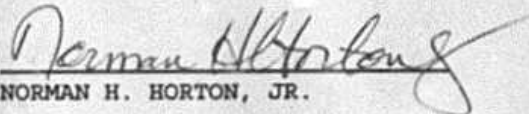
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of South Florida Natural Gas Company's Petition for Approval of Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factors together with accompanying revised schedules and testimony in Docket No. 960003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 16th day of January, 1996 upon the following:

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