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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director  
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Re: West Florida Natural Gas Company; Docket No. 960003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of West 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 West Florida Natural Gas Company's Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factors;
2. Direct Testimony of Tom Goodwin; and
3. Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5.

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Mr. J. E. McIntyre

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Yours very truly,

*Norman H. Horton, Jr.*  
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas )  
Adjustment Cost Recovery )  
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Docket No. 960003-GU  
Filed: January 16, 1996

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF  
WEST FLORIDA NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S  
PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS

West Florida Natural Gas Company ("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, 1996 through March, 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:

West Florida Natural Gas Company  
301 Maple Avenue  
Panama City, Florida 32402

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

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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.

4) As indicated in the prefiled forms, as of the end of March, 1995 the Company will have experienced an underrecovery of \$1,345,359 for the period April, 1994 through March, 1995, and an estimated underrecovery of \$304,917 for the period April, 1995 through March, 1996. The final total true-up for the projected period April, 1996 through March, 1997 is an underrecovery of \$1,040,442. A true-up collection factor of 3.520¢ per therm has been calculated.

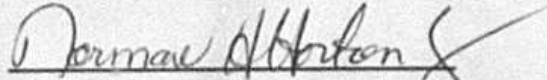
5) As indicated in the prefiled forms, the maximum purchased gas cost recovery factor is 37.985¢ per therm for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997. This includes projected cost of gas purchased, prior period true-up, and revenue tax factors, and are based upon projected sales.

WHEREFORE, West Florida Natural Gas Company petitions the Commission to approve the foregoing purchased gas cost recovery factor, to be applied to customer bills for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997, and to billings thereafter until another purchased gas cost recovery factor is approved by the Commission.

DATED this 16th day of January, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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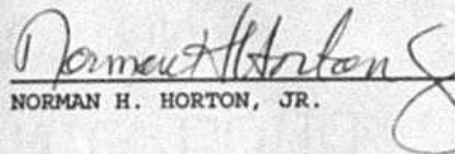
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of West 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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