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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 960003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find the original and fifteen (15) copies of the Prehearing Statement of the Office of Public Counsel for filing in the above-referenced docket. A diskette in IBM-compatible WordPerfect 5.1 is also submitted.

Please indicate receipt of filing by date-stamping the attached copy of this letter. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Sincerely,

John Roger Howe
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)
True-up)
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DOCKET NO. 960003-GU
FILED: February 5, 1996

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, Order No. PSC-96-0015-PCO-GU, issued January 5, 1996, submit this Prehearing Statement.

APPEARANCES:

JOHN ROGER HOWE, Esquire, Deputy Public Counsel, Office of Public Counsel, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 West Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1400
On behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida

A. WITNESSES:

None.

B. EXHIBITS:

None.

C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

None necessary.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas true-up amounts for the period April 1994 through March 1995?

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE: No position at this time.

CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1995 through March 1996?

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas true-up amounts to be collected during the period April 1996 through March 1997?

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period April 1996 through March 1997?

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.

WEST FLORIDA: No position at this time.

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

OPC: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1996, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997.

COMPANY SPECIFIC ISSUES

OPC knows of no Company Specific Issues at this time.

E. STATEMENT OF LEGAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None at this time.

F. STATEMENT OF POLICY ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None at this time.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES: None.

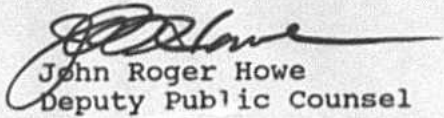
H. PENDING MOTIONS: None.

I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE:

There are no requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure with which the Office of Public Counsel cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL has been furnished by U.S. Mail or by *hand-delivery to the following persons on this 5th day of February, 1996:

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