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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
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HAND DELIVERY

Re: Florida Public Utilities Co.
Docket No. 960003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in connection with the hearing scheduled to begin February 21, 1996 in this docket are the original and 15 copies of the Company's Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette containing the document called "STMT.FPU" in WordPerfect 6.1 format.

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_____ Please acknowledge receipt of these items by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,


Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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cc: Parties of Record
Mr. George Bachman

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas)
Adjustment Cost Recovery)
_____)

Docket No. 960003-GU
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**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY**

Florida Public Utilities Company, through undersigned counsel,
respectfully submits this prehearing statement.

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On behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company

B. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Bachman	Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Projections, True-ups, and Estimate of Therm Sales	1 - 5
Schneidermann	Natural Gas Sales projection, demand and commodity costs, and WACOG	1 - 5

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C. EXHIBITS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____	Bachman	Schedules, A-1, A-1/R, A-1 flex down, A-1 Supporting Detail A-2, A-3, A-4, A- 5, A-6 and A-7 for the months April, 1994 through March, 1995
_____	Bachman	Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, and E-5
GMB-3 (composite)		

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Florida Public Utilities Company has properly calculated its true-up amounts and projected gas costs. Its costs and projections are reasonable and its purchased gas cost recovery factors should be approved.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

ISSUE 1: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for April, 1994 through March, 1995?

FPUC Position: \$945,255 underrecovery.

ISSUE 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for April, 1995 through March, 1996?

FPUC Position: \$1,371,194 overrecovery.

ISSUE 3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be (collected or refunded) during the period April, 1996 through March, 1997?

FPUC Position: \$425,939 overrecovery.

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

FPUC Position: 38.519 cents per therm.

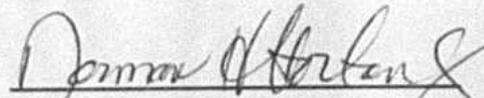
ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

FPUC Position: Agrees with Staff.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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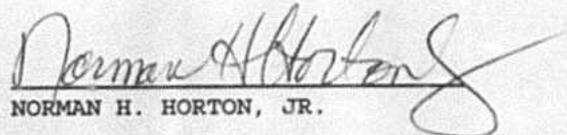
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 960003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 5th day of February, 1996 upon the following:

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