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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
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HAND DELIVERY

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 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.WFN" in WordPerfect 6.1 format.

The amounts reflected in the Prehearing Statement represent revised figures different from those contained in the Preliminary Statement. The figures in the Prehearing Statement are to be reflected in the Prehearing Order.

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. Tom Goodwin

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Purchased Gas Cost) Docket No. 960003-GU
Recovery) Filed: February 5, 1996
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**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
WEST FLORIDA NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

West Florida Natural Gas Company, through undersigned counsel,
respectfully submits this prehearing statement.

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B. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Goodwin	Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Projections, True-ups, and Estimate of Therm Sales	1 - 5

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C. EXHIBITS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ TG-1 (composite)	Goodwin	Schedules A-1, A-1 Supporting Detail, A-1R, A-1F, A-1F/R, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6 and A-7
_____	Goodwin	Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

West Florida Natural Gas Company has properly calculated its true-up amounts and projected gas costs. Its costs and projections are reasonable and its purchased gas cost recovery factor should be approved.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

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

WFNG'S Position: \$431,650 overrecovery.

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

WFNG'S Position: \$162,207 underrecovery.

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

WFNG'S Position: \$269,443 overrecovery.

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

WFNG'S Position: 33.300 cents per therm.

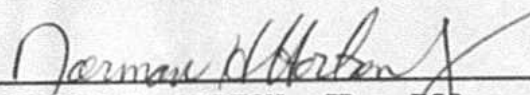
ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

WFNG'S Position: Agrees with Staff.

Dated this 5th day of February, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

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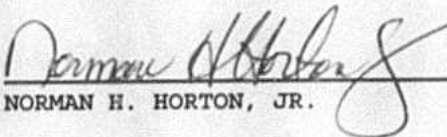
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of West Florida Natural Gas 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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