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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment) DOCKET NO. 960003-GU
(PGA) Clause.)
_____) FILED: February 5, 1996

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-96-0015-PCO-GU, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff takes no basic statement of position pending the evidence developed at hearing.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$642	Over-recovery
3 City Gas Company of Florida	\$46,056	Over-recovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$945,255	Under-recovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$24,936	Over-recovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$4,372,789	Over-recovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$3,871	Under-recovery

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St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$38,950	Under-recovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$71,061	Over-recovery
West Florida Natural Gas Company	\$431,650	Over-recovery

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$765,449	Over-recovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$199,133	Under-recovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$1,371,194	Over-recovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$51,847	Over-recovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$5,890,774	Under-recovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$53	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$55,504	Under-recovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$41,431	Over-recovery
West Florida Natural Gas Company	\$162,207	Under-recovery

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$766,091	Over-recovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$153,077	Under-recovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$425,939	Over-recovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$76,783	Over-recovery

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Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$1,517,985	Under-recovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$3,818	Under-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$94,454	Under-recovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$112,492	Over-recovery
West Florida Natural Gas Company	\$269,443	Over-recovery

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	35.159 cents-per-therm
City Gas Company of Florida	42.184 cents-per-therm
Florida Public Utilities	38.519 cents-per-therm
Indiantown Gas Company	34.824 cents-per-therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	38.469 cents-per-therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	35.607 cents-per-therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	34.600 cents-per-therm
South Florida Natural Gas Company	27.000 cents-per-therm
West Florida Natural Gas Company	33.300 cents-per-therm

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

POSITION: 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.

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Company-Specific Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

No company-specific issues.

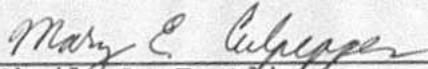
e. Pending Motions

None.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-96-0015-PCO-GU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 5th day of February, 1996.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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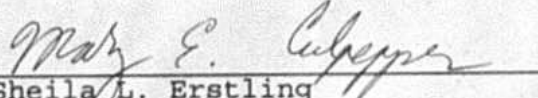
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