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Re: Docket No. 960003-EG

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC") are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of the prefiled direct testimony of George Bachman; - 12366-96 - 11/19/96
2. Original and fifteen copies of FPU's Request for Confidential Classification; and 12367-96 - 11/19/96
3. A sealed envelope marked "Confidential" which contains a copy of the information which is confidential. 12368-96 - 11/19/96

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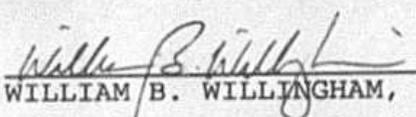
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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 960003-GU
DETERMINATION OF PURCHASED
GAS/COST RECOVERY FACTOR

Direct Testimony of
George Bachman
On Behalf of
Florida Public Utilities Company

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- Q. Please state your name and business address.
- A. George Bachman, 401 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.
- Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- A. I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company as the Director of Accounting.
- Q. What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?
- A. To advise the Commission of the actual over/under recovery of the Purchased Gas Adjustment for the period April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996. As compared to the true-up amount previously reported for that period which was based on eight months actual and four months estimated.
- Q. Please state the actual amount of over/under recovery of the Purchased Gas Adjustment for April 1, 1995 through March 31, 1996.
- A. The Company over-recovered \$176,229 during April 1995 through March 1996. This amount is substantiated on Schedules A-2 and A-7.
- Q. How does this amount compare with the estimated true-up amount which was allowed by the Commission during the February 1996 hearing?

1 A. We had estimated an over-recovery of \$1,371,194 as of March
2 1996.

3 Q. Have you prepared any exhibits at this time?

4 A. We prepared and pre-filed Schedules A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5,
5 A-6, and A-7.

6 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

7 A. Yes.

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