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Re: Docket No. **970003-GU**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

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

1. Original and fifteen copies of Petition of Florida Public Utilities Company for a Mid-Course Correction to the Approved Purchase Gas Adjustment Factor; *00185-97 - 1-10-97*

2. Original and fifteen copies of the direct testimony of George Bachman; *00187-97*

3. Original and fifteen copies of FPU's Request for Confidential Classification of Exhibit GMB-3, Mid-Course Correction; and *00187-97*

4. An envelope marked "confidential" containing a copy of the confidential information. *00188-97*

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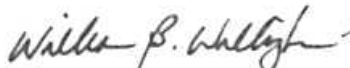
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Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,


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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 960003-GU ⁹⁷⁰⁰⁰³
DETERMINATION OF PURCHASED
GAS/COST RECOVERY FACTOR - MID-COURSE CORRECTION

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

- 1 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 2 A. George Bachman, 401 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.
- 3 Q. By whom are you employed?
- 4 A. I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company.
- 5 Q. Have you previously testified in this Docket?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?
- 8 A. I will summarize our projected gas recoveries computations which were contained
- 9 in composite exhibit GMB-3 which supports the April 1996 - March 1997 Mid-
- 10 Course Correction.

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- 11 Q. Were the schedules filed by your Company completed under your direction?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Which of the staff's set of schedules has your Company completed and filed?
- 14 A. We have prepared composite exhibit GMB-3 which contains Schedules E1, E2,
- 15 and E3, for our consolidated gas division. These schedules support the
- 16 calculation of the Mid-Course Correction purchased gas adjustment factors for

1 April 1996 - March 1997. The Mid-Course Correction will be effective February
2 1, 1997, through March 31, 1997.

3 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

4 A. Yes.

5 **ISSUE 1:** What is the appropriate Mid-Course Correction levelized
6 purchased gas adjustment recovery (cap) factor for the period February, 1997
7 through March, 1997?

8 **COMPANY POSITION:** The Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor will be a
9 maximum of 66.333¢ per therm.

10 **ISSUE 2:** What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas
11 adjustment charge for billing purposes?

12 **COMPANY POSITION:** The Mid-Course factor should be effective for all
13 meter readings on or after February 1, 1997, beginning with the first or applicable
14 billing cycle for the period February, 1997 - March, 1997.

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