

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchase Gas Adjustment)
(PGA) True-up.)
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**CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA'S
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF PGA FACTOR
TO BE APPLIED FOR SERVICE RENDERED
DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 1997 THROUGH MARCH 1998**

City Gas Company of Florida, A Division of NUI Corporation ("City Gas" or "the Company") submits this petition to the Commission for Approval of a Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") factor to be applied for service to be rendered during the period of April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998. In support thereof, says

1. City Gas has calculated its total net true-up amount (including interest and applicable regulatory assessment fees) for the period April 1995 through March 1996 to be an underrecovery of \$1,223,433

2. Schedule E-4 shows the projected true-up for the current period April 1996 through March 1997 is an under-recovery of \$3,290,895. The total true-up as shown on Schedule E-4 is an under-recovery of \$4,514,328.

3. Estimated therm purchases for resale are 78,469,076 for the period of April 1997 through March 1998 producing a true-up recovery factor of 5.753 cents per therm

4. After adding the true-up recovery factor, the levelized purchased gas cost factor for April 1997 through March 1998 based on the average of the winter and summer seasons is 50.811 cents per therm (before the regulatory assessment fees) or 51.003 cents per therm after the regulatory assessment fees. In order to eliminate large under-recovery

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in the winter season, City Gas has chosen to establish a maximum levelized purchased gas factor based on the company's expected winter cost of gas. The levelized purchased gas factor based on the Company's expected winter cost of gas is 53 459 cents per therm before the regulatory adjustment fee and 53 660 cents per therm after the regulatory assessment fee. This is the appropriate levelized gas cost factor (cap) for City Gas for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998.

5. City Gas' proposal filed herewith consists of Schedules E1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5 and A-7. The confidential version of City Gas' filing is submitted in a sealed envelope concurrently with this request, with a separate specific request for confidential treatment.

WHEREFORE, City Gas Company of Florida respectfully requests that the Commission enter its order approving the Company's proposed winter cost based levelized PGA true-up factor for the period April 1997 through March 1998 of 53 459 cents per therm (before the regulatory assessment fees) or 53 660 cents per therm after the regulatory assessment fees.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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