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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 Florida Public Utilities Company's Preliminary List of Issues and Positions; *00311*
2. Original and ten copies of FPU's Request for Confidential Classification of FPU's December 1996 PGA filing; and *-00716-97*
3. A sealed envelope marked "Confidential" which contains a copy of the information which is confidential. *-00917-97*

ACK 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,

*William B. Willingham*  
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment ) Docket No. 970003-GU  
(PGA) True-up ) Filed: January 21, 1997  
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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S PRELIMINARY LIST OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its preliminary list of issues and positions in connection with the hearing that is scheduled for February 19 through 21, 1997 in the above-styled docket.

ISSUES AND POSITIONS

ISSUE 1: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1995 through March, 1996?

FPU's Position: \$1,194,965 under-recovery.

ISSUE 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997?

FPU's Position: \$2,468,967<sup>1</sup> under-recovery.

ISSUE 3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be collected during the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

FPU's Position: \$3,663,932 under-recovery.

ISSUE 4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

FPU's Position: 57.569 cents-per-therm.

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

FPU's Position: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1997, beginning with the first

<sup>1</sup>The estimated under-recovery for the period April 1996 through March 1997 assumes that the Commission will approve the Mid-Course Correction that FPU requested in this docket on January 8, 1997.

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or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998.

Dated this 21st day of January, 1997.

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