

Miami Division
955 East 25th Street
Hialeah
Florida 33013-3498
Tel: (305) 691-8710
Fax: (305) 691-7112

January 23, 1997

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
Division of Record and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0868

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in Docket No. **970003-GU**, please find the original and 15 copies of City Gas Company of Florida's Prehearing Statement along with a copy on diskette.

Should you have any questions with respect to this filing, please contact me at (305) 691-8710, ext. 174.

Sincerely,



Michael A. Palecki
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

ACK _____
AFA _____
APP _____ MAP/rt
CAF _____ Encl.
CMUJ _____
CTR _____
EIG 1 *Station*
LEG 1
R.D. 3

W.S. _____
YTH _____

DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE
00922 JAN 24 97
FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchase Gas Adjustment)
(PGA) True-up.)
_____)

DOCKET NO. 970003-GU
Filed: January 24, 1997

CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Commission Order, City Gas Company of Florida files its Prehearing Statement.

a. Witnesses

| <u>Witness</u> | <u>Appearing For</u> | <u>Issue #</u> |
|--------------------|--|----------------|
| <u>Direct</u> | | |
| Raymond A. DeMoine | City Gas Company of Florida, A Division of NUI Corporation | All Issues |

Rebuttal

None

b. Exhibits

| <u>Witness</u> | <u>Proffered By</u> | <u>I.D. No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|---|
| DeMoine | DeMoine | (RAD-1) | Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5 and A-7. |

c. Statement of Basic Position

The Commission should determine that City Gas has properly calculated its Purchased Gas Adjustment true-up and that the appropriate purchased gas adjustment factor to be applied by City Gas during the period April 1997 through March 1998 is \$53.660 cents per therm.

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

00922 JAN 24 5

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

City Gas Company of Florida Prehearing Statement
Docket No. 970003-GU

d. Position on the Issues

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

Position: Underrecovery of \$1,223,433. (DeMoine)

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

Position: Underrecovery of \$3,290,895. (DeMoine)

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

Position: \$4,514,328. (DeMoine)

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

Position: 53.660 cents per therm. (DeMoine)

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

Position: April 1, 1996. (DeMoine)

e. Pending Motions

None.

f. Other Matters

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted this 24TH day of January, 1997.


Michael A. Palecki
NUI CORPORATION - SOUTHERN DIVISION
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs
955 East 25 Street
Hialeah, FL 33013-3498
(305) 691-8710

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the City Gas Company of Florida's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties of record, this 24TH day of January, 1997:

Sheila Erstling, Esquire
Division of Legal Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

John Roger Howe, Esquire
Office of the Public Counsel
c/o The Florida Legislature
111 West Madison Street
Suite #812
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Peoples Gas System, Inc.
c/o Ansley Watson, Jr., Esquire
MacFarlane, Ferguson
111 East Madison Street
Tampa, FL 33602

South Florida Natural Gas Co.
c/o Floyd R. Self, Esquire
Messer, Vickers, Caparello,
Madsen, Lewis, Goldman & Metz
215 South Monroe Street
Suite #701
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Wayne Schiefelbein, Esquire
Gatlin, Woods, Carlson and
Cowdery
1709-D Mahan Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Florida Public Utilities Co.
Mr. Frank C. Cressman
P. O. Box 3395
West Palm Beach, FL 33402-3395

Indiantown Gas Company
Ms. Colette M. Powers
P. O. Box 8
Indiantown, FL 34956-0008

Sebring Gas Company
3515 Highway 27 South
Sebring, FL 33870-5452

Florida Division of Chesapeake
Utilities Corporation
P. O. Box 960
Winter Haven, FL 33882-0960

MacFarlane Ausley Ferguson
Allison & Kelly
Matthew Costa, Esquire
P. O. Box 1531
Tampa, FL 33601-2562

St. Joe Natural Gas Co., Inc.
Mr. Stuart L. Shoaf
P. O. Box 549
Port St. Joe, FL 32456-0549

West Florida Natural Gas Co.
Mr. J. E. McIntyre
P. O. Box 1460
Panama City, FL 32402-1460



Michael A. Palecki
NUI CORPORATION - SOUTHERN DIVISION
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs
955 East 25 Street
Hialeah, FL 33013-3498
(305) 691-8710