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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment) DOCKET NO. 970003-GU
(PGA) Clause.)
_____) FILED: January 27, 1997

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-97-0045-PCO-GU, issued January 9, 1997, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff takes no basic statement of position pending the evidence developed at hearing.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

ACK _____ ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas
AFA _____ adjustment true-up amounts for the period April, 1995 through
APP _____ March, 1996

CAF _____ POSITION:

CMU _____	Chesapeake Utilities Corp.	\$140,484	Underrecovery
CTR _____			
EAG _____	City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,223,433	Underrecovery
LEG _____	Florida Public Utilities	\$1,194,965	Underrecovery
LIN <u>3</u> _____	Indiantown Gas Company	\$113,905	Overrecovery

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Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$731,791	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$3,134	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$21,039	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Co.	\$9,577	Underrecovery
West Florida Natural Gas Co.	\$183,415	Underrecovery

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corp.	\$815,801	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$3,290,895	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$2,468,967	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$108,519	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$1,899,698	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$8,621	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$379,791	Underrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Co.	\$75,329	Underrecovery
West Florida Natural Gas Co.	\$438,185	Underrecovery

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corp.	\$956,285	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$4,514,328	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$3,663,932	Underrecovery

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Indiantown Gas Company	\$5,386	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$1,167,907	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$5,487	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$358,752	Underrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Co.	\$84,906	Underrecovery
West Florida Natural Gas Co.	\$627,600	Underrecovery

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

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	48.537 cents per therm
City Gas Company of Florida	51.003 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	57.569 cents per therm
Indiantown Gas Company	36.174 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	42.301 cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	51.231 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	67.600 cents per therm
South Florida Natural Gas Company	43.569 cents per therm
West Florida Natural Gas Company	53.340 cents per therm

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

POSITION: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1996, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998.

Company-Specific Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

There are no company-specific purchased gas adjustment issues at this time.

e. Pending Motions

None.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-97-0045-PCO-GU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 27th day of January, 1997.



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