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Re: Docket No. **970003-GU**; South Florida Natural Gas Company

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of South Florida Natural Gas Company in connection with the hearings to begin February 19, 1997 in this docket are an original and 15 copies of the Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a diskette with the document on it in WordPerfect 6.1 format.

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment )  
(PGA) True-up )  
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Docket No. 970003-GU  
Filed: January 27, 1997

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF  
SOUTH FLORIDA NATURAL GAS CO.

South Florida Natural Gas Co. ("SFNG") submits this Prehearing Statement for the hearing scheduled in February, 1997.

a) WITNESSES:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
1. L. Defrain (SFNG)	Purchased Gas Adjustment Factor, True-up, and Projections	1, 2, 3, 4

b) EXHIBITS:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
LD-1 (Composite)	Defrain	April 1995 - March 1996 True- Up, Schedules A-1 through A-7
LD-1 (Composite)	Defrain	April 1997 - March 1998 PGA Factor, Schedules E-1 through E-5

c) STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

SFNG'S STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

The appropriate over (under) recovery amounts and purchased gas adjustment factor are as shown in the Company's positions on Issues 1 - 4.

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d) STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS: (Questions of Fact)

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

SENG'S Position: \$9,577 underrecovery. (Defrain)

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

SENG's Position: \$75,329 underrecovery. (Defrain)

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

SENG's Position: \$84,906 underrecovery. (Defrain)

Issue 4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

SENG's Position: 43.569 cents per therm. (Defrain)

e) QUESTIONS OF LAW:

None.

f) POLICY QUESTIONS:

None.

g) STIPULATED ISSUES:

None.

h) MOTIONS

None.

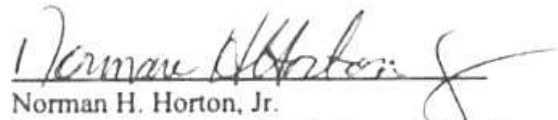
i) OTHER MATTERS:

None.

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF SOUTH FLORIDA NATURAL GAS CO.  
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Dated this 27th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of South Florida Natural Gas Co.'s Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 970003-GU have been served by hand delivery (\*) and/or U. S. Mail this 27th day of January, 1997 upon the following:

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