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January 27, 1997

Ms. Blanco S. Bayó
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Tallahassee, Fl 32399

Re: Docket No. **970003-GU**
Purchased Gas Adjustment True-Up

Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an original and fifteen (15) copies of Prehearing Statement of the Office of Public Counsel. A diskette in Wordperfect 5.1 is also submitted.

A copy of this letter is enclosed. Please mark it to indicate that the original was filed and return the copy to me. Copies have been served on the parties shown on the attached Certificate of Service.

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Sincerely,

John Roger Howe
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)
True-up)
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DOCKET NO. 970003-GU
FILED: January 27, 1997

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, Order No. PSC-97-0045-PCO-GU, issued January 9, 1997, submit this Prehearing Statement.

APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida

A. WITNESSES:

None.

B. EXHIBITS:

None.

C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

None necessary.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

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

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

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

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

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

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

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

OPC:

CHESAPEAKE:	No position at this time.
CITY GAS:	No position at this time.
FPUC:	No position at this time.
INDIANTOWN:	No position at this time.
PEOPLES GAS:	No position at this time.
SEBRING:	No position at this time.
ST. JOE:	No position at this time.
SOUTH FLORIDA:	No position at this time.
WEST FLORIDA:	No position at this time.

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

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

Company Specific Issues

OPC knows of no Company Specific Issues at this time.

- E. STATEMENT OF LEGAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None at this time.
- F. STATEMENT OF POLICY ISSUES AND POSITIONS: None at this time.
- G. STIPULATED ISSUES: None.
- H. PENDING MOTIONS: None.
- I. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE:

There are no requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure with which the Office of Public Counsel cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL has been furnished by U.S. Mail or by *hand-delivery to the following persons on this 27th day of January, 1997:

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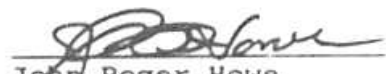
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