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HAND DELIVERY

Re: Docket No. 970002-EG; West Florida Natural Gas Company

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of West Florida Natural Gas Company in connection with the hearings scheduled 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 acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.
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cc: Parties of Record
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Conservation Cost)	Docket No. 970002-EG
Recovery Clause)	Filed: January 30, 1997
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**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
WEST FLORIDA NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

West Florida Natural Gas Company, through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this prehearing statement.

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B. WITNESSES

	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
1.	Gray	Conservation true-ups, projections	1 & 2
2.	Sott	Conservation projections	2
3.	Goodwin	Therm sales projections	2

C. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ WBG-1 (composite)	Gray	Schedules CT-1 - CT-6
_____ WBG-1 (composite)	Gray	Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-5

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D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

West Florida Natural Gas Company has properly projected its costs and calculated its true-up amounts and conservation cost recovery factors. Its expenses and projections are prudent, and its conservation cost recovery factors should be approved by the Commission.

E. ISSUES AND POSITIONS

ISSUE 1: What is the final end-of-the-period true-up amount for the period October, 1995 through September, 1996?

WFNG's Position: \$222,988.00 overrecovery

ISSUE 2: What is the appropriate projected end-of-the-period total net conservation cost recovery true-up amount for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997?

WFNG's Position: \$785,521.00 underrecovery

ISSUE 3: What is the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period April, 1997 through March 1998?

WFNG's Position:

Residential	4.742¢/therm
Commercial	1.608¢/therm
Commercial Large Customer/Transportation	
Commercial Large Customer	1.204¢/therm
Industrial/Transportation	0.285¢/therm

DATED this 30th day of January, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the West Florida Natural Gas Company's Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 970002-EG have been served by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail on this 30th day of January, 1997 to the following parties of record:

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