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Re: Sebring Gas System, Inc.: Docket No. 970003-GU

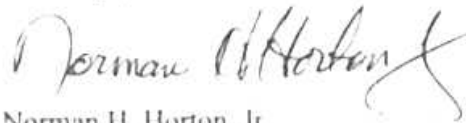
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sebring Gas System, Inc. in connection with the hearings scheduled to begin February 19, 1997 in this docket are the original and 15 copies of the Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it called "sebring.stm" 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.

Sincerely yours,



Norman H. Horton, Jr

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas)
Adjustment Cost Recovery)
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Docket No. 970003-GU
Filed: February 3, 1997

**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.**

Sebring Gas System, Inc., through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this prehearing statement.

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B. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Melendy	Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Projections, True-ups, and Estimate of Therm Sales	1-5

C. EXHIBITS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ JHM-02 (composite)	Melendy	Schedules E-1, E-1R, E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Sebring Gas System, Inc. has properly calculated its true-up amounts and projected gas costs. Its costs and projections are reasonable and its purchased gas cost recovery factor should be approved.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997?

Sebring's Position: \$3,134 underrecovery.

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

Sebring's Position: \$8,621 overrecovery.

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

Sebring's Position: \$5,487 overrecovery.

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

Sebring's Position: 51.231 cents per therm.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Sebring Gas System, Inc.'s Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 970003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 3rd day of February, 1997 upon the following:

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