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Re: Docket No. **970003**-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of Amended Petition for Approval of Florida Public Utilities Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Recovery Factor; - 01291-97 02/04/97
2. Original and fifteen copies of Amended Prehearing Statement of the Florida Public Utilities Company and a disk containing a copy of the document; - 01272-97
3. Revised Testimony of Mr. George Bachman; - 01273-97
4. Revised Composite Exhibit GMB-3; - 01274-97
5. Request for Confidential Classification of the revised PGA filing for December 1996; and 01275-97
6. An envelope marked "confidential" containing a copy of the confidential information. - 01276-97

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Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment )  
(PGA) True-up )

Docket No. 970003-GU  
Filed: February 4, 1997

AMENDED PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF  
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S  
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT RECOVERY FACTOR

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits this Amended Petition for the approval of a Purchased Gas Adjustment Recovery Factor ("PGA factor") of 52.114 cents-per-therm for the period April 1997 through March 1998. In support of its Petition, FPU states as follows:

1. On January 20, 1997, FPU submitted its Petition, testimony and exhibits in support of a PGA factor of 57.569 cents-per-therm. FPU recently became aware of an error in its calculations that resulted in an understatement of the projected revenues for the period April 1996 through March 1997 and an overstatement of the projected PGA factor for the period April 1997 through March 1998.

2. As demonstrated by the revised direct testimony of Mr. George Bachman and revised composite Exhibit "GMB-3" the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April 1996 through March 1997 is an under-recovery of \$41,418.

3. Based upon its projected sales, FPU projects that the net under-recovery to be collected during the period April 1997 through March 1998 is \$1,236,383, and FPU's appropriate PGA factor for the period April 1997 through March 1998 is a maximum of 52.114 cents-per-therm.

4. FPU's approved PGA factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1997, beginning with the first

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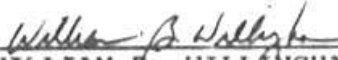
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or applicable billing cycle for the period April 1997.

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company requests the Commission to approve FPU's revised Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor of 52.114 cents-per-therm to be applied to customer bills for the period April 1997 through March 1998, and to billings thereafter until such time as another recovery factor is approved by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of February, 1997.

  
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