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HAND DELIVERY

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

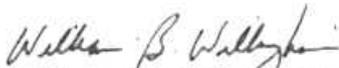
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Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,


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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 PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its amended Prehearing Statement in connection with the hearing that is scheduled for February 19 through 21, 1997 in the above-styled docket.

A. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Bachman	Purchased gas cost Recovery projections, True-ups, and estimate of them sales	1-5
Schneidermann	Natural gas sales projection, demand and commodity costs, and WACOG	4

B. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____	Bachman	Schedules A-1, A-1/R, A-1 flex down, A-1 Supporting 5, A-6 and A-7
_____	Bachman	Revised Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, and E-5

- ACK
- AFA
- APP
- CAF
- CMU

C. BASIC POSITION

FPU has properly recalculated its true-up amounts and projected gas costs. FPU's revised costs and projections are reasonable and its purchased gas cost recovery factor should be approved.

D. STATEMENT OF EACH QUESTION OF FACT

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

FPU's Position: \$1,194,965 under-recovery.

Witness: Bachman

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

FPU's Position: \$41,418 under-recovery.

Witness: Bachman

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

FPU's Position: \$1,236,383 under-recovery.

Witness: Bachman

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

FPU's Position: 52.114 cents-per-therm.

Witness: Bachman, Schneidermann

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

FPU's Position:

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.

Witness: Bachman

E. QUESTIONS OF LAW

FPU is not aware of any questions of law that are at issue in the above-styled docket.

F. POLICY QUESTIONS

FPU is not aware of any policy questions that are at issue in the above-styled docket.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES

FPU has not stipulated to any issues in the above-styled docket.

H. PENDING MOTIONS

FPU has no motions pending in the above-styled docket.

I. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

At this time FPU is not aware of any requirements set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure with which it cannot comply.

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of February, 1997.


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