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November 18, 1997

Ms. Blanca F. Bayo, Director
Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: Unbundling of Natural Gas Service
Docket No. 960725-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and fifteen (15) copies of the Petition to Intervene of Sonat Marketing Company L. P. in the above-referenced docket. Also enclosed is an extra copy of the Petition to be date-stamped and returned to Sonat Marketing in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Myra W. McAbee

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cc: All parties of record and interested persons

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA**

IN RE:)
UNBUNDLING OF NATURAL) **DOCKET NO. 960725-GU**
GAS SERVICES)

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Sonat Marketing Company L. P. (“Sonat Marketing”) hereby files this Petition to Intervene. In support of this motion, Sonat Marketing respectfully shows as follows:

I.

The exact legal name of the intervenor is Sonat Marketing Company L. P. Sonat Marketing is a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware with its principal place of business at 1900 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35203. Sonat Marketing Company, a Delaware Corporation, is managing general partner and a 65% owner of Sonat Marketing. AGL Gas Marketing, Inc., a Georgia corporation, is a limited partner and a 35% owner of the partnership. Sonat Marketing is an unregulated natural gas marketing company engaged in the purchase and sale of nearly 4 BCF per day of natural gas in the Southeastern, Mid-Atlantic, Northeastern and Mid-Continent regions of the United States.

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All communications regarding the proceeding should be directed to Sonat Marketing to the attention of the following name and address:

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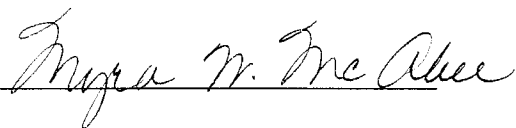
When in June 1996 the Commission initiated its inquiries into the unbundling of natural gas service in Florida in this docket, Sonat Marketing was not directly marketing gas in Florida. In August 1997, in anticipation of future marketing activities in Florida, Sonat Marketing requested inclusion on the service list as an interested party and was granted interested persons status. Beginning on October 1, 1997 Sonat Marketing began marketing gas to industrial, distributor and municipal customers in the State. Thereafter, the Commission issued a Model Tariff for Firm Transportation Services for the unbundling of firm gas services by Florida's local distribution companies ("LDC") on October 6, 1997. The Model Tariff seeks to establish a structure and a means through which firm retail commercial customers in Florida could purchase gas supplies directly from marketers in addition to continuing to have the option to purchase all or a portion of their gas requirements from their local LDCs.

As a marketer of natural gas in Florida and a shipper on Florida Gas Transmission Company, the interstate natural gas pipeline company serving the State of Florida, Sonat Marketing has an economic interest which will be directly affected by the outcome of this proceeding and which cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. Accordingly, Sonat Marketing is an interested party whose intervention and participation in this proceeding will be in the public interest.

Sonat Marketing submits that good cause exists for permitting Sonat Marketing to intervene at this stage of the proceeding because it has been significant economic interest in this proceeding which would not be adequately represented by any existing parties. Intervention at this time will not disrupt or delay the proceeding or in any way prejudice or burden existing parties since Sonat Marketing agrees to abide by any schedule or deadlines previously established by the Commission, and will not seek to delay the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Sonat Marketing respectfully petitions to intervene in this proceeding fully as a party therein.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: 

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Dated: November 18, 1997

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document on each person designated in the official service list compiled in this proceeding.

Dated at Birmingham, Alabama, this 18th day of November, 1997.

Respectfully Submitted,

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