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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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 five copies of FPU's Request for Confidential Classification;
2. An envelope containing a copy of the material considered "Confidential," and
3. The prefiled direct testimony of George Bachman

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

William B. Willingham
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cc: All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 970003-GU
DETERMINATION OF PURCHASED
GAS/COST RECOVERY FACTOR

Direct Testimony of
George Bachman
On Behalf of
Florida Public Utilities Company

1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. George Bachman, 401 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.

3 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

4 A. I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company as the Director of
5 Accounting.

6 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?

7 A. To advise the Commission of the actual over/under recovery of the Purchased Gas
8 Adjustment for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997. As compared to
9 the true-up amount previously reported for that period which was based on eight
10 months actual and four months estimated.

11 Q. Please state the actual amount of over/under recovery of the Purchased Gas
12 Adjustment for April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997.

13 A. The Company over-recovered \$521,524 during April 1996 through March 1997.
14 This amount is substantiated on Schedules A-2 and A-7.

15 Q. How does this amount compare with the estimated true-up amount which was
16 allowed by the Commission during the February 1997 hearing?

17 A. We had estimated an under-recovery of \$41,418 as of March 1997.

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1 Q. Have you prepared any exhibits at this time?

2 A. We prepared and pre-filed Schedules A-1, A-1 Supplement, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5,
3 A-6, and A-7.

4 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

5 A. Yes

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