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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

- Original and five copies of FPU's Request for Confidential Classification, and 1
- An envelope containing a copy of the material considered "Confidential" 2

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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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)	Docket No. 970003-GU
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FPU'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006(4), Florida Administrative Code, submits this its Request for Confidential Classification of portions of the Commission Staff's audit work papers pertaining to the Commission Staff's purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") Audit for the twelve-month period ending September 1997. In support thereof, FPU states as follows:

- The Commission Staff's audit work papers at issue identify the names of the gas suppliers from which FPU has purchased gas and the price and invoice number of each purchase.
 With the exception of the purchases from the Florida Gas Transmission Company, these purchases were made pursuant to negotiated gas supply contracts.
- 2. FPU requests that certain information¹ in the Commission Staff's audit work papers be classified as "proprietary confidential business information" within the meaning of Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. The information and material at issue is intended to be and is treated by FPU as proprietary and confidential. The Commission previously has determined that this information is entitled to the protection of Section 366.093(3), Florida Statutes. See, e.g., Order Nos. PSC-96-0532-CFO-GU, issued April 15, 1996, and PSC-96-0343-CFO-GU, issued March 11, 1996. Attached hereto as exhibit "A" is a detailed explanation of the information and material for which confidential treatment is requested and justification for the requested confidential treatment.

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¹ The vendor's name, invoice number and price paid for purchases from suppliers other than the Florida Gas Transmission Company.

of the highlighted portions of the Commission Staff's audit work papers.

An unedited version of the Commission Staff's audit work papers has been submitted

to the Division of Records and Reporting on this date under a separate cover with the information

asserted to be confidential highlighted in yellow. An edited version of the documents on which the

information asserted to be confidential has been blocked out is enclosed herewith.

. FPU requests that the information for which it seeks confidential classification remain

confidential for a period of at least 18 months as provided in Section 366.093(4), Florida Statutes.

The time period requested is necessary to allow FPU to negotiate future gas purchase contracts on

favorable terms.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, FPU respectfully requests that its Request for

Confidential Classification be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit "A"
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

Justification for Confidentiality Data Obtained During a PSC Audit of Florida Public Utilities Company's PGA/True-up filings for the twelve (12) months ended September 1997 under Docket NO. 970003-GU:

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	43 P5:	23-29	A,B,D&F	see below	
	43 P6:	23-29	A,B,D&F	see below	
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The information contained within these columns represent negotiated gas supply packages purchased from suppliers other than Florida Gas Transmission Company. These prices vary based on the operational flexibility of each contract. These data contain the names of gas suppliers from whom FPU is purchasing gas supplies. Release of supplier names would be detrimental to the interests of FPU and its customers since it would provide a competitor with a list of FPU's suppliers. These data also contain information concerning the totals paid to gas suppliers. Releasing such information could provide competing gas suppliers with an advantage over FPU. Suppliers may be less likely to make price concessions. Release of such information has the potential to lead to inflated price fixing by gas suppliers. Potentially, release of the aforementioned information may result in higher gas costs which would have to be The item also represents passed along to FPU's customers. transaction by Florida Public Utilities Company and affects it's PGA for imbalances traded and as an alternative to Florida Gas Transmission Company's cash out program. Transactions of these types are with other pipeline customers. For competitive purposes only, FPU must be assured that no other pipeline customer will be able to ascertain the parties involved in this transaction with FPU nor the prices of the components of such transactions nor the Otherwise future quantities involved in this transaction. transactions of this type may be put at undue risk. information is contractual information which, if made public, "would impair the efforts of [Florida Public Utilities Company] to contract for goods or services on favorable terms." Section 366.093(3)(d), Florida Statutes.

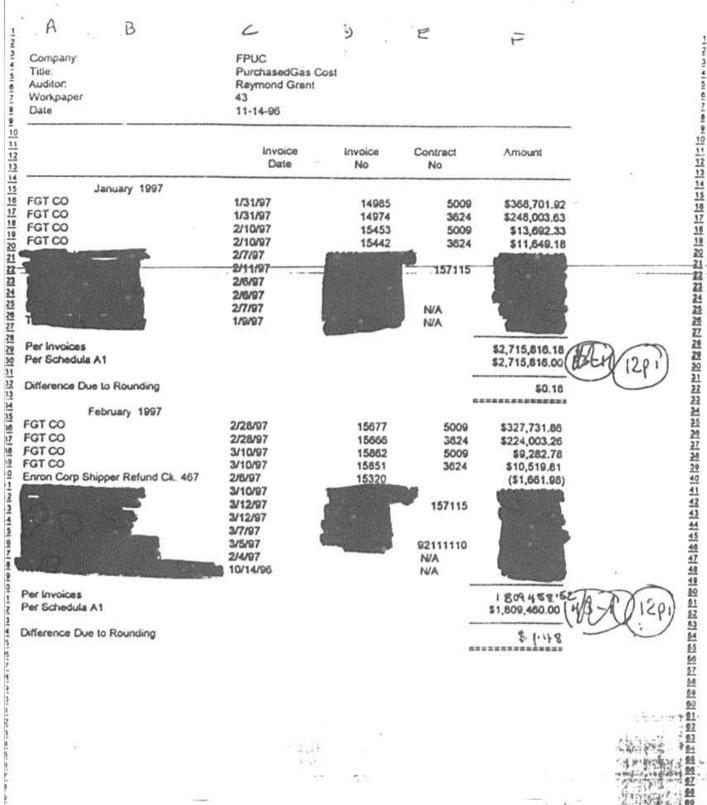
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		49-57	A,C&D	see below
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