

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 980003-GU'

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION
FLORIDA DIVISION

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("CUC") submits this Prehearing Statement for the hearing scheduled in February, 1998.

a) **WITNESSES:**

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
1. A. V. Wood (CUC)	Purchased Gas Adjustment Factor, True-up, and Projections	1, 2, 3, 4

b) **EXHIBITS:**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
AVW-1 (Composite)	Wood	April 1996 - March 1997 True-Up, Schedules A-1 through A-7
AVW-2 (Composite)	Wood	April 1998 - March 1999 PGA Factor, Schedules E-1 through E-5

c) **STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION**

CUC'S STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

The appropriate over (under) recovery amounts and purchased gas adjustment factor are as shown in the Company's positions on Issues 1 - 4.

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d) STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS: (Questions of Fact)

Issue 1: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1996 through March, 1997?

CUC's Position: \$487,552 overrecovery. (Wood)

Issue 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

CUC's Position: \$442,997 underrecovery. (Wood)

Issue 3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be refunded in the April, 1998 through March, 1999 period?

CUC's Position: \$44,555 overrecovery. (Wood)

Issue 4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor to be charged during the period April, 1998 through March, 1999?

CUC's Position: 41.823 cents per therm. (Wood)

e) QUESTIONS OF LAW:

None.

f) POLICY QUESTIONS:

None.

g) STIPULATED ISSUES:

None.

h) MOTIONS

None.

i) OTHER MATTERS:

None.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION
FLORIDA DIVISION

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions and Prehearing Statement have been furnished by hand-delivery on this 22nd day of January, 1998 to WILLIAM COCHRAN KEATING, IV, ESQ., Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and by regular U.S. Mail to the following:

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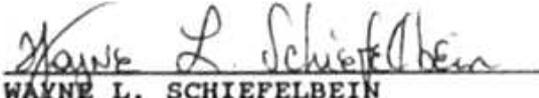
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