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HAND DELIVERY

Re: Docket No. ~~980003-GU~~

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") are the original and fifteen copies of FPU's Preliminary List of Issues and Positions.

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,

*Kenneth A. Hoffman*  
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cc: All Parties of Record

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment )  
(PGA) True-Up )  
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Docket No 980003-GU  
Filed: January 27, 1998

**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S  
PRELIMINARY LIST OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its preliminary list of issues and positions in connection with the hearing that is scheduled for February 25 through 27, 1998 in the above-styled docket.

**ISSUES AND POSITIONS**

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

FPU's Position: \$562,942 over-recovery.

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

FPU's Position: \$420,363 under-recovery.

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

FPU's Position: \$142,590 over-recovery.

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

FPU's Position: 49.293 cents-per-therm.

**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, 1998, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1998 through March, 1999.

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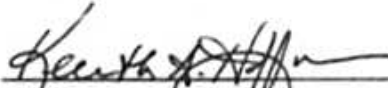
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