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Re: Docket No. 980002-EG

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 fifteen copies of the Prehearing Statement of The Florida Public Utilities Company; and

ACK Handover A disk in Word Perfect 6.0 containing a copy of the Prehearing Statement.

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Energy Conservation Cost)
Recovery Clause.)
_____)

Docket No. 980002-EG

Filed: February 2, 1998

**PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY**

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

A. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Michael A. Peacock	Conservation cost recovery and true-up (Marianna and Fernandina Beach Divisions)	1-2

B. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ MAP-1 (Composite)	Michael A. Peacock	Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4 and C-5 (Marianna and Fernandina Beach Divisions)

C. BASIC POSITION

FPU has properly projected its costs and calculated its true-up amounts and conservation cost recovery factors. Those amounts and factors should be approved by the Commission.

D. STATEMENT OF EACH QUESTION OF FACT

Issue 1: What are the appropriate end-of-period final true-up amounts for the period October, 1996 through September, 1997 for the Marianna and Fernandina Beach divisions?

FPU's Position:

Marianna:	\$56,065 over-recovery
Fernandina Beach:	\$50,545 over-recovery

Witness: Michael A. Peacock

Issue 2: What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period April, 1998 through March, 1999?

FPU's Position:

Marianna	\$.00038/kwh
Fernandina Beach	\$.00024/kwh

Witness: Michael A. Peacock

E. QUESTIONS OF LAW

FPU is not aware of any questions of law that are at issue in the above-styled docket.

F. POLICY QUESTIONS

FPU is not aware of any policy questions that are at issue in the above-styled docket.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES

FPU has not stipulated to any issues in the above-styled docket.

H. PENDING MOTIONS

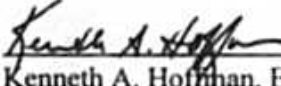
FPU has no motions pending in the above-styled docket.

I. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

At this time FPU is not aware of any requirements set forth in the Order Establishing Procedure with which it cannot comply.

Dated this 2nd day of February, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,



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