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Mr. Jorge Cruz-Bustillo
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RE: Docket No. 980256-GU-Request for Waiver

Dear Mr. Cruz-Bustillo:

This letter is to follow-up on South Florida Natural Gas Company's request for a temporary waiver of Rule 25-7.045(8)(a), Florida Administrative Code. As you discussed with Jon Graf of Southern Union Company, South Florida Natural Gas Company is requesting an extension until May 31, 1998 to file its depreciation study.

The temporary extension is required as a result of substantial hardships. This includes Southern Union Company's recent acquisition of South Florida Natural Gas Company. This has required substantial time on the part of employees from both companies to integrate the acquisition. Additionally, substantial time is being incurred on the preparation of South Florida Natural Gas Company's Annual FERC filing, further drawing on these resources.

A temporary waiver of Rule 25-7.045(8)(a) is requested until May 31, 1998. On or before this date, South Florida Natural Gas Company will file its depreciation study. This underlying request should not affect the duties of the Commission.

ACK _____ If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

AFA _____ Sincerely,

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