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Division of Records and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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**Re: Request for Authorization to Keep Records
Out-of-State by City Gas Company of Florida**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 15 copies of City Gas
Company of Florida's Request for Authorization to keep Records Out-of-State.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Palecki
Vice President of Regulatory Affairs

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NUI Companies and Affiliates:
City Gas Company of Florida
Elizabethtown Gas
Elkton Gas
North Carolina Gas

NUI Capital Corp
NUI Energy
NUI Energy Brokers
NUI Energy Solutions
NUI Environmental Group

TIC Enterprises, LLC
Utility Business Services
Valley Cities Gas
Waverly Gas

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request For Authorization)
to Keep Records Out-of-State by City Gas)
Company of Florida.)
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REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO KEEP RECORDS OUT-OF-STATE

City Gas Company of Florida, an operating division of NUI Corporation ("NUI/City Gas" or "the Company"), pursuant to Rule 25-7.015, Florida Administrative Code, requests the authorization of the Florida Public Service Commission to keep business records out-of -state, and in support thereof states:

1. The name of petitioner and the mailing address of its principal office is:

City Gas Company of Florida, a Division of NUI Corporation
955 East 25th Street
Hialeah, Florida 33013-3498

2. The name and mailing address of the persons authorized to receive notice are:

Michael Palecki
NUI/City Gas
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One Elizabethtown Plaza
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3. Rule 25-7.015, Florida Administrative Code, allows a utility to keep records out-of state when so authorized by the Florida Public Service Commission. The Rule also provides that such records shall be open for inspection by the Commission, and that any utility authorized to keep its records outside of the state shall reimburse the Commission for its reasonable travel expense for any out-of-state audit.

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4. As part of a reorganization process designed to improve efficiency, all accounting and bookkeeping functions for NUI's various operating divisions have been centralized, so that these functions will no longer need to be performed at the location of the operating divisions. These bookkeeping and accounting functions will be performed at NUI headquarters in New Jersey. As part of this process, NUI Corporation, upon receiving Commission authorization, plans to keep the records of City Gas Company of Florida at its corporate headquarters in New Jersey.

5. Improvements in efficiency, and resulting cost savings will be achieved if NUI Corporation is able to keep the records of its Florida, North Carolina, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey operating divisions at a single, central location.

6. In accordance with Rule 25-7.015, Florida Administrative Code, all records will be open for inspection by the Commission, and the Company will provide reimbursement for all travel expenses incurred by the Commission or its authorized representatives to inspect records or perform out-of state audits. Past audits conducted by Commission Staff at NUI headquarters in New Jersey under this procedure have proven expedient and satisfactory to the Company, and Commission Staff. The Company believes that savings resulting from maintenance of a single, central location for business records, rather than several scattered locations, will outweigh the cost of reimbursement for travel expenses.

WHEREFORE, NUI/City Gas respectfully requests the authorization of the Florida Public Service Commission to keep its records out-of state.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of Aug, 1998.



Michael A. Palecki
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