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

Re: Sebring Gas Systems, Inc., Docket No. 980003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

DECEMBED & FILED

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Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sebring Gas Systems, Inc. in connection with the hearings scheduled to begin November 23, 1998 in this docket are the original and 10 copies of the Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a diskette with the document on it in WordPerfect 6.1 format.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter. Thank you for your assistance

Yours very truly,

ACK,		Norman H. Horton, Jr.
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas)	Docket No. 980003-GU	
Adjustment Cost Recovery)	Filed: November 2, 1998	
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PREHEARING STATEMENT OF SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.

Sebring Gas System, Inc., through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this prehearing statement.

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On behalf of Sebring Gas System, Inc.

B. WITNESSES

Witness	Subject Matter	Issues
Melendy	Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Projections, True-ups, and Estimate of Therm Sales	1-4

C. EXHIBITS

Number	Witness	Description
JHM-01 (composite)	Melendy	Schedules A-1, A-1S, A-2, A-3, A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7
JHM-02 (composite)	Melendy	Schedules E-1, E-1R, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Sebring Gas System, Inc. has properly calculated its true-up amounts and projected gas costs. Its costs and projections are reasonable and its purchased gas cost recovery factor should be approved.

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E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Issue 1: What is the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up

amount for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

Sebring's Position: \$14,074 overrecovery.

Issue 2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount

for the period April, 1998 through December, 1998?

Sebring's Position: \$7,257 underrecovery.

Issue 3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be

collected in the January, 1999 through December, 1999 period?

Sebring's Position:

Issue 4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery

(cap) factor to be charged during the period January, 1999

through December, 1999?

Sebring's Position: \$6,817 overrecovery.

Dated this 2nd day of November, 1998.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Sebring Gas System, Inc.'s Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 980003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 2nd day of November, 1998 upon the following:

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