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November 3, 1998

Blanco S Bayo, Director
Division of Record and Reporting
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Fl. 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 980003-GU
Purchased Gas Cost Recovery
for period ending December 31, 1999

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are an original and ten (10) copies of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's:

1. Prehearing Statement
2. Certificate of Service

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter which is also enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Stuart L. Shoaf
Stuart L. Shoaf
President

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas Recovery)
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Docket No. 980003-GU
 Submitted for filing
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ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG) by and through its undersigned officer, hereby submits its Prehearing Statement to be taken up at the Hearing set to begin November 23, 1998 in the above listed docket.

A. APPEARANCES:

None; Stuart L. Shoaf has substituted prepared testimony which should be inserted into the record as if read.

B. WITNESSES:

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Stuart L Shoaf	Fuel Adjustment, true-up and projections	All

C. EXHIBITS:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ (SLS-1) E-1	Stuart Shoaf	PGA Summary of estimates for the projected period.
_____ (SLS-2) E-2	Stuart Shoaf	Calculation of true-up amount current period (5 months actual 4 months estimated)
_____ (SLS-3) E-3	Stuart Shoaf	Transportation purchases system supply and end use for the projected period

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
<u>(SLS-4)</u> E-4	Shoaf	Calculation of true-up amount for the projected period based on the prior period and current period (5 months actual, 4 months estimated)
<u>(SLS-5)</u> E-5	Shoaf	Therms Sales and Customer Data (For the projected period)
<u>(SLS-6)</u> E-1/R	Shoaf	Reprojected PGA for Current Period (5 mths , 4 mths est.)

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION:

The appropriate over (under) recovery amounts and purchased gas adjustment factors are shown in the company's positions on Issues 1 - 5.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS:

ISSUE 1: What is the appropriated final purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

SJNG's Position: \$99,666 over recovery.

Issue #2: What is the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amount for the period of April 1998 through December 1998?

SJNG's Position: \$61,834.00 over recovery.

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Issue #3: What is the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amount to be refunded during the period of January 1999 through December 1999?

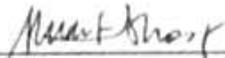
SJNG's Position: \$161,500 over recovery

Issue #4: What is the appropriate levelized purchased gas adjustment recovery (cap) factor for the period January, 1999 through December, 1999?

SJNG's Position: 60.800 recovery (cap) factor

Issue #5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

SJNG's Position: The effective date for the new purchased gas adjustment charge should be January 1, 1999.



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