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Ms. Blanca Bayo
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Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed please find on behalf of Indiantown Gas Company an original and ten (10) copies of IGC's responses to staff questions for the upcoming Year 2000 readiness workshop. Any questions not addressed here should be considered not applicable to IGC's system.

I regret to inform you that I will be unable to attend the workshop on the 29th as I will be out of town already. Due to the small size of our operation, I am the only representative from the company who could address any Year 2000 issue on behalf of our company. I will be returning on the 30th. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions following the workshop.

Sincerely,

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INDIANTOWN GAS COMPANY
Responses to Staff Questions for Y2K Readiness Workshop
March 29, 1999

1. Q. Has your utility bifurcated its Year 2000 remediation efforts between "mission critical" and "important" systems?

A. Due to the small size of the company, Indiantown Gas Co. (IGC) has not split its functions between "mission critical" and "important".

4. Q. What method are you using to test your mainframe computers?

A. IGC has no mainframe computers. The file server is connected to three (3) remote PC's through a LAN. All computers in this system have been tested by forwarding the system clock to December 31, 1999 and monitoring performance after the clock passes January 1, 2000. All systems passed this test.

5. Q. What systems do you have running on mainframe computers

A. IGC has no mainframe computers.

6. Q. What "mission critical" systems are not run on mainframe computers?

A. All systems are run on PC's with the exception of two telemeters in the field. These have been certified as Y2K compliant.

7. Q. What systems have you found that contain date sensitive embedded chips?

A. None

9. Q. Are all "mission critical" related mainframe computers, PC computers, and embedded chips being tested notwithstanding any vendors claim that the device is Y2K compliant?

A. The only devices fitting this description at IGC are the telemeters. These units are always in use recording hourly flows and thus we have not tested them. They have been certified and contain a mechanical index in the event of failure.

11. Q. What precautions are you taking to ensure that "mission critical" communications links are not interrupted?

A. Since IGC has no PBX type phone systems the only chance for failure would be at the phone utility. Should this occur we are located directly next to Fire Rescue and Sherrifs Departments and would send a representative to their location for communication in case of emergency.

12. Q. What dates, in addition to the millennium rollover, are being tested?

A. 9/9/99, 2/29/2000, 10/10/2000 have been tested because they were reported as significant dates to test by the Public Service Commission.

13. Q. Has your utility conducted or scheduled any contingency drills?

A. No.

14. Q. What "mission critical" systems and locations will be manned during the millennium rollover?

A. Our gate station with FGT will be manned during this period. Since there is only one assignment, this will not be included in our contingency plan.

18. Q. Is your natural gas distribution system SCADA-controlled? No.