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Re: Florida Public Utilities Company; Docket No. 990003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in this docket are the following documents:

1. An original and 10 copies of the Petition for Approval of Florida Public Utilities Company's Purchased Gas Cost Recovery True-Up Amount; *05380-00*
2. An original and 10 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Specified Confidential Treatment;
3. An original and 10 copies of the Direct Testimony of George Bachman; *05381-00*
4. An original and 10 copies of redacted Exhibit GMB-1; and
5. An envelope containing a copy of the confidential Exhibit GMB-1.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.
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cc: Mr. George Bachman
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)
Cost Recovery)
_____)

Docket No. 990003-GU
Filed: May 1, 2000

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S
PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY TRUE-UP AMOUNT**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("the Company"), through undersigned counsel and pursuant to the requirements of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission to approve its purchased gas cost recovery true-up amount for the period January 1999 through December, 1999.

In support hereof, the Company states:

1) The Company is a natural gas utility company within the jurisdiction of this Commission. Its principal business address is:

401 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

2) The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this Petition are:

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3) Pursuant to the requirements of this Docket, the Company has prefiled testimony and the purchased gas cost recovery true-up forms (Composite Exhibit GMB-1) supplied by the Commission Staff in a manner consistent with the Commission Staff's instructions.

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4) As indicated in the prefiled testimony and true-up forms, the Company had an actual overrecovery of \$186,292 for January, 1999 through December, 1999 as compared to an estimated overrecovery of \$253,448 for a difference of (\$67,156).

WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that this Commission enter its order approving the Company's true-up amount for the period January 1999 through December, 1999.

DATED this 1st day of May, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Approval of True-Up Amount, Florida Public Utilities Company's Request for Specified Confidential Treatment, the Direct Testimony of George Bachman and accompanying schedules in Docket No. 000003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 1st day of May, 2000 upon the following:

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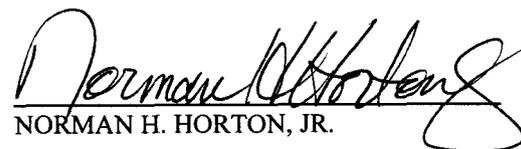
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