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Ms. Blanca Bayo, Director
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Re: South Florida Natural Gas; Docket No. 000003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

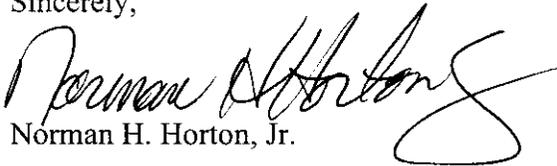
Enclosed for filing on behalf of South Florida Natural Gas in this docket are the following documents:

1. An original and 10 copies of South Florida Natural Gas' Petition for Approval of Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor;
2. An original and 10 copies of the Direct Testimony of Al Kara; and
3. An original and 10 copies of Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, and E-5.

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

Thank you for your assistance.

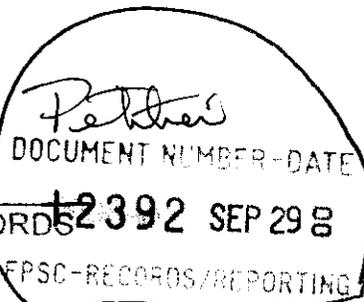
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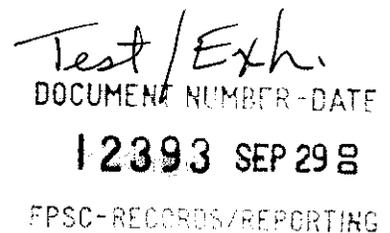

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Docket No. 000003-GU
Filed: September 29, 2000

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
SOUTH FLORIDA NATURAL GAS'
PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS**

South Florida Natural Gas ("the Company"), by and through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to the requirements of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission for approval of the Company's purchased gas cost recovery factors for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001. 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:

South Florida Natural Gas
Post Office Box 248
New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32170

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 the purchased gas cost recovery forms supplied by the Electric & Gas Department in a manner consistent with the Department's instructions.

4) As indicated in the prefiled forms, the Company experienced an underrecovery of \$92,457 for the period January, 1999 through December, 1999 and estimates an underrecovery of \$69,863 for the period January, 2000 through December, 2000 for a total underrecovery of \$162,320.

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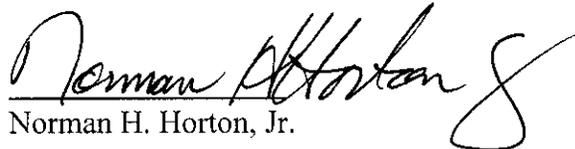
Based upon estimated sales of \$3,093,541 it will be necessary to add 0.05247 cents per therm to collect this underrecovery.

5) The Company has also projected its purchased gas costs for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001. As indicated in the accompanying schedules, the maximum purchased gas cost recovery factor is 79.208 cents per therm. This rate includes projected cost of gas purchased, prior period true-up, and revenue tax factors, and is based upon projected sales.

WHEREFORE, South Florida Natural Gas petitions the Commission to approve the foregoing purchased gas cost recovery factors, to be applied to customer bills for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001, and to billings thereafter until other purchased gas cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

DATED this 29th day of September, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of South Florida Natural Gas' Petition for Approval of Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor in Docket No. 000003-GU have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 29th day of September, 2000 upon the following:

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