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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up.

DOCKET NO. 000003-GU

FILED: OCTOBER 25, 2000

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-00-0646-PCO-GU, issued April 6, 2000, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

GENERIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January, 1999 through December, 1999?

POSITION:

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Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$26,715	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$705,403	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$67,156	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$7,321	Overrecovery

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FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$866,759	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$3,428	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$16,581	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$92,457	Underrecovery

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January, 2000 through December, 2000?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$890,959	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$4,513,148	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$33,877	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$7,468	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$2,939,165	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$20,338	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$42,200	Underrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$69,863	Underrecovery

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January, 2001 through December, 2001?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$917,674	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$3,807,718	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$33,279	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$147	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$3,805,923	Underrecovery

Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$23,766	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$25,619	Underrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$162,320	Underrecovery

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	74.358	cents per therm
City Gas Company of Florida	79.093	cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	84.781	cents per therm
Indiantown Gas Company	83.729	cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	71.171	cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	70.663	cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	82.100	cents per therm
South Florida Natural Gas Company	79.208	cents per therm

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

POSITION: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2001, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001.

e. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

There are no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

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g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-00-0646-PCO-GU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of October, 2000.



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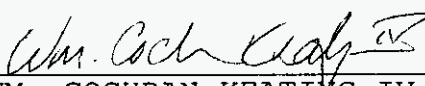
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