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Re: Docket No. 000002-EG

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in this docket are an original and 10 copies Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement for its consolidated natural gas division. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it.

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.
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cc: Mr. Robert L. Smith
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Energy Conservation Cost)
Recovery Clause.)
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Docket No. 000002-EG
Filed: October 25, 2000

**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its prehearing statement for its consolidated natural gas division in connection with the hearing that is scheduled for November 20-22, 2000, in the above-styled docket.

A. WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Robert L. Smith	Conservation cost recovery and true-up for its consolidated natural gas division	1-3

B. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ RLS-1 (Composite)	Smith	Schedules C1, C2, C3, and C5

C. BASIC POSITION

FPU has properly projected its costs and calculated its true-up amounts and conservation cost recovery factors. Those amounts and factors should be approved by the Commission.

D. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Issue 1: What are the final end-of-period true-up amounts for the period January, 1999, through December, 1999?

FPU's Position: Zero

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Issue 2: **What are the appropriate projected end-of-period true-up amounts for the period January, 2000 through December, 2000 for the Marianna and Fernandina Beach Divisions?**

FPU's Position: Zero

Issue 3: **What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January, 2001 through December, 2001?**

FPU's Position:

Residential	\$0.05361
General Service	\$0.02096
Large Volume Service	\$0.01394
Large Volume Transportation Service	\$0.01377

E. QUESTIONS OF LAW

None.

F. POLICY QUESTIONS

None.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES

None.

H. MOTIONS

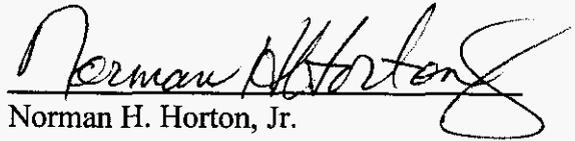
None.

I. OTHER MATTERS

None.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement in Docket No. 000002-EG have been served by hand delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 25th day of October, 2000 upon the following:

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