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Re: Florida Public Utilities Company; Docket No. 010004-GU

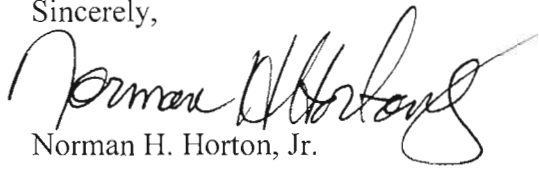
Dear Ms. Bayo:

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

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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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Robert Smith
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural Gas Conservation)
Cost Recovery Clause.)
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Docket No. 010004-GU
Filed: October 25, 2001

**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 20-21, 2001, 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 CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, CT-4, and CT-5
_____ RLS-2 (Composite)	Smith	Schedules C1, C2, C3, and C5
_____ RLS-3	Smith	Statewide GetGasFL Statewide Advertising Campaign information

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, 2000, through December, 2000?**

FPU's Position: \$107,059 underrecovery

Issue 2: **What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January, 2002 through December, 2002?**

FPU's Position:

Residential	\$.09208
General Service	\$.03527
Large Volume Service	\$.02360
Large Volume Transportation Service	\$.02360

Issue 3: **What should be the effective date of the conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?**

FPU's Position: The conservation cost recovery factors should be effective for the period January, 2002 through December, 2002, and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

Issue 4: **What is the appropriate treatment of FPUC's promotional advertising items and television commercial advertising?**

FPU's Position: The expenses associated with advertising conservation programs should be included in the calculation of the conservation cost recovery factor. FPUC utilizes promotional items and advertising to promote PSC approved conservation programs consistent with the requirements of Rule 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code, and thus the amounts are properly included. The items at issue serve to keep the "Good Cents" name in the customers mind and builds recognition in the service area. Also, when this material is used, it is accompanied with company contact information so that additional information regarding conservation programs can be obtained if needed.

E. QUESTIONS OF LAW

None.

F. POLICY QUESTIONS

None.

G. STIPULATED ISSUES

None.

H. MOTIONS

None.

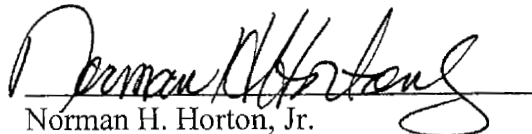
I. OTHER MATTERS

None.

Dated this 25th day of October, 2001.

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. 010004-GU have been served by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail this 25th day of October, 2001 upon the following:

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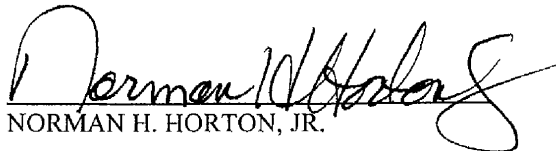
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