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February 25, 2002

BY HAND DELIVERY

Ms. Blanca Bayó, Director The Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Room 110, Easley Building Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company is an original and fifteen copies the Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Modification of Transportation Cost Recovery Factors.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely yours,

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Norman H. Horton, Jr.

NHH/amb Enclosures cc: Mr. Wayne Makin

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by Florida Public Utilities for approval of modification of transportation cost recovery factors Docket No. _____ Filed: February 25, 2002

PETITION FOR MODIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION COST RECOVERY FACTORS

COMES NOW, Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC"), through its undersigned and

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requests a modification of the transportation cost recovery factors for FPUC and as basis states:

1. FPUC is a public utility providing natural gas service to customers. The address

for FPUC is:

Florida Public Utilities Company 401 South Dixie Highway West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Copies of notices regarding this petition should be served on:

Norman H. Horton, Jr.	Ms. Cheryl Martin
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2. By Order No. PSC-01-0073-TRF-GU, issued January 9, 2001, the Commission approved transportation service tariffs filed by FPUC pursuant to Rule 25.07-0335, Florida Administrative Code. The Commission also permitted FPUC to accrue expenses associated with the offering of transportation service to non-residential customer subject to a petition for recovery of actual expenses at a later date.

3. On June 14, 2001, FPUC filed a petition for approval of initial cost recovery factors. The initial factors were subsequently revised in an amended petition and on October 1, 2001, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-01-1963-TRF-GU approving the Petition and

initial transportation cost recovery factors including the Transportation Cost Recovery ("TCR") and Non-monitored Transportation Administration Charge ("NTAC"). The specific factors are set forth in Order No. PSC-01-1963 and are reflected in the current tariffs.

4. On December 14, 2001, FPUC completed a transaction whereby FPUC acquired the assets and operations of South Florida Natrual Gas ("SFNG") which provided natural gas service to customers in Volusia County. Since the closing, FPUC has been providing service to the Former SFNG customers and has begun to consolidate the operations of the companies. As a result of the acquisition and expansion of services and customers, FPUC would request that the Commission modify the TCR and NTAC for certain schedules to recognize the changed circumstances. Tariff sheets reflecting the changes are attached as Attachment A.

5. To support this request and the proposed revisions, FPUC has revised the schedules as filed with the Commission for initial approval to reflect the inclusion of customers acquired from SFNG. These schedules are attached as Attachment B.

6. With these updated schedules, FPUC requests that the Commission approve the proposed modification and permit the implementation of the revised charges.

Respectfully submitted,

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NORMAN H. HORTON, JR., ESC

Attorneys for Florida Public Utilities Company

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First <u>Second</u> Revised Sheet No. 35.7 Cancels <u>Original</u> <u>First Revised</u> Sheet No. 35.7

BILLING ADJUSTMENTS (Continued from Sheet No. 35.6)

The Pool Manager Imbalance Level shall be calculated by dividing the absolute value of the Pool Manager Imbalance by the aggregate Billing Period Delivery Quantity for all Customers being served by Pool Manager.

B. Pool Manager Monthly Delivery Variance

Invoices to Pool Manager for Pool Manager Monthly Delivery Variance will be computed using the following methodology. Invoices will be based on the Company's PGCRF in effect during the month the delivery variance was created.

Transportation Cost Recovery Clause

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The TCR factors applicable for the period October 2001 May 2002 through July 2005 are as follows:

Rate ClassRate Schedule GSRate Schedule GSTSRate Schedule CI-NSBRate Schedule CITS-NSBRate Schedule LVSRate Schedule LVTSRate Schedule ISRate Schedule ITS

Factor 0.078 0.069 cents per therm 0.078 0.069 cents per therm 0.069 cents per therm 0.069 cents per therm 0.052 cents per therm 0.052 cents per therm 0.025 cents per therm 0.025 cents per therm

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Issued by: J. T. English, President & CEO

Effective: October 1, 2001 May 1, 2002

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				TRANSPO	NATURAL GAS	TILITIES COM S DIVISIONS IT RECOVERY IGH JULY 2005	CLAUSE	(includes customers acquired from SFN			
1. INITIAL ANNUAL COST (SCHEDULE B, PAGE 1)							:	\$ 22,864			
2 TRUE-UP 3. TOTAL (LINE 1 AND LINE 2)								0 \$ 22.864			
RATE SCHEDULE	-	ANNUAL BILLS	ANNUAL THERMS	ANNUAL CUSTOMER CHARGE	ANNUAL NON-GAS ENERGY CHARGE	TOTAL CUST. & ENGY CHG REVENUE	TCRC REVENUES	TCRC AS % OF TOTAL			FACTOR
GEN SERV (GS), COMM/IND SERV (CI-NSB) & GS TRANS (GSTS);COMM./IND TRANS (CITS-NSB)	*11 *90	40,980	13,202,755	614,700	2,840,309	3,455,009	9,121	0.28290%	0.00069	1 00503	0 00069
LARGE VOL SERVICE & LG. VOL TRANSPORTATION(<50,000 Th/Yr) & LG VOL. TRANSPORTATION(>=50,000 Th/Yr)	*51 *91 *94	10,792	25,453,750	493,560	3,938,713	4,432,273	13,165	0.28290%	0.00052	1 00503	0.00052
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE & INTERUPT. TRANSPORTATION	*61 *92	168	2,333,510	40,320	154,292	194,612	578	0 28290%	0 00025	1 00503	0 00025
TOTAL		51,940	40,990,015	1,148,580	6,933,314	8,081,894	22,864				

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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICE (CI-NSB) & *11 COMM /IND. TRANS. SERV. (CITS-NSB) *90	4,224	1,491,405	63,360	320,846	384,206	0	0.00000%	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	4,224	1,491,405	63,360	320,846	384,206	0				

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3 TOTAL (LINE 1 AND LINE 2)								0 \$ 22,864			
RATE SCHEDULE	_	ANNUAL BILLS	ANNUAL THERMS	ANNUAL CUSTOMER CHARGE	ANNUAL NON-GAS ENERGY CHARGE	TOTAL CUST & ENGY CHG REVENUE	TCRC REVENUES	TCRC AS % OF TOTAL	DOLLARS		FACTOR
GENERAL SERVICE & GENERAL TRANSPORTATION	*11 *90	36,756	11,711,350	551,340	2,519,463	3,070,803	9,121	0.29702%	0 00078	1.00503	0.00078
LARGE VOL. SERVICE & LG. VOL TRANSPORTATION(<50,000 Th/Yr) & LG. VOL. TRANSPORTATION(>=50,000 Th/Yr)	*51 *91 *94	10,792	25,453,750	493,560	3,938,713	4,432,273	13,165	0.29702%	0.00052	1.00503	0.00052
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE & INTERUPT. TRANSPORTATION	*61 *92	168	2,333,510	40,320	154,292	194,612	578	0.29702%	0 00025	1 00503	0.00025
TOTAL		47,716	39,498,610	1,085,220	6,612,468	7,697,688	22,864				

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Florida Public Utilities Company, Natural Gas Divisions Transportation Cost Recovery Clause Applicable to Commercial Rate Schedule Customers

Category/Item		<u>Amount</u>		Total				
<u>PURCHASES & LEASES</u> Notebook Computers Lease Facsimile/Copier/Scanner Office Furniture Phone Equipment and Line Installation	\$	1,600.00 1,055.00 1,000.00 1,500.00	\$	5,155.00				
FPU LABOR & TRAINING EXPENSE Program Development Implementation	\$ -	31,000.00 30,000.00		61,000.00				
EXTERNAL LABOR Brochure Printing & Mailing Website Development Legal Expense Shipping	5,300.00 1,500.00 17,000.00 1,500.00		25,300.00					
ESTIMATED INITIAL COST	\$_	91,455.00						
Cost to be recovered May 2002 -	Less: Estimated recovered costs Aug. 2001 - Apr. 2002 Cost to be recovered May 2002 - July 2005							
Monthly Costs (divide by months	Monthly Costs (divide by months remaining)							
Annualized costs (multiply by 1	=	22,863.69						

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SCHEDULE C								FLORIDA PL	JBLIC UTILIT	TES COMP	ANY	
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				NON-MONITO ORIGINAL AU	DA PUBLIC UT NATURAL GA: RED TRANSPO GUST 2001 TH PERIOD MAY 2	S DIVISIONS RTATION ADM ROUGH DECE	IIN. CHARGE MBER 2002	(includes cus	stomers acqu	ired from SF	≏NG)	
1. TOTAL 2002 ANNUAL COST (SCHEDULE D, PAC 2. TRUE-UP	9E 1)						:	\$ 60,500 0				
3. TOTAL (LINE 1 AND LINE 2)												
RATE SCHEDULE		ANNUAL BILLS	ANNUAL THERMS	ANNUAL CUSTOMER CHARGE	ANNUAL NON-GAS ENERGY CHARGE	TOTAL CUST. & ENGY CHG REVENUE	ANNUAL NTAC REVENUES	\$ 60,500 NTAC AS % OF TOTAL <u>REVENUES</u>		TAX FACTOR	FACTOR	
GEN SERV (GS); COMM/IND SERV (CI-NSB) & GS TRANS (GSTS);COMM./IND TRANS (CITS-NSB)	*11 *90	39,572	12,705,620	593,580	2,733,360	3,326,940	25,596	0.76881%	0.00201	1.00503	0.00203	
LARGE VOL. SERVICE & LG. VOL. TRANSPORTATION(<50,000 Th/Yr)	*51 *91	10,792	25,453,750	493,560	3,938,713	4,432,273	34,058	0.76881%	0.00134	1 00503	0.00135	
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE	*61	72	1,403,020	17,280	92,768	110,048	846	0.76881%	0.00060	1 00503	0.00061	
								Note [•] Lg. Vol. Transportation Customers >=50,000 Th/Yr and Interruptible Transportation Service Customers are not subject to the (NTAC) since they are already charged a Transportation Administrative Charge (TAC).				
TOTAL		50,436	39,562,390	1,104,420	6,764,841	7,869,261	60,500					

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				NON-MONITO	DA PUBLIC UT NATURAL GA RED TRANSPO 2001 THROUO								
1 TOTAL ANNUAL COST (SCHEDULE D, PAG 2 TRUE-UP 3. TOTAL (LINE 1 AND LINE 2)	E 1)							\$ 58,500 0 \$ 58,500					
					ANNUAL	TOTAL		¢ 00,000					
RATE SCHEDULE		ANNUAL BILLS	ANNUAL THERMS	ANNUAL CUSTOMER CHARGE	NON-GAS ENERGY CHARGE	CUST & ENGY CHG REVENUE	ANNUAL NTAC REVENUES	NTAC AS % OF TOTAL REVENUES	DOLLARS THERMS	TAX FACTOR	FACTOR		
GENERAL SERVICE & GS TRANSPORTATION	*11 *90	36,756	11,711,350	551,340	2,519,463	3,070,803	23,596	0 76841%	0 00201	1.00503	0 00203		
LARGE VOL SERVICE & LG. VOL. TRANSPORTATION(<50,000 Th/Yr)	*51 *91	10,792	25,453,750	493,560	3,938,713	4,432,273	34,058	0.76841%	0 00134	1 00503	0 00135		
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE	*61	72	1,403,020	17,280	92,768	110,048	846	0.76841%	0.00060	1.00503	0.00061		
								Note ⁻ Lg Vol. Transportation Customers >=50,000 Th/Yr and Interruptible Transportation Service Customers are not subject to the (NTAC) since they are already charged a Transportation Administrative Charge (TAC).					
TOTAL		47,620	38,568,120	1,062,180	6,550,944	7,613,124	58,500						

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Florida Public Utilities Company, Natural Gas Divisions Non-Monitored Transportation Administration Charge Applicable to Non-Monitored Commercial Rate Schedule Customers

Annual Expenditure		<u>Amount</u>
<u>LEASES</u> Notebook Computers Lease Voicemail Ports ACD Box	\$ 6,000.00 3,000.00 \$	9,000.00
FPU LABOR & TRAINING EXPENSE Labor		45,000.00
EXTERNAL LABOR Legal Expense Advertising & Postage	\$ 5,000.00 1,500.00	6,500.00
Estimated Total	\$	60,500.00