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Date 4-18-02 Docket No. 020340-GU

1. Division Name/Staff Name: Economic Regulation (P. Lee) PSY JS

2. OPR: P. Lee

3. OCR:

4. Suggested Docket Title: Request by Florida Public Utilities Company for depreciation rates to reflect the acquisition of South Florida Natural Gas

Atlantic Utilities, a Florida Division of Southern Union Company dba

5. Suggested Docket Mailing List (attach separate sheet if necessary) South Florida Natural Gas

- A. Provide NAMES OR ACRONYMS ONLY if a regulated company.
- B. Provide COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS for all others. (Match representatives to companies.)
 - 1. Parties and their representatives (if any):

FPUC	

2. Interested persons and their representatives (if any):

OPC	

6. Check one:

Documentation is attached.

Documentation will be provided with recommendation.

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February 20, 2002

Florida Public Service Commission
Ms. Patricia S. Lee
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0865

RE: Blended Depreciation Remaining Life Rate

Dear Pat:

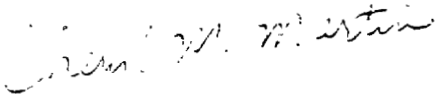
Florida Public Utilities acquired the operating assets of South Florida Natural Gas effective December 15, 2001. The attached schedule blends the depreciation remaining life rates of Florida Public Utilities Company with those of South Florida Natural Gas.

On an account by account basis, we weighted each company's account by multiplying the balance by the applicable rate. We then combined the weightings and divided by the combined balances.

We request that the blended rates be in effect from January 1, 2002 until the next depreciation study of Florida Public Utilities.

If you would like additional information, please contact me at (561) 838-1725, CMMARTIN@FPUC.COM, or Jim Mesite at (561) 838-1733. JIMM@FPUC.COM.

Sincerely,



Cheryl M. Martin
Controller

Enclosure

CC: Jim Mesite
SJ-612 Atlantic Acquisition
SJ-138 Depreciation Studies

**Florida Public Utilities Company
Purchase of South Florida Natural Gas
Blended Annual Depreciation Rates
To Be Effective January 1, 2002**

Sub-Account	Florida Public Utilities Company			Assets of South Florida Natural Gas			Combined Assets		Blended Rate
	Account 1010 Balance at 11/30/01	Rate	Weighting	Account 1010 Assets Acquired 12/14/01	Rate	Weighting	Combined Account 1010	Combined Weighting	
3750	508,086.87	2.9%	14,734.5192	2,789.83	3.3%	92.0644	510,876.70	14,826.5836	2.9%
3761	11,051,350.20	2.5%	276,283.7550	1,015,177.69	3.0%	30,455.3307	12,066,527.89	306,739.0857	2.5%
3762	19,990,303.62	2.6%	519,747.8941	1,435,777.41	3.5%	50,252.2094	21,426,081.03	570,000.1035	2.7%
3780	190,203.09	3.7%	7,037.5143	41,642.00	3.1%	1,290.9020	231,845.09	8,328.4163	3.6%
3790	713,736.41	3.6%	25,694.5108	14,711.02	2.9%	426.6196	728,447.43	26,121.1304	3.6%
3801	12,601,889.77	3.5%	441,066.1420	542,474.22	4.1%	22,241.4430	13,144,363.99	463,307.5850	3.5%
3802	1,919,910.74	6.0%	115,194.6444	413,911.77	5.7%	23,592.9709	2,333,822.51	138,787.6153	5.9%
3810	3,828,550.99	3.4%	130,170.7337	238,917.12	3.4%	8,123.1821	4,067,468.11	138,293.9158	3.4%
3820	1,453,353.76	3.2%	46,507.3203	125,728.68	3.6%	4,526.2325	1,579,082.44	51,033.5528	3.2%
3830	1,124,343.19	3.6%	40,476.3548	91,055.19	3.3%	3,004.8213	1,215,398.38	43,481.1761	3.6%
3840	554,817.12	3.1%	17,199.3307	51,930.19	3.6%	1,869.4868	606,747.31	19,068.8175	3.1%
3850	90,675.32	3.9%	3,536.3375	10,599.38	2.9%	307.3820	101,274.70	3,843.7195	3.8%
3870	368,963.25	3.9%	14,389.5668	15,432.41	2.7%	416.6751	384,395.66	14,806.2419	3.9%
3900	428,588.85	2.5%	10,714.7213	19,567.37	5.2%	1,017.5032	448,156.22	11,732.2245	2.6%
3911	38,945.95	4.8%	1,869.4056	13,126.39	3.9%	511.9292	52,072.34	2,381.3348	4.6%
3912	47,510.08	7.7%	3,658.2762	2,268.00	6.7%	151.9560	49,778.08	3,810.2322	7.7%
3913	477,027.85	8.1%	38,639.2559	27,035.46	20.0%	5,407.0920	504,063.31	44,046.3479	8.7%
3921	272,581.00	11.3%	30,801.6530	-	13.9%	-	272,581.00	30,801.6530	11.3%
3922	1,895,989.14	4.3%	81,527.5330	71,884.24	13.9%	9,991.9094	1,967,873.38	91,519.4424	4.7%
3924	28,855.88	2.7%	779.1088	-	13.9%	-	28,855.88	779.1088	2.7%
3930	12,997.45	5.8%	753.8521	-	0.0%	-	12,997.45	753.8521	5.8%
3940	234,260.70	6.7%	15,695.4669	12,046.60	1.8%	216.8388	246,307.30	15,912.3057	6.5%
3950	-	5.0%	-	822.66	2.2%	18.0985	822.66	18.0985	2.2%
3960	235,271.82	6.0%	14,116.3092	42,397.18	8.5%	3,603.7603	277,669.00	17,720.0695	6.4%
3970	153,906.69	7.1%	10,927.3750	2,802.82	10.0%	280.2820	156,709.51	11,207.6570	7.2%
3980	24,915.29	5.0%	1,245.7645	5,155.74	6.9%	355.7461	30,071.03	1,601.5106	5.3%
TOTAL	58,247,035.03		1,862,767.3451	4,197,253.37		168,154.4353	62,444,288.40	2,030,921.7804	