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Re: Docket 020003-GU

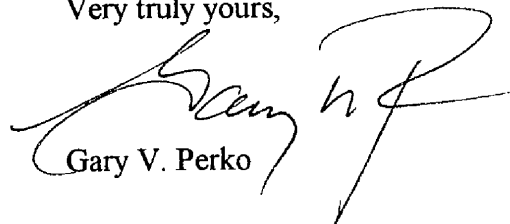
Dear Ms. Bayó:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above referenced docket on behalf of NUI City Gas of Florida (City Gas) are the original and fifteen copies of City Gas' Petition for Approval of PGA Factor to be Applied for Service Rendered During the Period January 2003 Through December 2003 and attached testimony of Thomas Kaufmann.

Please acknowledge receipt and filing of the above by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter and returning it to me. If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact Thomas Kaufmann at (908) 470-4772.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,



Gary V. Perko

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchase Gas Adjustment )  
(PGA) True-up )  
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Docket No. 020003-GU

Filed: September 27, 2002

PETITION BY NUI CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA,  
FOR APPROVAL OF PGA FACTOR  
TO BE APPLIED FOR SERVICE RENDERED  
DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2003 THROUGH DECEMBER 2003

NUI Corporation's operating division NUI Utilities, Inc. d/b/a as City Gas Company of Florida ("City Gas or "the Company") submits this petition to the Commission for Approval of a Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") factor to be applied for service to be rendered during the projected period of January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003. In support thereof, City Gas says:

1. City Gas has calculated its total net true-up amount (including interest and applicable regulatory assessment fees) for the period January 2001 through December 2001 to be an over-recovery of \$1,370,047.
2. Schedule E-4 shows the projected true-up for the current period January 2002 through December 2002 is an under-recovery of \$739,924.
3. The total true-up as shown on Schedule E-4 is an over-recovery of \$630,123.
4. Estimated therm purchases for resale are 33,170,077.
5. Schedule E-4 presents a true-up recovery factor of (1.900) cents per therm to be applied during the projected period.
6. The total cost of gas for the projected for the period is \$25,263,982 as shown on Schedule E-1 line 11.

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7. The weighted average cost of gas (WACOG) for the projected period is 76.165 cents per therm as shown on Schedule E-1 line 40.


8. The (1.900) cents per therm true up factor decreases the WACOG during the projected period to 74.265 cents per therm (before the regulatory assessment fees) or 74.639 per therm after the regulatory assessment fees as shown on Schedule E-1 lines 42 and 44 respectively. In order to avoid large under-recovery in the winter season, City Gas has chosen to establish a maximum levelized purchased gas factor based on the Company's expected winter cost of gas. The levelized purchased gas factor based on the Company's expected winter cost of gas is 79.031 cents per therm before the regulatory assessment fees and 79.429 cents per therm after the regulatory assessment fees. This is the appropriate levelized gas cost factor (cap) for City Gas for the projected period.

9. City Gas' proposal filed herewith consists of Schedules E-1, E-1R, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5 and the prepared Direct Testimony of Thomas Kaufmann.

WHEREFORE, City Gas Company of Florida respectfully requests that the Commission enter its order approving the Company's proposed winter cost based levelized PGA true-up factor for the period January 2003 through December 2003 of 79.031 cents per therm (before the regulatory assessment fees) or 79.429 cents per therm after the regulatory assessment fees.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of September, 2002

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the Petition for Approval of PGA Factor and Application for Bills to be Rendered During the Period January 2003 through December 2003 for NUI City Gas Company of Florida has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties of record this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2002:

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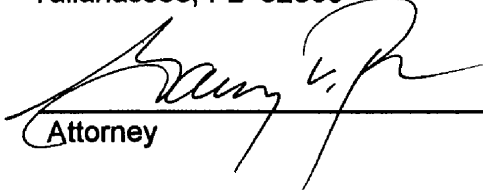
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