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Re: <sup>090004-PM</sup> Docket No. ~~030004~~-GU; Florida Public Utilities Company

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company are an original and 10 copies of the following documents:

1. Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Approval of Conservation Cost Recovery Factor;
2. Direct Testimony of Geoffrey L. Hartman; and
3. Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3, and C-5.

Please indicate receipt of these documents 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. Geoffrey L. Hartman  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Natural Gas Conservation )  
Cost Recovery Clause. )  
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Docket No. 040004-GU  
Filed: September 24, 2004

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF  
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S  
CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTOR**

Florida Public Utilities Company ("the Company"), through its undersigned attorneys and pursuant to the requirements of this docket, hereby petitions the Commission for approval of the Company's conservation cost recovery factors for its consolidated natural gas division for the period January, 2005 through December, 2005. In support hereof, the Company states:

- 1) The exact name of Petitioner and the address of its principal office is

Florida Public Utilities Company  
P.O. Box 3395  
West Palm Beach, FL 33420-3395

- 2) The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this Petition are:

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- 3) Pursuant to the requirements of this Docket, the Company has prefiled the conservation cost recovery forms supplied by the Electric & Gas Department in a manner consistent with the Department's instructions.

- 4) As indicated in the prefiled forms, the recoverable conservation costs for the period January 2005 through December 2005 are projected to be an overrecovery of \$2,355,000. The

conservation cost recovery true-up amount for the period January 2004 through December 2004 is an underrecovery of \$212,911.

5) The resulting net total projected conservation costs to be recovered for the period January 2005 through December 2005 are an overrecovery of \$2,142,089. Based upon projected sales the appropriate levelized conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2005 through December 2005 are:

Residential	\$.08838
General Service	\$.03323
Large Volume Service	\$.02228
Large Volume Transportation Service	\$.02228

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company petitions the Commission to approve the foregoing conservation cost recovery factors, to be applied to customer bills for the period January, 2005 through December, 2005, and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

DATED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,  
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served by Hand Delivery (\*) and/or U. S. Mail this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004 upon the following:

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