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**BY HAND DELIVERY**

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

Re: Docket No. 050004-GU; Florida Public Utilities Company

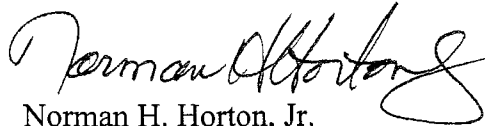
Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company are an original and 10 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement. Also enclosed is a 3 1/2" diskette with the document on it in WordPerfect 12.0 format.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Norman H. Horton, Jr.

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Enclosures  
cc: Mr. Marc S. Seagrave  
Parties of Record

DOCUMENT NUMBER-1

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Natural Gas Conservation     )  
Cost Recovery Clause.                )  
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Docket No. 050004-GU  
Filed: October 17, 2005

**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 7-9, 2005, in the above-styled docket.

**A. WITNESSES**

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Marc S. Seagrave	Conservation cost recovery true-up and conservation cost recovery factor	1, 2, and 3

**B. EXHIBITS**

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
_____ MSS-1 (Composite)	Seagrave	Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, CT-4, CT-5, and C-6
_____ MSS-2 (Composite)	Seagrave	Schedules C1, C2, C3, and C5

**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 2004 through December 2004?**

FPU's Position:      \$21,288 (underrecovery)

**Issue 2:**      **What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2005 through December 2005?**

FPU's Position:

Residential	\$0.08645
General Service	\$0.03987
Large Volume Service	\$0.02831
Large Volume Transportation Service	\$0.02831

**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 2006 through December 2006, and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

**E. QUESTIONS OF LAW**

None.

**F. POLICY QUESTIONS**

None.

**G. STIPULATED ISSUES**

None.

**H. MOTIONS**

None.

**I. OTHER MATTERS**

None.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October, 2005.

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