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The Honorable Braulio Baez  
 Commissioner  
 Florida Public Service Commission  
 Capital Circle Office Center  
 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-Up, Docket No. 060003-GU; In re:  
 Natural gas conservation cost recovery, Docket No. 060004-GU

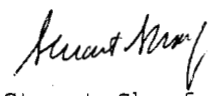
Dear Commissioner Baez:

St. Joe Natural Gas Company ("SJNG") requests that it be excused from attending the Prehearing Conferences and Hearings in Docket Nos. 060003-GU and 060004-GU in which you serve as the Prehearing Officer. The Prehearing Conference is currently scheduled for October 16, 2006 in both dockets. The Hearing is currently scheduled for November 6-8, 2006 in both dockets.

SJNG is in agreement with Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC") staff's position on the issues in Docket Nos. 060003-GU and 060004-GU as expressed in staff's Prehearing Statements. As you know, SJNG is a small gas utility located in Gulf County, Florida. If at all possible, SJNG would like to avoid the expense associated with a company representative traveling to Tallahassee and attending the Prehearing Conference and Hearing, or paying for legal counsel to attend the Prehearing Conference and Hearing on behalf of SJNG.

Thank you for you consideration.

Sincerely,



Stuart Shoaf  
 President

cc: Blanca Bayo  
 Marlene Stern  
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 All parties of record

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