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Ms. Ann Cole, Director
Commission Clerk and Administrative Services
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Florida Public Utilities Company; Docket No. 080003-GU

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company in this docket are the following documents:

- 1. An original and 10 copies of Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Approval of Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor;
2. An original and 10 copies of the Direct Testimony of Cheryl M. Martin;
3. An original and 10 copies of the Direct Testimony of Christopher M. Snyder; and
4. An original and 10 copies of Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, and E-5.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Horton, Jr. (handwritten signature)

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cc: Ms. Cheryl Martin
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment Recovery)
_____)

Docket No. 080003-GU
Filed: September 12, 2008

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY'S
PURCHASED GAS 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 purchased gas cost recovery factors for the period January 2009 through December 2009.

In support hereof, the Company states:

1) The Company is a natural gas utility company within the jurisdiction of this Commission. Its principal business address is:

401 South Dixie Highway
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

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

Norman H. Horton, Jr.,
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3) Pursuant to the requirements of this Docket, the Company has prefiled the purchased gas cost recovery forms supplied by the Electric & Gas Department in a manner consistent with the Department's instructions.

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4) As indicated in the prefiled forms, the Company experienced an underrecovery of \$2,339,141 for the period January 2007 through December 2007 and estimates an overrecovery of \$3,273,997 for the period January 2008 through December 2008, for a total overrecovery of \$934,856.

5) The Company has also projected its purchased gas costs for the period January 2008 through December 2009. As indicated in the accompanying schedules, the maximum purchased gas cost recovery factor is 158.107 cents per therm. This rate includes projected cost of gas purchased, prior period true-up, and revenue tax factors, and is based upon projected sales.

WHEREFORE, Florida Public Utilities Company petitions the Commission to approve the foregoing purchased gas cost recovery factors, to be applied to customer bills for the period January 2009 through December 2009, and to billings thereafter until other purchased gas cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served by U. S. Mail this 12th day of September, 2008 upon the following:

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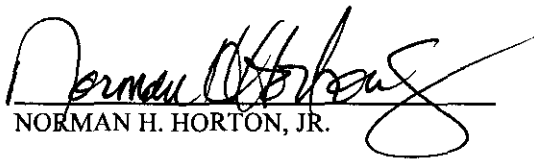
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