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Via E-PORTAL

Ms. Carlotta S. Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket 170004-GU

Dear Mr. Shafer:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Sebring Gas System Inc., it's Pre-Hearing Statement.

Should you have any questions, please may contact me.

Sincerely,


Paula M. Sparkman

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cc: Jerry Melendy, Jr.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural Gas Conservation)
Cost Recovery.)
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Docket No. 170004-GU
Filed: October 4, 2017

**SEBRING GAS SYSTEM INC.'S
PREHEARING STATEMENT**

Sebring Gas System, Inc. (“Sebring”), by and through its undersigned counsel, submits its prehearing statement in connection with the hearing that is scheduled for October 25-27, 2017, in the above-styled docket.

1. KNOWN WITNESSES

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Jerry H. Melendy, Jr.	Conservation cost recovery factor	1 - 7

2. EXHIBITS

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Proffered By</u>	<u>Exh #</u>	<u>Description</u>
Jerry H. Melendy, Jr	SGS	JHM-1	Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, C-4, CT-5, CT-6, filed May 1, 2017. and Schedules Revised C-1, C-2, Revised C-3, and C-4, filed August 17, 2017.

3. BASIC POSITION

Sebring 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.

4. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

Issue 1: What are the final conservation cost recovery adjustment true-up amounts for the January 2016 through December 2016?

Sebring's Position: \$8,491 (under-recovery).

Issue 2: What are the appropriate conservation adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2017 through December 2017?

Sebring's Position: \$ 2,582 (under-recovery).

Issue 3: What are the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from January 2018 through December 2018?

Sebring's Position: \$11,073 (under-recovery)

Issue 4: What is the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2018 through December 2018?

Sebring's Position: \$44,676

Issue 5: What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2018 through December 2018?

Sebring's Position: The appropriate factors are:

<u>RATE CLASS:</u>	<u>RATE/\$PER THERM</u>
TS-1	\$0.18218/therm
TS-2	\$0.08440/therm
TS-3	\$0.04943/therm
TS-4	\$0.04157/therm

Issue 6: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing natural gas conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

Sebring's Position: Yes. The Commission should approve revised tariffs reflecting the natural gas cost recovery amounts and establishing natural gas conservation cost recovery factors as determined to be appropriate by the Commission.

Issue 7: What should be the effective date of the new conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

Sebring's Position: The conservation cost recovery factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery period and thereafter for the period January 2018 through December 2018 and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2018, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2018, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

5. STIPULATED ISSUES

None.

6. PENDING MOTIONS

None.

7. PENDING CLAIMS OF CONFIDENTIALITY

None.

8. OBJECTIONS TO EXPERT WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS

None

9. REQUEST FOR SEQUESTRATION OF WITNESS

No.

10. ANY REQUIREMENT THAT CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH

None.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of October, 2017.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Pre-hearing Statement has been served by Electronic Mail or Hand Delivery to the following parties of record this 4th day of October, 2017.

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