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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Divisich of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970002-EG Conservation Cost Recovery

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket are 1) an original and 15 copies of City Gas Company of Florida's petition for approval of its final true-up amount and cost 2587-97 recovery factor; and 2) an original and 15 copies of the testimony of Carl Smith relating to the aforementioned petition.

Sincerely.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In re: Conservation Cost Recovery Clause

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DOCKET NO. 970002-EG Filed: January 13, 1997

PETITION OF CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA (A DIVISION OF NUI CORPORATION)

City Gas Company of Florida ("City Gas" or "the Company") hereby petitions the Commission for Approval of the Company's conservation cost recovery true-up and the cost recovery factor proposed for use during the period April 1997 - March 1998. In support thereof, the Company says:

 The end of period net true-up for October 1995 - September 1996 was an overrecovery of \$452,184, including interest.

2. During the current cost recovery period (October 1996 - September 1997) the Company anticipates incurring conservation expenses of \$1,604,427 (Exhibit (CS-1), Schedule C-3, page 1). The end of period total net true-up is estimated to be an underrecovery of \$523,709, including interest. (Exhibit (CS-1), Schedule C-3, page 4).

3. For the forthcoming cost recovery period (October 1997 - March 1998), City Gas projects its total incremental conservation costs to be \$802,213, (Exhibit (CS-1), Schedule C-2). City Gas' total true-up and projected expenditures for the projection period are estimated to be \$1,325,923, including true-up estimates and applicable taxes. When the required true-up and projected expenditures are spread over the projected therm sales and expanded for taxes, the required conservation cost recovery factor for the period April 1997 - March 1998 is a charge of \$0.03574 per therm for

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the Residential rate classes (RS and GL) and \$0.00950 per therm for the Commercial rate classes (CS, CSLV and CTS). (See Exhibit CS-1, Schedule C-1). The charge for gas lights (GL) equates to \$.64332 per lamp.

WHEREFORE, City Gas Company of Florida requests that its proposals relative to conservation cost recovery be approved as they relate to prior period true-up calculations and projected cost recovery charges.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the Petition of City Gas Company of Florida has been furnished by U.S. Mail to the following parties of record, this 13th day of January, 1997:

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