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October 29, 2001

The Honorable Lila A. Jaber Commissioner Florida Public Service Commission Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 010003-BU

Re: In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-Up, Docket No. 010003-GU; In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery, Docket No. 010004-GU

Dear Commissioner Jaber:

St. Joe Natural Gas Company ("SJNG") requests that it be excused from attending the Prehearing Conferences and Hearings in Docket Nos. 010003-GU and 010004-GU in which you serve as the Prehearing Officer. The Prehearing Conference is currently scheduled for November 8, 2001 in both dockets. The Hearing is currently scheduled for November 20-21, 2001 in both dockets.

SJNG is in agreement with Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC") staff's position on the issues in Docket Nos. 010003-GU and 010004-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,

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