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Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records and Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Betty Easley Conference Center Room 110 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced docket on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU") are the following documents:

1. Original and fifteen copies of PPU's Request for Confidential Classification of Revised Exhibit GMB-3, Mid-Course Correction;

2. Original and fifteen copies of Revised Exhibit GMB-3, which has been revised to reflect the projected total therm sales based upon the Purchased Gas Adjustment Factor Requested in FPU's Petition for a Mid-Course Correction that was filed in this docket on January 8, 1997; and

 An envelope marked "confidential" containing a copy of the confidential information.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter "filed" and returning the same to me.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Sincerely,

William B. Willingham

CC: All Parties of Record
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CC: Mr. Wayne Makin

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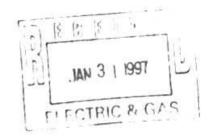
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RE: DOCKET NO. 960003-GU

Dear Mr. Willingham:

We are enclosing twenty-nine (29) copies of the revised schedules and testimony relative to the Mid-Course Correction to approved PGA Factor for application to bills to be rendered from February 1, 1997 through March 31, 1997 in the above docket.

Please call me if you have any questions.

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Sincerely, ACK here marter AFA APP Cheryl Martin Corporate Accounting Manager CAF CMU Enclosure CTR G. Bachman LEG Wayne Makin (FPSC) M. Schneidermann Chris Snyder OPC Darryl Troy RCH SJ 80-445 SEC

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 960003-GU DETERMINATION OF PURCHASED GAS/COST RECOVERY FACTOR - REVISED MID-COURSE CORRECTION

Direct Testimony of George Bachman On Behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company

Please state your name and business address.

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2	Α.	George Bachman, 401 South Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, FL 33401.
3	Q.	By whom are you employed?
4	A.	I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company.
5	Q.	Have you previously testified in this Docket?
6	A.	Yes.
7	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?
8	A.	I will summarize our projected gas recoveries computations which were contained
9		in composite exhibit GMB-3 which supports the April 1996 - March 1997
10		Revised Mid-Course Correction.
11	Q.	Were the schedules filed by your Company completed under your direction?
12	A.	Yes.
13	Q.	Which of the staff's set of schedules has your Company completed and filed?
14	Α.	We have prepared composite exhibit GMB-3 which contains revised schedules
15		E1, E2, and E3, for our consolidated gas division. These schedules support the
16		calculation of the Revised Mid-Course Correction purchased gas adjustment

1		factors for April 1996 - March 1997. The Revised Mid-Course Correction will
2		be effective February 1, 1997, through March 31, 1997.
3	Q.	Does this conclude your testimony?
4	A.	Yes.
5		ISSUE 1: What is the appropriate Revised Mid-Course Correction levelized
6		purchased gas adjustment recovery (cap) factor for the period February, 1997
7		through March, 1997?
8		COMPANY POSITION: The Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Factor will be a
9		maximum of 66.333¢ per therm.
10		ISSUE 2: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas
11		adjustment charge for billing purposes?
12		COMPANY POSITION: The Revised Mid-Course factor should be effective
13		for all meter readings on or after February 1, 1997, beginning with the first or
14		applicable billing cycle for the period February, 1997 - March, 1997.
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