

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for
acknowledgment of acquisition of
Atlantic Utilities, a Florida
Division of Southern Union
Company d/b/a South Florida
Natural Gas, by Florida Public
Utilities Company.

DOCKET NO. 020067-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-02-0310-PAA-GU
ISSUED: March 11, 2002

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of
this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI
RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING ACQUISITION OF ATLANTIC
UTILITIES, A FLORIDA DIVISION OF SOUTHERN UNION
COMPANY d/b/a SOUTH FLORIDA NATURAL GAS, BY
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service
Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in
nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are
substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding,
pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

On December 14, 2001, Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC)
acquired Atlantic Utilities, a Florida Division of Southern Union
Company d/b/a South Florida Natural Gas (SFNG). Pursuant to Rule
25-9.044, Florida Administrative Code, FPUC filed its notice of the
acquisition of SFNG on December 20, 2001. According to the notice,
FPUC will operate and serve the territory and customers utilizing

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the rates, rules, classifications and regulations of SFNG on file with or approved by the Commission as of December 14, 2001, the date of acquisition.

FPUC has complied with Rule 25-9.044, Florida Administrative Code, regarding acquisitions. Therefore, we acknowledge the acquisition of SFNG by FPUC. FPUC is committed to providing the goods and services of SFNG as they were provided before the acquisition.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the acquisition of Atlantic Utilities, a Florida Division of Southern Union Company d/b/a South Florida Natural Gas by Florida Public Utilities Company on December 14, 2001, is hereby acknowledged. It is further

ORDERED that the change in name from Atlantic Utilities, a Florida Division of Southern Union Company d/b/a South Florida Natural Gas, to Florida Public Utilities Company due to the merger which occurred on December 14, 2001, is acknowledged. It is further

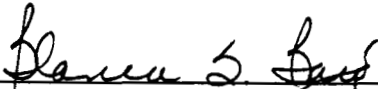
ORDERED that Florida Public Utilities Company shall continue to operate and serve the territory and customers utilizing the rates, rules, classifications, and regulations approved for South Florida Natural Gas approved by this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this docket shall be closed.

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By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 11th
day of March, 2002.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of the Commission Clerk
and Administrative Services

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on April 1, 2002.

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In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this/these docket(s) before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.