

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up.

DOCKET NO. 030003-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-03-1373-FOF-GU
ISSUED: December 4, 2003

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

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On behalf of City Gas Company of Florida (City Gas).

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On behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company (FPU); Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring).

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On behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida (OPC).

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On behalf of the Florida Public Service Commission (Staff).

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ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AMOUNTS
AND ESTABLISHING PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO BE
APPLIED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 2004

As part of the Commission's continuing purchased gas adjustment true-up proceedings, an administrative hearing was held November 12, 2003, in this docket. City Gas Company of Florida; Florida Public Utilities Company; Peoples Gas System; Sebring Gas System, Inc.; and St. Joe Natural Gas Company submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their proposed purchased gas recovery factors. The Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") also participated in this proceeding. Prior to hearing, the parties reached agreement concerning all issues identified for resolution at hearing. These issues were presented to us as a stipulation.

The parties stipulated to the final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each utility. We accept and approve the stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record.

We find that the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2002 through December 2002 are as follows:

City Gas Company of Florida	\$319,830	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$479,733	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$7,471,390	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$30,408	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$19,021	Overrecovery

We find that the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2003 through December 2003 are as follows:

City Gas Company of Florida	\$814,417	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$292,342	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$10,328,132	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$71,509	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$12,336	Underrecovery

We find that the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2004 through December 2004 are as follows:

City Gas Company of Florida	\$494,587	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$187,391	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$2,856,740	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$41,101	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$6,685	Overrecovery

We find that the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2004 through December 2004 are as follows:

City Gas Company of Florida	95.067 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	91.812 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	98.531 cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	88.326 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	76.300 cents per therm

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We find that these factors shall be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2004, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle, for the period January 2004 through December 2004.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the stipulations, findings, and rulings set forth in the body of this Order are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that each utility that was a party to this docket shall abide by the stipulations, finding, and ruling herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the purchased gas adjustment amounts and utilize the factors approved herein effective with all meter readings on or after January 1, 2004, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2004 through December 2004.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 4th Day of December, 2003.

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

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records and Hearing
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 or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, 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 or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.