

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up. | DOCKET NO. 160003-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-16-0532-FOF-GU
ISSUED: November 22, 2016

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

JULIE I. BROWN, Chairman
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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of Peoples Gas System (PGS).

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On behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade (FPUC).

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On behalf of St. Joe Natural Gas Company (SJNG).

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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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FINAL ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AMOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO BE APPLIED DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

As part of our continuing purchased gas adjustment true-up proceedings, an administrative hearing was held November 2, 2016, in this docket. Florida City Gas, Florida Public Utilities Company, Peoples Gas System, 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 the hearing, the parties reached agreement concerning all issues identified for resolution at hearing. These issues were presented to us as a stipulation. We have jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.), including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, F.S.

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 as set forth below.

We find that the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2015 through December 2015 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$979,356	Over-recovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$1,970,827	Under-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$5,631,990	Under-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$1,945	Under-recovery

We find that the appropriate actual/estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2016 through December 2016 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$2,292,715	Under-recovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$1,642,359	Over-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$6,718,674	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$80,291	Over-recovery

We find that the appropriate total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2017 through December 2017 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$1,313,360	Under-recovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$328,468	Under-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$1,086,685	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$78,346	Over-recovery

We find that the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2017 through December 2017 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	82.068 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	98.148 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System	89.761 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	76.20 cents per therm

We find that these factors shall be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2017, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2017 through December 2017.

We find that revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges found to be appropriate in this proceeding are approved. We direct Commission staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with our decision.

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, findings, and rulings herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that Commission staff shall verify that the revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges are consistent with our decision herein. 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, 2017, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2017 through December 2017.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of November, 2016.



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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 Office of Commission Clerk, 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 Office of Commission Clerk, 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.