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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition for approval of swing service rider for Florida City Gas and approval of rates for January 2027 through December 2027 for Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida City Gas, by Florida City Gas and Florida Public Utilities Company.	DOCKET NO. 20260138-GU ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0385-PCO-GU ISSUED: October 26, 2026

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH, Chairman
GARY F. CLARK
MIKE LA ROSA
BOBBY PAYNE
ANA ORTEGA

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On September 1, 2026, Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Florida City Gas (FCG), collectively the Parties, filed a joint petition for approval of revised Swing Service Rider rates and associated tariffs for the period January 2027 through December 2027. The swing service rider is a cents per therm charge that is included in the monthly gas bill of transportation customers, who purchase gas from third party marketers, and therefore do not pay the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) charge.

We first approved FPUC's swing service rider tariff by Order No. PSC-16-0422-TRF-GU (2016 Order).[1] The 2016 Order requires FPUC to file an annual petition to recalculate the swing service rider rates based on FPUC's actual interstate capacity costs and the most recent 12-months' usage data. Furthermore, the 2016 Order requires FPUC to incorporate the calculated revenues from the swing service rider as a credit to the PGA proceeding for the concurrent year. The January through December 2026 swing service rider rates were approved in Order No. PSC-2025-0421-TRF-GU.[2]

[1] Order No. PSC-16-0422-TRF-GU, issued October 3, 2016, in Docket No. 160085-GU, *In re: Joint petition for approval of swing service rider, by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Public Utilities Company-Indiantown Division, Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade, and Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.*
[2] Order No. PSC-2025-0421-TRF-GU, issued November 17, 2025, in Docket No. 20250107-GU, *In re: Petition for approval of swing service rider rates for January through December 2026, by Florida Public Utilities Company.*

FCG currently recovers similar transportation related costs through its transportation balancing charge. In the petition, the Parties state that since Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake) acquired FCG, Chesapeake has undertaken several initiatives to standardize and align tariff provisions across its Florida natural gas operations. This petition proposes that FCG implement the swing service rider in place of the transportation balancing charge. The Parties propose a three-year phase-in implementation of the swing service rider to mitigate rate impact for FCG transportation customers.[3]

This order addresses suspension of the proposed tariffs. We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.04, 366.041, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

We find that FPUC and FCG's joint proposed Swing Service Rider rates and associated tariffs for the period January through December 2027 shall be suspended to allow sufficient time for Commission staff to further review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on the tariff proposals.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change, a reason, or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. We find that the reason stated above is a good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida City Gas' joint proposed Swing Service Rider rates and associated tariffs shall be suspended in accordance with Section 366.06(3), F.S. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our decision on the proposed tariffs.

[3] Page 8 of Dan Noia's direct testimony.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 26th day of October, 2026.

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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.

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.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, 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 or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.