BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

UNDOCKETED

IN RE: EXAMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS OF UNBUNDLING THE NATURAL GAS LOCAL DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

ISSUED: September 13, 1995

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Rule 25-22.001, Florida Administrative Code, that the Staff of the Plorida Public Service Commission will conduct a workshop on the above referenced item at the following time and place:

8:30 a.m., Thursday, October 12, 1995 Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, FL 32399-0863

PURPOSE:

The purposes of this workshop are as follows:

- To identify the potential costs and benefits associated with unbundling investor-owned natural gas utility services.
- 2) To identify barriers to unbundling.
- 3) To identify the major issues that will need to be addressed by the Commission. (See attached list)
- To establish a schedule of future events concerning this item.

Persons wishing to make presentations at this workshop should contact Wayne Makin in the Bureau of Gas Regulation at (904) 413-6644. Presentations will be limited to fifteen minutes.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) .13-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the workshop. If you are hearing or speech impaired,

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please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction is vested in this Commission pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes.

By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 13th day of September , 1995 .

BLANCA S. BAYO, Director

Division of Records and Reporting

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STAFF WORKSHOP ON UNBUNDLING AND LDC RESTRUCTURING

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. OPENING REMARKS
Cheryl R. Bulecza-Banks
Chief, Bureau of Gas Regulation

9:00 - 9:30 a.m PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF WORKSHOP RESPONSIBILITIES IN A COMPETITIVE
ENVIRONMENT
Wayne R. Makin
Economic Analyst

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS (limited to 15 min.)

10:45 - 11:00 a.m. BREAL

11:00 - 12:00 p.m. INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. BREAK

2:45 - 3:45 p.m. INDUSTRY PRESENTATIONS

3:45 - 4:15 p.m. LDC ROUNDTABLE

4:15 - 4:30 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS
Cheryl R. Bulecza-Banks
Chief, Bureau of Gas Regulation
Post Workshop Comments Due

. Scheduling Events

* All persons wishing to speak at this workshop are urged to be present at 8:30 a.m. as this workshop may be adjourned early if all other interested persons have spoken.

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WORKSHOP ON UNBUNDLING AND LDC RESTRUCTURING

- . What services should be unbundled? (i.e. UPSTREAM: firm and interruptible sales and transportation, balancing, sorage. DOWNSTREAM: standby services, meter reading, billing)
- . What class(es) of customers should be offered unbundled services?
- Who should bear the costs incurred in providing unbundled transportation service?
- . How should the needs of customers be met if they do not want to contract for unbundled service?
- Should an LDC have the obligation to provide firm bundled service to any of its customers?
- Should customers have the right to choose a combination of core and non-core services?
- Should LDCs have the obligation to provide standby or backup service for firm transportation customers?
- Should LDCs allow small customers to aggregate loads in order to qualify for transportation service? What terms and conditions should apply?
- . Would the failure of an end-user to secure firm supplies or LDC backup service, relieve the LDC of any potential obligation to serve?
- If LDCs are required to be the "supplier of last resort", (provide supply to customer who return when their third-party services fail), do the consumers and their third-party suppliers have a responsibility to pay any additional costs incurred by the LDC?
- Should the LDC be required to develop policies regarding eligibility? (i.e. demonstration of adequate city-gate gas supply, demonstrate ability to react to shortfalls in their city gate gas supply)

- Should LDCs be required to offer potential transportation customers, and their third-party vendors access to the records of that customer's consumption patterns for a cost-based fee?
- . What metering requirements should be imposed on the transportation customers to ensure the LDC remains in balance with the pipeline? Should the require ents differ for each class of customers?
- Should LDCs be allowed to issue Operational Flow Orders and impose special volume conditions and/or balancing provisions in case of system emergencies and capacity constraints?
- Should LDCs be allowed to curtail gas service to a transportation customer who has demonstrated that their gas supply arrived at the LDC city gate?
- . What type of transition costs will the LDC incur? What is the magnitude of the costs?
- Should the LDCs have the right to require customers to pay a cost-base exit fee if they wish to switch from one utility service to another?
- Should LDCS be required to propose rates and rate structures for each unbundled service based on the revenue requirement responsibility established for each service?
- . What is a reasonable time frame for implementing unbundling for the LDCs? Should this time frame vary from one LDC to another?
- Should LDCs be allowed to propose flexible, or negotiated rates for specific services as long as it proves the rates are not unduly discriminatory?
- . What class(es) of customers should be required to nominate capacity requirements on a daily basis?

- . What key services should be offered:
 - . full requirements year-round firm supply
 - full requirements seasonal firm supply (e.g. summer-only, winter-only)
 - full requirements quasi-firm (i.e. specified # days per year)
 - . interruptible supply
 - . stand-by supply
 - . peaking supply
 - swing/no-notice supply
 - . balancing
 - . emergency supply (best efforts)
- . What other services should the LDC consider offering on an unbundled basis?
 - . Meter Reading
 - . Billing
 - . Collection

COMPANIES SCHEDULED TO SPEAK

- . Associated Gas Distributors of Florida
- . Citrus Gas Marketing
- . Enron Capital and Trade
- . The Hiller Group Inc./Tenneco Gas Marketing
- . Chevron
- . Norstar Energy
- . Texas Ohio Gas, Inc.
- . Natural Gas Services

If your company desires to make any presentation, please call Wayne Makin at (904) 413-6644.

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