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CERTIFICATION OF  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

I do hereby certify:

/x/ (1) That all statutory rulemaking requirements of Chapter 120, F.S., have been complied with; and

/x/ (2) There is no administrative determination under subsection 120.56(2), F.S., pending on any rule covered by this certification; and

/x/ (3) All rules covered by this certification are filed within the prescribed time limitations of paragraph 120.54(3)(e), F.S. They are filed not less than 28 days after the notice required by paragraph 120.54(3)(a), F.S., and;

/x/ (a) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice; or

// (b) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice not including days an administrative determination was pending; or

// (c) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but not less than 21 days nor

MP \_\_\_\_\_ more than 45 days from the date of publication of the notice of change; or

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DR \_\_\_\_\_ // (d) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but not less than 14 nor more than 45 days after the adjournment of the final public hearing on the rule; or

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PC \_\_\_\_\_ // (e) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the date of receipt of all material authorized to be submitted at the hearing; or

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// (f) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after the date the transcript was received by this agency; or

// (g) Are filed not more than 90 days after the notice, not including days the adoption of the rule was postponed following notification from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee that an objection to the rule was being considered; or

// (h) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after a good faith written proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative to a proposed rule is submitted which substantially accomplishes the objectives of the law being implemented; or

// (i) Are filed more than 90 days after the notice, but within 21 days after a regulatory alternative is offered by the small business ombudsman.

Attached are the original and two copies of each rule covered by this certification. The rules are hereby adopted by the undersigned agency by and upon their filing with the Department of State.

Rule No.

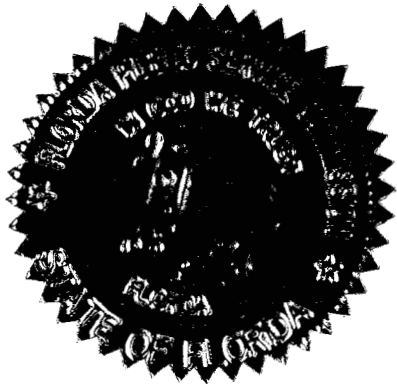
25-7.037

Under the provision of subparagraph 120.54(3)(e)6., F.S., the rules take effect 20 days from the date filed with the Department of State or a later date as set out below:

Effective: \_\_\_\_\_  
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BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
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25-7.037 Change in Character of Service.

A utility shall not make ~~a~~Any changes in heating value, pressure, specific gravity, gas composition, or other condition or characteristic of the gas it delivers which would impair the safe, efficient utilization of the gas in customers' ~~the customer's~~ appliances ~~shall not be made~~ without tariff revisions setting forth the changes, the prior approval of the Commission, and ~~without~~ adequate notice to the customers. Any such change by the utility shall be accompanied by a general inspection and adjustment of all appliances that would be affected thereby to the extent necessary that such appliances ~~the appliance~~ may operate as efficiently and give as good service as was possible before the change. This shall be done promptly, without direct charge, and with a minimum of inconvenience to the customer.

Specific Authority 366.05 FS.

Law Implemented 366.05(1), 366.03 FS.

History--Repromulgated 1-8-75, 5-4-75, Formerly 25-7.37, Amended \_\_\_\_\_.

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SUMMARY OF RULE

The rule contains the requirement that a regulated natural gas utility may not make any change in the character of the gas it provides for customers' appliances without prior approval of the Commission and adequate notice. The rule amendments clarify that a Florida regulated gas utility is only responsible for changes made by itself to the characteristics of the gas it delivers to its customers and is not responsible for the characteristics of the gas it receives from interconnecting interstate pipelines.

SUMMARY OF HEARINGS ON THE RULE

No hearing was requested and none was held.

FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFYING THE RULE

Associated Gas Distributors of Florida, Inc., ("AGDF") petitioned the Commission to initiate rulemaking to amend this rule. The changes to the rule limit its scope so as not to impose responsibility on a natural gas local distribution companies ("LDCs") for matters over which it has no control. AGDF asserted in its petition that the quality and other characteristics of the gas received by an LDC from the interstate pipeline are beyond the LDC's control. Only in circumstances where the LDC has control or when the LDC takes some action to change the character of its service, such as when a utility temporarily switches from natural gas to liquefied petroleum gas during periods of high demand or in order to make extensive repairs to gas mains, should it be held responsible under the rule. Responsibility to obtain Commission approval and notify the customers will be placed on the utility that makes a change.

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