

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 130004-GU

DATED: October 9, 2013

COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-13-0089-PCO-EG, filed February 18, 2013, Order No. PSC-13-0115-PCO-PU, filed March 7, 2013, and Order No. PSC-13-0165-PCO-PU, filed April 22, 2013, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no known witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

There are no known exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the final conservation cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2012 through December 2012?

POSITION: The appropriate final conservation cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2012 through December 2012 are as follows:

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Chesapeake (CUC)	\$35,777	Overrecovery
Florida City Gas (FCG)	\$1,417,403	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC)	\$292,947	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company (Indiantown)	\$11,665	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System (PGS)	\$1,339,254	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas (SJNG)	\$78,459	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring)	\$25,707	Overrecovery

Staff's positions are contingent upon responses to outstanding discovery requests and may be modified upon receipt of same.

ISSUE 2: What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2014 through December 2014?

POSITION: The appropriate total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2014 through December 2014 are as follows:

Chesapeake (CUC)	\$1,027,942
Florida City Gas (FCG)	\$4,235,123
Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC)	\$3,079,774
Indiantown Gas Company (Indiantown)	\$16,403
Peoples Gas System (PGS)	\$13,476,152
St. Joe Natural Gas (SJNG)	\$104,680
Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring)	\$36,198

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ISSUE 3: What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2014 through December 2014?

POSITION: The appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2014 through December 2014 are as follows:

CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	FTS-A	21.947 cents/therm
	FTS-B	16.878 cents/therm
	FTS-1	13.968 cents/therm
	FTS-2	7.993 cents/therm
	FTS-2.1	5.609 cents/therm

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CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	FTS-3	4.890 cents/therm
	FTS-3.1	3.889 cents/therm
	FTS-4	3.255 cents/therm
	FTS-5	2.830 cents/therm
	FTS-6	2.012 cents/therm
	FTS-7	1.636 cents/therm
	FTS-8	1.476 cents/therm
	FTS-9	1.220 cents/therm
	FTS-10	1.103 cents/therm
	FTS-11	1.018 cents/therm
	FTS-12	0.734 cents/therm

In accordance with Order No. PSC-07-0427-TRF-GU, issued May 15, 2007, in Docket No. 060675-GU, optional fixed rates are available to CUC customers in the following rate schedules:

CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor (\$ per bill)
	FTS-A	1.45
	FTS-B	1.90
	FTS-1	2.44
	FTS-2	4.79
	FTS-2.1	7.14
	FTS-3	17.50
	FTS-3.1	22.88

FCG	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	GS-1, GS-100, GS-220	13.084 cents/therm
	GS-600	6.551 cents/therm
	GS-1200	3.874 cents/therm
	GS-6000	3.212 cents/therm
	GS-25000	3.189 cents/therm
	GS-60000	3.134 cents/therm
	GS-120000	2.208 cents/therm
	GS-250000	1.997 cents/therm
	Gas Lights	6.213 cents/therm

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FPUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	Residential	9.256 cents/therm
	General Service & GS Transportation (GS1)	5.062 cents/therm
	General Service & GS Transportation (GS2)	4.693 cents/therm
	Large Volume Service	3.655 cents/therm
	LV Transportation < 50,000	3.655 cents/therm
	LV Transportation > 50,000	3.655 cents/therm
	Fort Meade Residential	9.256 cents/therm
	Fort Meade Commercial (GS&GS Transp.)	5.062 cents/therm
	Fort Meade (LV&LV Transp.)	3.655 cents/therm
Indiantown	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	TS-1	2.4690 cents/therm
	TS-2	0.4290 cents/therm
	TS-3	1.2700 cents/therm
	TS-4	0.1200 cents/therm
PGS	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	RS	8.253 cents/therm
	RS-SG	8.253 cents/therm
	SGS	5.567 cents/therm
	CS-SG & GS-1	2.613 cents/therm
	GS-2	1.900 cents/therm
	GS-3	1.574 cents/therm
	GS-4	1.180 cents/therm
	GS-5	0.866 cents/therm
	CSLS	1.385 cents/therm
	NGVS	1.713 cents/therm

SJNG	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	RS-1	23.774 cents/therm
	RS-2	15.696 cents/therm
	RS-3	12.258 cents/therm
	GS-1	11.254 cents/therm
	GS-2	4.466 cents/therm
	FTS-4	2.049 cents/therm

Sebring	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	TS-1	11.993 cents/therm
	TS-2	6.088 cents/therm
	TS-3	4.448 cents/therm
	TS-4	3.793 cents/therm

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ISSUE 4: What should be the effective date of the new conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

POSITION: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2014 through December 2014. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2014, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2014, so that each customer is billed for twelve (12) months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

e. **Stipulated Issues**

Staff is not aware of any stipulated issues at this time.

f. **Pending Motions**

There are no pending motions at this time.

g. **Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests**

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

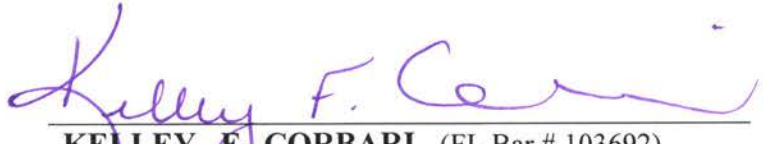
h. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections to any witness' qualifications as an expert in this proceeding.

i. Compliance with Order Nos. PSC-13-0089-PCO-EG, PSC-13-0115-PCO-PU, and PSC-13-0165-PCO-PU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Orders Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 9TH day of October, 2013.



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