

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition for approval of Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) by Florida Public Utilities Company and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

DOCKET NO. 140166-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-14-0595-PCO-GU
ISSUED: October 22, 2014

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ART GRAHAM, Chairman
LISA POLAK EDGAR
RONALD A. BRISÉ
EDUARDO E. BALBIS
JULIE I. BROWN

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 28, 2014, Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake) filed a petition for approval of FPUC's and Chesapeake's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program's (GRIP) surcharges for their cast iron and bare steel pipe replacement programs for 2015. The GRIP program was approved to recover the cost of accelerated replacement of cast iron and bare steel distribution mains and services through a surcharge on customers' bills.¹

We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

We find that the tariffs shall be suspended to allow us sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order for us to make an informed decision 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 change a reason or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. We find that the reason stated above is good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.


¹ Order No. PSC-12-0490-TRF-GU, issued September 24, 2012, in Docket No. 120036-GU, In re: Joint petition for approval of Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) by Florida Public Utilities Company and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Florida Public Utilities Company and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation petition for approval of FPUC's and Chesapeake's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program's surcharges for their cast iron and bare steel pipe replacement programs for 2015 shall be suspended pending further review. It is further

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

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of October, 2014.



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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.