

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 20230004-GU  
ORDER NO. PSC-2023-0346-FOF-GU  
ISSUED: November 16, 2023

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

ANDREW GILES FAY, Chairman  
GARY F. CLARK  
MIKE LA ROSA  
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FINAL ORDER APPROVING NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY  
AMOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY  
FACTORS FOR JANUARY 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION General Counsel

BY THE COMMISSION:

### BACKGROUND

As part of the Commission's continuing natural gas conservation cost recovery clause proceedings, an administrative hearing was held on November 1, 2023. The clause proceedings allow natural gas companies to seek recovery of their costs for approved natural gas conservation programs on an annual basis, pursuant to Sections 366.80-366.83, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Chapter 25-17, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Florida City Gas (FCG), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC), Peoples Gas System, Inc. (PGS), Sebring Gas System (Sebring), and St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG) submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their conservation cost recovery factors. Prior to the hearing, the parties reached an agreement concerning all issues identified for resolution at the hearing. OPC took no position. SJNG was excused from participating at the hearing. We have jurisdiction over this subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, F.S., including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, F.S.

### DECISION

Prior to the hearing, the parties reached Type 2 stipulations<sup>1</sup> on all issues identified for resolution at hearing, with the utilities agreeing to proposed stipulations to the final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each utility, and with OPC taking no position on these proposed stipulations. The OPC position on each Type 2 stipulation is as follows:

OPC takes no position on these issues nor does it have the burden of proof related to them. As such, the OPC represents that it will not contest or oppose the Commission taking action approving a proposed stipulation between the

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<sup>1</sup> A Type 2 stipulation occurs on an issue when the utility and the Commission staff, or the utility and at least one party adversarial to the utility, agree on the resolution of the issue and the remaining parties (including staff if they do not join in the agreement) do not object to us relying on the agreed language to resolve that issue in a final order.

Company and another party or staff as a final resolution of the issue. No person is authorized to state that the OPC is a participant in, or party to, a stipulation on these issues, either in this docket, in an order of the Commission, or in a representation to a Court.

The proposed stipulations were presented to us for approval. We accept and approve the proposed stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record, as set forth below.

#### Conservation Cost Recovery Amounts and Factors

We find the appropriate final conservation cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2022 through December 2022 are as follows:

FCG	\$246,333	Over-recovery
FPUC	\$956,051	Over-recovery
PGS	\$1,970,805	Under-recovery
Sebring	\$10,132	Over-recovery
SJNG	\$6,053	Over-recovery

We find the appropriate conservation cost adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023 are as follows:

FCG	\$75,243	Over-recovery
FPUC	\$555,104	Over-recovery
PGS	\$10,460,672	Under-recovery
Sebring	\$14,160	Under-recovery
SJNG	\$19,101	Over-recovery

We find the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from the period January 2023 through December 2023 are as follows:

FCG	\$336,206	Over-recovery
FPUC	\$1,511,155	Over-recovery
PGS	\$12,431,477	Under-recovery
Sebring	\$4,028	Under-recovery
SJNG	\$25,154	Over-recovery

We find the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2024 through December 2024 are as follows:

FCG	\$6,471,483
FPUC	\$3,304,245
PGS	\$44,755,074
Sebring	\$40,061
SJNG	\$141,596

We find the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024 are as follows:

FCG

Rate Schedule	Conservation Recovery Factor (\$/therm)
RS1	0.29484
RS-100	0.14192
RS-600	0.08522
GS-1	0.05856
GS-6K	0.04196
GS-25K	0.03873
Gas Lights	0.04635
GS-120K	0.02624
GS-1250K	0.01500
GS11M	0.00000
GS-25M	0.00000

## FPUC

<b>Rate Schedule</b>	<b>Conservation Recovery Factor (\$/therm)</b>
Residential-1; Residential Transportation-1 ( $\leq 100$ therms)	0.13035
Residential-2; Residential Transportation-2 ( $>100$ and $\leq 250$ therms)	0.06657
Residential-3; Residential Transportation-3 ( $>250$ therms)	0.03655
Residential Standby Generator	0.14743
General Service-1; GS Transportation-1 ( $\leq 1,000$ therms)	0.06735
General Service-2; GS Transportation-2 ( $> 1,000$ and $\leq 5,000$ therms)	0.03100
General Service-3; GS Transportation-3 ( $> 5,000$ and $\leq 10,000$ therms)	0.02701
General Service-4; GS Transportation-4 ( $> 10,000$ and $\leq 50,000$ therms)	0.02392
General Service-5; GS Transportation-5 ( $> 50,000$ and $\leq 250,000$ therms)	0.01808
General Service-6; GS Transportation-6 ( $> 250,000$ and $\leq 500,000$ therms)	0.01680
General Service-7; GS Transportation-7 ( $> 500,000$ and $\leq 1,000,000$ therms)	0.01377
General Service-8A; GS Transportation-8A ( $> 1,000,000$ and $\leq 1,500,000$ therms)	0.01304
General Service-8B; GS Transportation-8B ( $> 1,500,000$ and $\leq 2,000,000$ therms)	0.01215
General Service-8C; GS Transportation-8C ( $> 2,000,000$ and $\leq 4,000,000$ therms)	0.00690
General Service-8D; GS Transportation-8D ( $> 4,000,000$ therms)	0.00568
Commercial – NGV; Commercial NGV Transportation	0.01590
Commercial Standby Generator	0.16326

## PGS

<b>Rate Schedule</b>	<b>Conservation Recovery Factor (\$/therm)</b>
RS, RS-SG, and RS-GHP	0.21579
SGS	0.12933
GS-1, CS-SG, and CS-GHIP	0.06667
GS-2	0.05036
GS-3	0.04243
GS-4	0.03134
GS-5	0.02183
NGVS	0.00000
CSLS	0.04347

Sebring

Rate Schedule	Conservation Recovery Factor (\$/therm)
TS-1	0.12985
TS-2	0.05476
TS-3	0.03745
TS-4	0.03355

SJNG

Rate Schedule	Conservation Recovery Factor (\$/therm)
RS-1	0.33922
RS-2	0.24049
RS-3	0.18160
GS-1	0.10751
GS-2	0.06358
FTS4/GS-4	0.03877

Tariff Revisions Reflecting Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Amounts and Establishing Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Factors

The revised tariffs reflecting the new energy conservation cost charges determined to be appropriate in this proceeding are hereby approved. We direct our staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with this Order.

Conservation Cost Recovery Effective Date for 2023 Billing Cycle

The factors we approved as reflected above shall be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2024 through December 2024. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2024 and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2024, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the stipulations and findings set forth in the body of this order are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that each utility that was a party to this docket shall abide by the stipulations and findings herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and utilize the factors approved herein for the period beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2024 through December 2024. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2024, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2024, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities' revised tariffs, reflecting the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing natural gas conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate herein are approved. Our staff shall verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Clause docket is on-going and the docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 16th day of November, 2023.



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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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request:

- 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, 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 and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.