

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up. | DOCKET NO. 20230003-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2023-0347-FOF-GU
ISSUED: November 16, 2023

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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FINAL ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AMOUNTS
AND ESTABLISHING PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO BE APPLIED
DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2024 THROUGH DECEMBER 2024

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. Background

As part of our continuing purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up proceedings, an administrative hearing was held in this docket on November 1, 2023. Florida City Gas, Florida Public Utilities Company, Peoples Gas System, Inc., and St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (collectively, Gas Utilities) submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their proposed purchased gas recovery factors. The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) also participated in this proceeding. St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. was excused from participation at the hearing. We are vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapters 120 and 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.), including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, F.S.

Prior to the hearing, the parties reached Type 2¹ stipulations on all issues, with the Gas Utilities agreeing to the proposed stipulations on all issues and OPC taking no position on these proposed stipulations. The proposed stipulations were presented to us for approval. The proposed stipulations specified final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each Gas Utility. We accept and approve the proposed stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record, as set forth below.

¹ A Type 2 stipulation occurs on an issue when the utility and our 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 the Commission relying on the agreed language to resolve that issue in a final order. OPC's 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 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.

II. Decision.

We find the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2022 through December 2022 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$8,998,019	Over-recovery
Florida Public Utilities Company	\$3,376,449	Under-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$2,082,184	Under-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$66,181	Over-recovery

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

Florida City Gas	\$10,477,497	Under-recovery
Florida Public Utilities Company	\$1,880,594	Over-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$3,249,797	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$72,173	Under-recovery

We find the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2024 through December 2024 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$1,479,478	Under-recovery
Florida Public Utilities Company	\$1,495,855	Under-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$1,167,613	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$5,992	Under-Recovery

We find the levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	0.84816 dollars/therm
Florida Public Utilities Company	1.30921 dollars/therm
Peoples Gas System	0.96838 dollars/therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	1.04727 dollars/therm

The above purchased gas adjustment charges shall be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2024, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle 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. These charges shall continue in effect until modified by subsequent order.

III. Conclusion

We find that revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges found to be appropriate in this proceeding are approved. We direct Commission staff to verify that the revised tariffs filed by the utilities to reflect the new purchase gas adjustment charges are consistent with our decision.

Based on the foregoing, it is

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

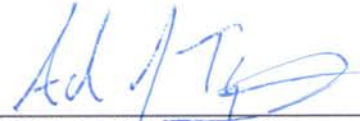
ORDERED that each utility that was a party to this docket shall abide by the stipulations, findings, and rulings herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that Commission staff shall verify that the revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges are consistent with our decision herein. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the purchased gas adjustment amounts and use the factors approved herein effective with all meter readings on or after January 1, 2024, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2023 through December 2024 and continuing until modified by subsequent order of this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that the purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up docket, while a separate docket number is assigned each year, is an on-going docket and shall remain open.

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



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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.