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The Honorable Mike La Rosa
Chairman
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20240046-GU - Petition for rate increase by St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. - Test Year Notification Request for Extension Pursuant to Rule 25-7.140, Florida Administrative Code

Dear Chairman La Rosa:

On March 21, 2024, St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (“St. Joe” or “Company”) submitted a test year notification letter for your review in accordance with Rule 25-7.140, Florida Administrative Code. Therein, I noted that the base rates set for St. Joe in its last base rate case became effective July 17, 2008 – nearly sixteen (16) years ago.¹ Thereafter, on March 28, 2024, I submitted a letter correcting our reference to the historic period we intend to use for our request for interim relief. Otherwise, our noticed intent to request rate relief, interim rates, and to utilize the Proposed Agency Action process remained unchanged. As you directed in your letter of April 10, 2024, our Petition is due to be filed on May 20, 2024.

Pursuant to Rule 25-7.140(3), Florida Administrative Code, “[i]f the company cannot meet its filing date, it shall notify the Commission in writing before the due date and include an explanation of why it will not meet the filing date. The Company shall include a revised filing date.” Therefore, consistent with the notice requirements set forth in Rule 25-7.140(3), Florida Administrative Code, St. Joe submits this request to extend our petition, MFR, and testimony filing dates to May 29, 2024.

As the Commission is aware, St. Joe is one of the smaller natural gas utilities regulated by the Commission. In order to keep rate case expense low, we are undertaking our pursuit of rate relief with only minimal use of outside resources. While we still expect to present a complete and thorough case to the Commission, the ongoing, day-to-day matters of running the Company and

¹ Order No. PSC-2008-0436-PAA-GU, issued July 8, 2008, in Docket No. 20070592-GU.

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ensuring our customers have safe, reliable service has delayed our ability to complete portions of the filing. With an extension to May 29, we are however confident that we will be able to submit a timely, complete petition and supporting documentation for the Commission's consideration.

As noted in previous letters, we have only undertaken this request for rate relief upon thoughtful deliberation and considerable study. If allowed the requested nine (9) day extension to file, the Company can ensure that its documentation of the request for relief is likewise thoughtful, detailed, and fully compliant with Commission requirements. The Company appreciates your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Stuart Shoaf, President

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