

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Item 7

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Docket No. 20230121-EG – Petition for approval of conservation demonstration and development program, by Associated Gas Distributors of Florida.

Issue 1: Should the Commission approve the AGDF’s petition, subject to certain modified conditions, allowing for its proposed Conservation Demonstration and Development (CDD) program for the participating LDCs: FCG, FPUC, Sebring, and SJNG?

Recommendation: Yes, staff recommends the Commission approve AGDF’s petition, subject to modified conditions agreed to by AGDF, allowing for a CDD program for FCG, FPUC, Sebring, and SJNG. Such modified conditions include:

- 1. The program is limited to five years, and may be extended beyond the initial term, if requested by AGDF at least six months prior to the end of the five-year period;
2. FCG and FPUC may participate in as many as three qualified research projects in any calendar year, with expenditures limited to \$75,000 per project per year; Sebring and SJNG may likewise participate in as many projects limited to \$1,000 per year limit;
3. Any single CDD program project must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements: (a) the proposed measure or program must have an affect on rate-paying customers; (b) there is a lack of available research or insufficient data on the proposed measure or program being evaluated; and (c) there is insufficient Florida-specific data on the proposed program or measure.

In addition, staff recommends that AGDF comply with the following additional provisions:

- 4. AGDF members must not undertake commercial/industrial class CDD research projects/technologies to the exclusion of residential CDD projects/technologies during the five year period, and should take actions to strike a reasonable balance between the two types of CDD projects;

DEFERRED

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: All Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

MAJORITY

DISSENTING

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REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:

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5. Within 6 months following the conclusion of the 5-year term of the CDD program, or concurrent with a request for CDD program extension, AGDF must file a CDD program status report with the Commission, detailing AGDF's research findings, impacts on cost effectiveness, and how the utilities plan to or have effectively implemented such findings in new and/or existing DSM programs.

6. In accordance with Sections 366.81 and 366.82, F.S., the focus of all CDD projects undertaken by member utilities must be increasing energy efficiency and/or conservation via advances in technologies and/or their implementation in utility gas distribution systems, end-use gas equipment, or demand side renewable energy systems.

**Issue 2:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** If Issue 1 is approved, and no protest is filed within 21 days of the issuance of the order, a consummating order should be issued and the docket should be closed.