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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20240003-GU

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up.

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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE
COMMISSIONERS PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO
DATE: Thursday, October 24, 2024
TIME: Commenced: 9:30 a.m.
Concluded: 10:11 a.m.
PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida
REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: We are going to move
3 on to 03.

4 Mr. Dose, are there any preliminary matters we
5 need to address in this one?

6 MR. DOSE: As mentioned, St. Joe Natural Gas
7 Company has been excused from the Prehearing
8 Conference in this docket.

9 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Thank you.
10 And then any other preliminary matters before
11 we move through the Draft Prehearing Order?

12 MR. DOSE: There are none.

13 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: All right. So let's,
14 again, proceed through the Draft Prehearing Order.

15 This is going to sound familiar, and it might,
16 again, throughout the course of this morning, but
17 again, if there are any corrections that need to be
18 made, just holler out and we will fix them.

19 So Section I, the Case Background.

20 Section II, Conduct of Proceedings.

21 Section III, Jurisdiction.

22 Section IV, the Procedure for Handling
23 Confidential Information.

24 Section V, Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.

25 MR. DOSE: Staff suggests that for any witness

1 who is not excused, that the summary of their
2 testimony be no longer than three minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: All right. Any
4 objection?

5 Okay. Seeing none, Section VI, Order of
6 Witnesses.

7 MR. DOSE: If the parties are willing to
8 excuse witnesses, staff will confirm with each
9 Commissioner that the witnesses can be excused. If
10 no Commissioner has any questions for those
11 witnesses, the witnesses may be excused from the
12 hearing, and his or her testimony and exhibits may
13 be entered into the record as though read.

14 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. All right. Do
15 any parties have any witnesses that can be
16 stipulated and excused at this time?

17 Ms. Keating.

18 MS. KEATING: Commissioner, FPUC and FCG would
19 be happy to stipulate to the entry of all
20 witnesses' testimony and exhibits into the record,
21 and ask that FCG and FPUC's as witnesses be
22 excused.

23 MS. PONDER: As would Peoples Gas.

24 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Do you have any
25 objection, Mr. Rehwinkel?

1 MR. REHWINKEL: Well, just to make sure we
2 don't get the cart ahead of the horse, I think
3 excusal is, again, a output of stipulated issues.
4 So we -- the Public Counsel has stated our
5 willingness to facilitate a Type 2 stipulation if
6 there are stipulations between the staff and the
7 company. And if that occurs, we -- I can state on
8 the record today, we don't have an objection to
9 excusing the witnesses.

10 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. Well, we can
11 -- we can take a note of that, and then, you know,
12 when we get to, you know, finalizing the Prehearing
13 -- this is all just in draft mode anyway, so -- but
14 we will -- we will just -- we can, I think, for the
15 time being, if it's okay, we can just move on and
16 we will have a note of those excusals.

17 So, okay, with that, let's move on to the
18 Basic Positions, Section VII. So I am sorry, Mr.
19 Dose, I was looking at you. Do the parties have
20 any changes to their basic positions at this time?

21 Okay. No changes. Seeing none.

22 Section VIII, Issues and Positions.

23 MR. DOSE: Staff notes that some parties did
24 not include Issue A in their prehearing statements.
25 And for these parties, there position is currently

1 listed as no position at this time in the
2 Prehearing Order.

3 Staff notes that for issues in which a party
4 has taken no position at this time, if a party does
5 not take a position on these issues, per the OEP,
6 their position will be changed to no position in
7 the Prehearing Order.

8 Per the OEP, if a party fails to take a
9 position on an issue by the time of the Prehearing
10 Conference, that party waives its opportunity to
11 conduct cross-examination on the issue, as well as
12 to file a post-hearing brief on the issue.

13 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. So it appears
14 the only parties that need to take a position on
15 Issue A are Peoples Gas and St. Joe. So with --
16 Peoples Gas, are you able to take a position today?

17 MS. PONDER: I am sorry. I think that I would
18 say that Peoples Gas does not object to position A.

19 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. We will note
20 that for the record.

21 Same with St. Joe, staff, I believe, you
22 are --

23 MR. DOSE: Staff contacted St. Joe, and they
24 have no position on Issue A.

25 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. Thank you.

1 Parties, are there any other related matters
2 that need to be discussed?

3 Seeing none, we will move to Section IX,
4 Exhibit List.

5 MR. DOSE: Staff has prepared and circulated
6 to the parties a draft Comprehensive Exhibit List
7 that includes all prefiled exhibits. Staff will
8 check with the parties prior to the hearing to
9 determine if there are any objections to the
10 Comprehensive Exhibit List.

11 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. Section X,
12 Proposed Stipulations.

13 MR. DOSE: There are no proposed stipulations
14 at this time.

15 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: XI, are there any
16 pending motions?

17 MR. DOSE: There are no pending motions at
18 this time.

19 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: XII, Pending
20 Confidentiality Motions.

21 MR. DOSE: There are no pending
22 confidentiality requests at this time.

23 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: And then Section
24 XIII, Post-Hearing Procedures.

25 MR. DOSE: If parties agree to waive briefs,

1 the Commission may make a bench decision for this
2 docket.

3 If there are any issues to be briefed, staff
4 recommends post-hearing briefs be no longer than 40
5 pages.

6 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. Any objection?
7 Hearing none, so Rulings, staff.

8 MR. DOSE: Staff recommends that opening
9 statements, if any, should not exceed three minutes
10 per party unless a party chooses to waive its
11 opening statements.

12 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Objections to three
13 minutes?

14 All right. Seeing none, opening statements
15 shall be limited to three minutes per party.

16 Are there any other matters that need to be
17 addressed it in this Prehearing Conference?

18 MR. DOSE: There are no other matters to
19 address.

20 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Okay. Parties?

21 Seeing none, this will conclude the Prehearing
22 in the 03 docket. We are going to move on to 04.

23 (Proceedings concluded.)

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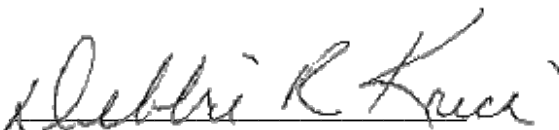
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