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St. Joe's Response to Staff's First Interrogatories Nos. 1-5

20220003.GU Staff Hearing Exhibits 00028

St. Joe Natural Gas
Docket No: 20220003
Staff's First Set of Interrogatories

Interrogatory No:1

Q 1.0 What specific methodology does St Joe's employ to adjust (flex

of not flex) its monthly purchased gas adj. recovery factor?

Please be as specific as possible.

Response: The factor that is applied to January's gas bills is normally kept

the same for all months unless SJNG sees the factor is not keeping a level under/over recovery and then SJNG adjusts

accordingly.

Q 2.0 What specific methodology does St Joe's employ to set its PGA

Factor? Please be as specific as possible

Response: SJNG forecasted the 2023 PGA factor by using the projected

monthly pipeline demand costs, pipeline usage, and commodity costs. The sum of these costs are then divided by the projected

therm sales resulting in the PGA recovery (cap) factor.

Q 3.0 Please describe the forecasting methodology the Company used

to establish its 2023 forecast of natural gas costs as appears in

the Testimony of Andy Shoaf, Exhibit CAS-2, Sch E-1 (Cost

Recovery Clause Calculation) filed August 5, 2022. Please be as

specific as possible.

Response: SJNG uses the Nymex for the upcoming year and then what the

previous years costs were. We make a guess and try to stay as

close to the number that it is currently or that Nymex is

forecasting

<u>Q 4.0</u> Identify any changes to St Joe's forecast methodology discussed

in response to Interr. No.3 that may be different from the

methodology used by the Company in past years.

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<u>Response:</u>

SJNG is a small company and forecasting is pretty much the same as prior years.

Q 5.0

Please refer to the referenced pages in the exhibits to the Andy Shoaf testimony filed on August 5, 2022, to answer these questions.

a. Line 27 in Sch CAS-7 (2022 Actual/Est. Sch.), reflects that the Company expects total therm sales of 908,470 therms in 2022, based on actual amounts for January through June, and estimated amounts for July thru December). In Line 27 of Sch CAS-2 (2023 Projection Sch), the whole year projection for 2023 reflects that the Company expects total therm sales of 794,583 therms. Please explain why the 2023 projected total therm sales are estimated to 12.6 percent lower than the actual and estimated amounts from 2022.

Response

Therms from a prior year, such as for 2023 projected, 2021 therms were used. Actual therms for 2022 are going to be higher because we have increased number of customers.

<u>b.</u> Please describe how the amounts shown on Line 27 for January thru June, 2022 were calculated.

Response

January thru June 2022 are actual numbers and calculated according to the schedule.

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