

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for approval of
Florida Rate Schedule T-1 Firm
Transportation Service Tariff by
Sebring Gas System, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 000801-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-01-0434-TRF-GU
ISSUED: February 23, 2001

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

E. LEON JACOBS, JR., Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
LILA A. JABER
BRAULIO L. BAEZ
MICHAEL A. PALECKI

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

On April 4, 2000, we issued Order No. PSC-00-0630-FOF-GU, adopting Rule 25-7.0335, Florida Administrative Code, Transportation Service. The rule requires Florida's investor-owned natural gas utilities to offer transportation service to all non-residential customers and file a transportation service tariff with the Commission by July 1, 2000. In accordance with the rule, Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring or Company) filed its transportation tariff for approval.

We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes.

On June 30, 2000, Sebring filed its proposed rate schedule T-1, Firm Transportation Service to implement Rule 25-7.0335, Florida Administrative Code. The rule, which became effective on April 23, 2000, requires all natural gas utilities to offer the transportation of natural gas to all non-residential customers and file a transportation service tariff by July 1, 2000.

Sebring's proposed transportation tariff filed in compliance with Rule 25-7.0335, Florida Administrative Code, would make transportation service available to all non-residential customers beginning February 6, 2001.

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Transportation service would be offered to all non-residential customers on an equal basis, regardless of size. The proposed tariff would not change any customer's rates. For the present time, the Company will use its existing sales service rates for transportation service. We have accepted this method for setting transportation service rates for Peoples Gas System, in Docket No. 850643-GU, Order No. 16229. Should Sebring determine that the transportation rates are inappropriate, it may file a petition seeking changes.

Based on the foregoing, it is

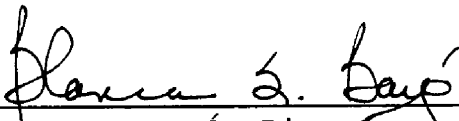
ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the Request for Approval of Rate Schedule T-1 Firm Transportation Service Tariff by Sebring Gas System, Inc., is approved. It is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the tariff is February 6, 2001. It is further

ORDERED that if a protest is filed within 21 days of issuance of the Order, the tariff shall remain in effect with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. It is further

ORDERED that if no timely protest is filed, this docket shall be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 23rd day of February, 2001.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

The Commission's decision on this tariff is interim in nature and will become final, unless a person whose substantial interests are affected by the proposed action files a petition for a formal proceeding, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on March 16, 2001.

In the absence of such a petition, this Order shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.