

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Request for extension of
time until June 30, 2001 to file
2000 Annual Report required by
Rule 25-7.135, F.A.C., by St.
Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 010824-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-01-1405-PAA-GU
ISSUED: June 29, 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

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER GRANTING APPROVAL OF EXTENSION

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

On May 22, 2001, St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (St. Joe) requested an extension of time, until June 30, 2001, to file its Annual Report. (Attachment) Rule 25-7.135, Florida Administrative Code, requires investor-owned natural gas utilities to file annual reports by April 30 of each year following the reporting year. One extension of 31 days will be granted upon request. St. Joe requested, and was granted, a 31 day extension. Any requests for a longer extension must be approved by the Commission and be accompanied by a statement of good cause and specify a filing date.

St. Joe states in its request that an additional extension of time is necessary because its auditor is still awaiting a response from the Internal Revenue Service concerning a change in accounting method. St. Joe further asserts that this response is needed in order for it to close its books for the year ended December 31,

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2000. Based on this information, we believe that St. Joe's request is reasonable. It should be noted that St. Joe's current financial status was thoroughly reviewed in its recently concluded rate case in Docket No. 001447-GU.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the request by St. Joe Natural Gas Company to extend the time to file its Annual report until June 30, 2001, is approved. It is further

ORDERED that the provisions of this Order, issued as proposed agency action, shall become final and effective upon the issuance of a Consummating Order unless an appropriate petition, in the form provided by Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, is received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date set forth in the "Notice of Further Proceedings" attached hereto. It is further

ORDERED that in the event this Order becomes final, this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 29th day of June, 2001.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

By: Kay Flynn
Kay Flynn, Chief
Bureau of Records

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing that is available under Section 120.57, 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 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 action proposed herein is preliminary in nature. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file 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 July 20, 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.