

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of transportation service agreement with Florida Public Utilities Company, by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 110271-GU

In re: Joint petition for approval of territorial agreement in Nassau and Duval Counties by Peoples Gas System and Florida Public Utilities Company; gas transportation agreement by Peoples Gas System and Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.; and application for approval of tariff revisions to reflect service in Nassau and Okeechobee Counties, by Florida Public Utilities Company

DOCKET NO. 110277-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-12-0230-PAA-GU
ISSUED: May 9, 2012

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

RONALD A. BRISÉ, Chairman
LISA POLAK EDGAR
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING TRANSPORTATION AND TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS AND
ORDER APPROVING TARIFF MODIFICATIONS

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE is hereby given by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein, except for approving tariff modifications, 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 (F.A.C.).

Background

Pursuant to Section 366.04(3)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 25-7.0471, F.A.C., Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Peoples Gas System (Peoples) filed a January 26, 2012 joint petition in Docket No. 110277-GU for approval of a territorial agreement between the Petitioners related to the provision of natural gas service in Nassau and Duval Counties. Each Petitioner owns and operates natural gas distribution facilities in various portions of Florida.

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FPUC currently has no active customers in Nassau or Duval County. Peoples currently has one customer in Nassau County and 20,080 customers in Duval County. FPUC and Peoples are seeking our approval of a territorial agreement that would determine the areas of Nassau and Duval Counties within which each utility would be authorized to provide natural gas service. Further, FPUC is seeking approval of tariff modifications reflecting its intent to provide natural gas service in Nassau and Okeechobee Counties. FPUC currently has no customers in Okeechobee County.

Pursuant to Rule 25-9.034, F.A.C., both FPUC and Peoples have also each filed for our approval of separate gas transportation agreements with Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. (PPC). The transportation agreements are required to move gas from People's interconnections with the interstate pipeline system of Florida Gas Transmission Company (FGT), through the Peoples distribution system, and into a new pipeline (the Fernandina Beach Line) to be owned in common by PPC and Peoples.

Docket No. 110271-GU was opened in mid-September 2011 by PPC's filing of a petition for approval of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement between PPC and FPUC. However, on February 8, 2012, a petition for approval of an amended and revised transportation service agreement between PPC and FPUC was filed as a result of negotiations that arose between Peoples and FPUC in relation to Docket No. 110277-GU.

Docket No. 110277-GU was also opened in September 2011 by FPUC's filing of a petition for approval of tariff modifications to reflect FPUC's intent to extend gas service into unserved areas in Nassau and Okeechobee Counties. Subsequently, FPUC and Peoples recognized that a territorial dispute was imminent as a result of their planned expansions of gas service to portions of Nassau County. Peoples had entered into a transportation agreement with RockTenn CP (RockTenn), the owner and operator of a large paper mill on the northern tip of Amelia Island in Nassau County in October 2011. FPUC had obtained commitments from over 200 potential commercial customers to take gas service from the proposed FPUC distribution system expansions in Nassau County. FPUC and Peoples entered into negotiations in late 2011 in an effort to avoid delayed implementation of the expansion plans of both FPUC and Peoples. A January 26, 2012 petition was filed requesting approval of a territorial agreement between Peoples and FPUC. Accompanying the petition was an associated gas transportation agreement between Peoples and PPC.

Attachment A to this Order includes the Nassau-Duval County Territorial Agreement, as well as an associated map depicting the service territories of Peoples and FPUC. Attachment B to this Order is a map depicting the various pipeline construction segments discussed herein.

The parties requested that we consolidate our decisions in Docket Nos. 110271-GU and Docket No. 110277-GU. We find that such administrative consolidation will permit a more complete understanding of the jointly developed plan for the provision of natural gas service to residents of Nassau County. This Order addresses the territorial agreement, the tariff modification, and the two transportation service agreements. We have jurisdiction over these matters pursuant to Section 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, and 368.105, F.S.

Territorial Agreement

As disclosed in the joint petition, both FPUC and Peoples have been independently pursuing plans to extend their respective distribution systems to provide service to customers in Nassau County. Peoples provides natural gas service to approximately 20,000 customers in Duval County and one customer in Nassau County. Peoples had recently entered into a transportation agreement with RockTenn, the owner of a large paper mill on the northern tip of Amelia Island in Nassau County and FPUC had obtained commitments from over 200 potential customers to take gas service from the proposed FPUC distribution system expansions in Nassau County. When Peoples and FPUC became aware that a territorial dispute was imminent, they entered into negotiations to address the provision of service in Nassau and Duval Counties. As a result of those negotiations, Peoples and FPUC seek our approval of the January 24, 2012 Nassau-Duval County Territorial Agreement (the Nassau-Duval Agreement) that specifically defines their respective territorial service areas in both Nassau and Duval Counties, pursuant to Section 366.04(3)(a), F.S. This was considered necessary because of Peoples' existing presence in Duval County, the close proximity of Duval County to Nassau County, and the fact that both Peoples and FPUC would be serving customers in Nassau County.

The Nassau-Duval Agreement provides that Peoples' service area shall be (i) the RockTenn Facility (and any expansions thereof), (ii) Peoples' existing customer identified in the agreement, and (iii) all of Duval County; FPUC's service area shall be all of Nassau County except those areas of the county reserved to Peoples by the agreement. Neither party currently has any customers in the service area reserved by the other party by the agreement and the agreement provides for no transfers of customers or facilities between the parties. Further, the agreement provides that it would enable as many persons and businesses in Nassau County as possible to receive economical and reliable natural gas service, avoid any territorial dispute between Peoples and FPUC which would inevitably delay the provision of natural gas service by either of the parties, and enable the parties to avoid any unnecessary duplication of facilities.

The Nassau-Duval Agreement will become effective on the date that our order approving it becomes final and effective, and will continue in effect until termination or modification is mutually agreed upon by the parties and approved by us, or until termination or modification is mandated by a governmental entity or court with appropriate jurisdiction. Also, prior to the second anniversary of its effective date, and no more than every fifth anniversary thereafter, the Nassau-Duval Agreement requires the parties to meet and review the status of the agreement and submit a joint status report.

FPUC Tariff Modifications

In its petition, FPUC indicated that it had received sufficient interest from potential natural gas customers in both Nassau and Okeechobee Counties to provide economic justification for extending service into those areas. FPUC indicated that for Nassau County it has received executed agreements from over 200 commercial customers. Also, a market study indicated that within the next three years, FPUC believes that over 1,500 new housing starts will

occur and new commercial building is expected to double from current construction levels. FPUC projects that approximately 400 residential customers and 240 commercial and industrial customers will be served by the end of year five. Over the initial twenty year horizon, FPUC expects to serve a minimum of 2,500 residential customers and 450 commercial and industrial customers in Nassau County. FPUC indicated that the economic viability of providing service into unserved areas is further enhanced with the proposed transportation service agreement with PPC, as discussed herein, and expects to start providing natural gas service to customers in Nassau County by mid November 2012.

For Okeechobee County, FPUC noted in its petition that no other distribution company serves the area. Based on customer growth forecasts, FPUC projects that approximately 50 residential customers and 100 commercial customers will be served by the end of year five. Over a twenty year horizon, FPUC expects to serve a minimum of 750 residential customers and 150 commercial and industrial customers. In order to provide service to Okeechobee County, FPUC plans to interconnect with the Florida Gas Transmission interstate pipeline system which runs about three miles north of the City of Okeechobee. FPUC will construct a city gate station at the interconnection point and construct a 6-inch distribution main south into the City of Okeechobee. FPUC has identified the location of approximately 90 commercial customers located in or near the city limits and has designed distribution facilities capable of providing service to each of these customers. FPUC currently has no firm contracts for service in the area.

Pursuant to Section 366.04(3)(a), F.S., we have jurisdiction to approve territorial agreements between and among natural gas utilities. Pursuant to Rule 25-7.0471(2), F.A.C., in approving territorial agreements, we may consider the reasonableness of the purchase price of any facilities being transferred, the likelihood that the agreement will not cause a decrease in the reliability of natural gas service to existing or future ratepayers, and the likelihood that the agreement will eliminate existing or potential uneconomic duplication of facilities. Unless we determine that the agreement will cause a detriment to the public interest, the agreement should be approved. Utilities Commission of the City of New Smyrna v. Florida Public Service Commission, 469 So. 2d 731 (Fla. 1985).

It appears that the Nassau-Duval County Territorial Agreement proposed by Peoples and FPUC eliminates existing or potential uneconomic duplication of facilities, and does not cause a decrease in the reliability of natural gas service to existing or future ratepayers. Therefore, we find that the Joint Petition for the Territorial Agreement in Nassau and Duval Counties between Peoples and FPUC is in the public interest and shall be approved, pursuant to Section 366.04(3)(a), F.S.

FPUC's tariff modifications reflecting its extension of service into unserved areas in Nassau and Okeechobee Counties are appropriate and shall be approved. We find that the addition of Okeechobee County to the proposed tariff's description of the territory served only represents a notice from FPUC that it intends to provide service in that area. Our approval of the proposed tariff does not convey any exclusive territorial rights to FPUC for that county, nor does it preclude another utility from challenging FPUC's right to serve Okeechobee County under Section 366.04(3), F.S. and Rule 25-6.0441, F.A.C., when service is requested in the future.

Revised Transportation Service Agreement between FPUC and PPC

On September 19, 2011, PPC filed a petition for approval of a transportation service agreement with FPUC to enable FPUC to serve Nassau County. As noted previously, subsequent to the original filing, concern about a potential territorial dispute in Nassau County led to additional negotiations among Peoples, FPUC and PPC. The original agreement was therefore modified reflecting the negotiations that included Peoples. On February 8, 2012, PPC filed a petition for approval of an amended and revised transportation service agreement with FPUC to be effective February 1, 2012. Under the revised agreement, FPUC will pay PPC for the transportation of gas from the FGT/Peoples interconnection through Peoples' system and PPC's portion of the Fernandina Beach Line to points of delivery to FPUC in Nassau County. FPUC's payments to PPC are proposed for recovery through the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA).

To establish context, we first review PPC's regulatory framework. PPC is an intrastate natural gas transmission company subject to our jurisdiction under Chapter 368.101, F.S. PPC is a subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake). In Order No. PSC-07-1012-TRF-GP,¹ PPC received approval of an intrastate gas pipeline tariff that allows PPC to construct and operate intrastate pipeline facilities and to actively pursue transportation agreements with gas customers. PPC provides transportation service only, and does not engage in the sale of natural gas. The tariff includes the general terms, conditions, and rules under which PPC can operate.

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-07-1012-TRF-GP and PPC's approved tariff, PPC is allowed to enter into certain pipeline projects without our approval, pursuant to negotiated contracts. PPC's tariff does not include rates and charges, as those would be negotiated individually based on market conditions and the specific needs of each customer pursuant to Section 368.105(3), F.S. Contracts between affiliated companies, however, must be specifically approved by us prior to implementation.

FPUC's discussions with potential intrastate pipeline providers, including PPC, began in 2008. Following the merger between Chesapeake and FPUC in October 2009, both PPC and FPUC are now subsidiaries of Chesapeake. PPC therefore is required to seek our approval of the revised agreement with FPUC, consistent with PPC's tariff Sheet 12, Section 4(d).

FPUC considered several options to serve new load in Nassau County. Historically, interstate pipelines such as FGT have made investments in physical extensions of transmission laterals to a local distribution company's growth areas. FPUC stated that it had discussions with FGT and Southern Natural Gas Company, LLC (SONAT). Both FGT and SONAT operate interstate transmission facilities close to Nassau County. However, FPUC stated that SONAT was not interested in the project and the FGT cost estimate was not a viable economic option.

¹ Order No. PSC-07-1012-TRF-GP, issued December 21, 2007, Docket No. 070570-GP, In re: Petition for approval of natural gas transmission pipeline tariff by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.

FPUC also reviewed its existing tariff provisions for funding expansion. The primary mechanism is the Maximum Allowable Construction Cost (MACC). The formula under this tariff provision showed that it was cost effective for FPUC to extend its facilities, based on the expected load and associated revenues. However, FPUC determined that PPC's proposal was the best overall option. In addition, the PPC option allows for FPUC to grow into pipeline capacity over time, keeping initial rates lower than they would otherwise be if FPUC had to contract for a greater amount of capacity now, or run the risk of such capacity not being available for growth later. Connection to Peoples through PPC would also allow multiple interstate pipeline connections for FPUC to provide greater reliability and flexibility.

PPC states in the amended petition that the revised agreement was developed through an "arm's length" transaction. FPUC issued a request for proposal (RFP) to all potential entities that could provide a valid proposal for the Nassau County project. FPUC states that it evaluated the terms and pricing under each proposal received, and PPC was awarded the original contract over other competitive bidders. Subsequently, further negotiations took place which included Peoples as well as PPC, resulting in the revised agreement filed on February 8, 2012. FPUC provided an evaluation of the bid responses, which indicates the PPC was ranked No. 1.² FPUC evaluated the proposals based on several criteria such as cost, route, in-service date, and capacity. PPC also provided information in response to our data request showing that the revised agreement results in lower overall costs to FPUC when compared to the original agreement filed in September 2011.³

The charges to FPUC under the revised agreement includes costs associated with: (1) the transportation charges PPC will pay to Peoples for Peoples' new investments discussed herein; (2) PPC's 46.46 percent pro-rata share of the new Fernandina Beach Line; and (3) PPC's cost to construct two wholly-owned laterals connected to the Fernandina Beach Line to serve FPUC in Nassau County. The Fernandina Beach Line is the orange line shown on the map in Attachment B.

FPUC is proposing to recover the payments to PPC under the revised agreement through its PGA mechanism consistent with other gas transmission pipeline costs incurred by FPUC. We note that in the annual PGA docket we do not set an actual factor, but a PGA cap. FPUC provided information showing that the impact of the revised agreement on the PGA cap will be minor (increase of less than 3 cents on the 2013 cap), and in future years the cap is projected to decrease as a result of the revised agreement, as a result of new customers in Nassau County.

FPUC conducted a detailed market study of the Nassau County area which shows significant potential for natural gas usage, and it already has signed commitments from over 200 commercial customers in Nassau County to convert to natural gas service. Many of these customers are currently served by propane and switching to natural gas would result in a significant cost savings. FPUC explained that it will recover its construction costs of the Nassau County distribution system through revenues generated by its tariff rates charges to the

² The response is in Confidential Document No. 01463-12.

³ The response is in Confidential Document No. 01466-12.

customers. We reviewed the cost estimates contained in the confidential documents and find the revised agreement between FPUC and PPC is prudent and shall be approved.

Gas Transportation Agreement between Peoples and PPC

To support the transportation agreement between FPUC and PPC discussed herein, PPC entered into an agreement with Peoples which allows for the transportation of gas by PPC across Peoples' system. The agreement requires that Peoples install the gas distribution facilities and equipment required to provide the transportation service. Because Peoples' existing wholesale sales tariff would not allow adequate recovery of the investment necessary to support Peoples' transportation of gas for PPC, Peoples and PPC entered into this agreement. The agreement allows for a fixed monthly charge for service similar to the capacity reservation charge paid to a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulated interstate pipeline for transportation service. The charge is designed to recover Peoples' cost of the investment. We approved a similar arrangement between Peoples and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities.⁴ The agreement was entered into on January 24, 2012 and has a 15-year initial term. Peoples will begin to recover its investment for the extension of facilities upon the in-service date of the facilities.

The agreement provides for the receipt of gas by Peoples from FPUC at Peoples' interconnection(s) with FGT (receipt points), and the transport of that gas by PPC over Peoples' system to the interconnect with the Fernandina Beach Line at the Nassau/Duval county line (delivery point). At that point, the gas would be transported by PPC through the Fernandina Beach Line which is jointly owned by Peoples and PPC. PPC would then construct laterals off the Fernandina Beach Line to interconnect with FPUC's distribution system.

Peoples currently has four interconnections with FGT and two with Southern Natural Gas (SNG) west of Jacksonville. Thus, under the joint petition, no new interconnections with interstate pipelines will be required in order to bring natural gas service to Nassau County. Peoples and FPUC signed a capacity release agreement which allows Peoples to make a temporary release of its interstate pipeline transportation capacity on FGT to FPUC. This release allows FPUC to transport gas on the interstate pipeline for delivery to Peoples' interconnect point(s). The capacity release agreement itself does not require our approval, and may result in savings to Peoples' customers, because any reduction in capacity costs will flow through the PGA to Peoples' customers. The amount of the savings will depend on the quantity of capacity released to FPUC.

The agreement provides for Peoples' recovery of the following costs, including a return: (1) Peoples' replacement of 2.25 miles of Peoples' existing 12-inch pipeline with 2.25 miles of 20-inch pipeline (white line on the map in Attachment B); and (2) Peoples' incremental construction costs to build a 16.2 mile 12-inch line instead of an 8-inch line from northern Duval county to the Nassau/Duval County line (yellow line).

⁴ Order No. PSC-07-0944-PAA-GU, issued in Docket No. 070399-GU, In re: Joint Petition for approval of territorial agreement in Pasco County, master territorial agreement, and gas transportation agreement, by Peoples Gas System and Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Based on a contractual arrangement with RockTenn, Peoples had originally planned to construct an 8-inch line originating at its existing 12-inch line in the North Jacksonville area and terminating at the RockTenn facility. Under the revised agreement, the original 33.1 mile extension will be divided into two segments. Instead of the originally planned 8-inch line from North Jacksonville to RockTenn, Peoples will construct a 16.2 mile 12-inch line from North Jacksonville to the Nassau/Duval county line. Peoples and PPC will then jointly construct and own the 16.9 mile segment from the county line to connect with Peoples facilities serving RockTenn (Fernandina Beach Line). PPC will then construct laterals to serve FPUC off this Fernandina Line extension.

RockTenn is responsible for the construction costs associated with the originally planned 33.1 mile 8-inch pipeline extension from Peoples' existing facilities in North Jacksonville to the RockTenn facility. PPC will be responsible for the incremental cost for enlarging the 16.2 mile extension from North Jacksonville to the county line from an 8-inch line to a 12-inch line.⁵ The cost of the Fernandina Line extension will be shared by PPC (46.46 percent) and Peoples (54.54 percent). PPC will recover from FPUC, under the revised transportation service agreement discussed above, the 2.25 mile upgrade (white line), the incremental sizing of the 16.2 mile line extension (yellow line), and PPC's share of the Fernandina Beach Line (orange line). The total cost for the projects was provided under confidentiality orders. Based on responses to the information provided in the discovery, the proposed reservation charge contained in the PPC agreement is designed to recover the cost to Peoples for the additional facilities necessary for PPC to provide service to FPUC over a 15 year period.⁶

Peoples states in the joint petition that Peoples is capable of providing service to PPC under the agreement without adversely impacting existing Peoples' customers or affecting Peoples' ability to serve additional customers on its distribution system. We believe that between rate cases the agreement will have no impact on Peoples' base rates, and in a rate case such investment is typically treated as a direct assignment facility and removed from the cost of service study.

We have reviewed the agreement and the information provided by Peoples and PPC, and find that the agreement is reasonable and cost based, and shall therefore be approved.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the territorial agreement between Florida Public Utilities Company and Peoples Gas System is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that Florida Public Utilities Company's tariff modifications are hereby approved. It is further

⁵ The total costs were provided under Confidential Document No. 01546-12, p5.

⁶ Ibid., pp. 11-22

ORDERED that the tariff modifications become effective on April 10, 2012. It is further

ORDERED that the revised agreement between Florida Public Utilities Company and Peninsula Pipeline Company is hereby approved. It is further

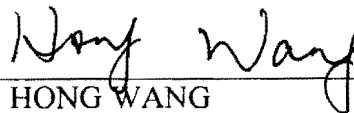
ORDERED that the gas transportation agreement between Peoples Gas System and Peninsula Pipeline Company is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the agreements approved herein are to become effective on the date this Order becomes final and effective. 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 Commission Clerk, 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, these dockets shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 9th day of May, 2012.



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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.

As identified in the body of this order, our action, except for approving tariff modifications, 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 Office of Commission Clerk, at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on May 30, 2012. If such a petition is filed, 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. In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective and final upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.

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 Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on May 30, 2012. 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.

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NASSAU-DUVAL COUNTY TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT

THIS NASSAU-DUVAL COUNTY TERRITORIAL AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into this ~~24~~ day of January, 2012, by and between **Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company**, a Florida corporation ("PGS"), and **Florida Public Utilities Company**, a Florida corporation ("FPUC"). PGS and FPUC are hereinafter sometimes referred to singularly as a "party" and collectively as the "parties."

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, FPUC and PGS are natural gas utilities subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") under Chapter 366, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, PGS has for many years provided natural gas service to approximately 20,000 customers in Duval County, Florida, and currently has facilities for the provision of such service to one customer in Nassau County, Florida;

WHEREAS, as pertinent to this Agreement, both FPUC and PGS have been independently pursuing their intentions to extend their respective distribution systems to provide service to customers in Nassau County;

WHEREAS, PGS became aware of FPUC's intentions through FPUC's filings with the Commission of a petition and testimony in Docket No. 110003-GU for approval of recovery of the costs of a new contract with Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc., an affiliate of FPUC ("PPC"), of a petition in Docket No. 110271-GU for approval of a PPC-FPUC transportation service agreement, and of a petition in Docket No. 110277-GU for approval of new tariff sheets reflecting the holding out of natural gas service by FPUC in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, PGS has entered into agreements for the temporary release of interstate pipeline capacity and gas transportation with RockTenn CP, LLC, the owner and operator of a paper products mill at the north end of Amelia Island in Fernandina Beach, Nassau County (the "RockTenn Facility"); and

WHEREAS, independent pursuit by each of the parties of their respective Nassau County expansion plans would have inevitably led to a territorial dispute between the parties; and

WHEREAS PGS and FPUC have entered into agreements which will facilitate the provision of natural gas service to customers in Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, in order to enable as many persons and businesses as possible within Duval and Nassau Counties to receive economical and reliable natural gas service, PGS and FPUC have entered into this Agreement to avoid any unnecessary or uneconomic duplication of natural gas facilities which would be contrary to Commission policies and detrimental to the interests of their respective customers and the general public, and to more rapidly expand the availability of natural gas service

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to potential customers in Nassau County by avoiding a lengthy and expensive territorial dispute; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is empowered by the legislature of the State of Florida, pursuant to Section 366.04(2)(a), *Florida Statutes*, to approve and supervise territorial agreements between and among natural gas utilities

NOW, THEREFORE, in fulfillment of the purposes aforesaid, and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, which shall be construed as being interdependent, the parties, subject to and upon the terms and conditions herein set forth, agree as follows:

Section 1.

For purposes of this Agreement, the following capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"EPUC Service Area" means all of Nassau County except those areas thereof included in the PGS Service Area.

"PGS Service Area" means (i) Duval County, (ii) the RockTenn Facility and any expansion thereof by RockTenn CP, L.L.C. its successors or assigns, and (iii) the premises located at 9559 Ford Road, Bryceville, Nassau County, Florida 32009.

"RockTenn Facility" means the paper products mill at the north end of Amelia Island in Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, owned and operated by RockTenn CP, L.L.C.

Section 2.

(a) The service area reserved hereunder for PGS shall consist of the PGS Service Area. As between the parties, PGS shall have the authority to serve all customers within said area.

(b) The service area reserved hereunder for EPUC shall consist of the EPUC Service Area. As between the parties, EPUC shall have the authority to serve all customers within said area.

(c) Except as specifically otherwise provided herein, each party agrees that it will not provide or offer to provide natural gas service to existing or potential customers within the service area herein reserved to the other party.

(d) Except as specifically otherwise provided herein, nothing in this Agreement is intended to affect the gate stations, regulators, or gas mains of one party which are now or which may in the future be located in the service area of the other party, and any problems between the parties involving these types of facilities shall be settled at the general office level of the parties. No such facilities shall be used by one party to provide natural gas service to customers located in the service area reserved hereunder to the other party.

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(c) This Agreement shall have no effect on the boundaries of the respective service areas of the parties hereto as the same may now or hereafter exist except as specifically provided herein.

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2, either party may request that the other party provide natural gas service to potential customers within the service area reserved hereunder to the requesting party. The party receiving the request may elect to provide service to such potential customers in its sole discretion subject to the approval of the Commission.

Section 4. If a party determines, in a specific instance, that good engineering practices or economic constraints on that party indicate that any small service area and/or future natural gas customer within that party's service area under Section 2 hereof should not be served by that party, such party shall notify the other party and request the other party to serve such small service area and/or potential customer. If the parties reach agreement thereon, the parties shall jointly and expeditiously seek approval of the Commission for modification of this Agreement in order to permit the appropriate party to provide such service to such small service area and/or future natural gas customer.

Section 5. This Agreement, after execution by the parties, shall be submitted jointly by the parties to the Commission for approval. It shall become effective on the date that a Commission order approving it becomes final and effective (the "Effective Date"), and continue in effect until termination or modification shall be mutually agreed upon by the parties and approved by the Commission, or until termination or modification shall be mandated by a governmental entity or court with appropriate jurisdiction. In the event that the Commission declines to approve this Agreement, the same shall be of no force or effect, and neither party shall have any claim against the other arising out of this Agreement.

Section 6. Prior to the second anniversary of the Effective Date and no more than every fifth anniversary thereafter, the Parties shall meet to review the status of this Agreement and shall submit a joint status report to the Commission (or any successor agency with power to consider approval or modification hereof).

Section 7. As soon as practicable after the Effective Date, each party agrees to file any revisions to its tariffs on file with the Commission which may be required as a result of the Commission's approval of this Agreement, and shall provide a copy of any such tariff revisions to the other party upon their filing with the Commission.

Section 8. The failure of either party to enforce any provision of this Agreement in any instance shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment on its part of any such provision but the same shall nevertheless be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 9. This Agreement shall become void and unenforceable if the Commission's jurisdiction with respect to approval and supervision of territorial agreements between natural gas utilities is terminated by statute or ruled invalid by a court of final appellate jurisdiction.

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Section 10. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida.

Section 11. This Agreement does not provide for the transfer of any existing customers or facilities.

Section 12. All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and may be sent by facsimile, a nationally recognized overnight courier service, first class mail, or hand delivery, to the parties at the addresses and facsimile numbers set forth below:

To PGS:

President
Peoples Gas System
702 N. Franklin Street
Tampa, Florida 33602
Phone: (813) 228-4111
Facsimile: (813) 228-4643

To FPUC:

Vice President/Business Development and Gas
Operations
Florida Public Utilities Company
1015 6th Street, N.W.
Winter Haven, Florida 33881
Phone: (863) 293-2125

with a copy to:

Peoples Gas System
Attention: General Counsel
702 N. Franklin Street
Tampa, Florida 33602
Phone: (813) 228-4111
Facsimile: (813) 228-1328

Notices shall be deemed given when received on a business day by the addressee. In the absence of proof of the actual receipt date, the following presumptions shall apply. Notices sent by facsimile shall be deemed to have been received upon the sending party's receipt of its facsimile machine's confirmation of successful transmission. If the day on which such facsimile is received is not a business day or, the receipt is after 5:00 p.m. on a business day, then such facsimile shall be deemed to have been received on the next succeeding business day. Notice by overnight mail or courier shall be deemed to have been received on the next business day after it was sent or such earlier time as is confirmed by the receiving party. Notice by first class mail shall be deemed to have been received on the third business day following deposit in the mail. A party may from time to time change the address to which notice hereunder is to be sent by providing notice to the other party pursuant to this section.

Section 13. This Agreement, on and after the Effective Date, shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns with regard to the retail distribution of natural gas. This Agreement shall not affect or bind affiliates or subsidiaries of PGS and FPUC.

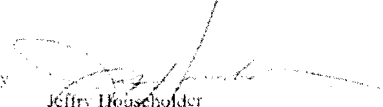
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers as of the date and year first above stated.

**PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, a division of
Tampa Electric Company**

By: 
Bruce Narzissenfeld
Vice President - Fuels

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

By: 
Jeffrey Hausholder
President

