

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 150004-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-15-0541-FOF-GU
ISSUED: November 23, 2015

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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FINAL ORDER APPROVING NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY
AMOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY
FACTORS FOR JANUARY 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 2016

BACKGROUND

As part of the Florida Public Service Commission’s continuing natural gas conservation cost recovery clause proceedings, an administrative hearing was held on November 2, 2015. Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (CUC), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC), Florida Public Utilities Company – Indiantown (Indiantown), Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade (Fort Meade)¹, Florida City Gas (FCG), Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring), Peoples Gas System (PGS), and St. Joe Natural Gas Company (SJNG) submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their conservation cost recovery factors. Prior to the hearing, the parties reached an agreement concerning all issues identified for resolution at the hearing. The Office of Public Counsel took no position. These issues were presented to us as stipulations. We have jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.), including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, F.S.

The parties stipulated to the final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each utility. We accept and approve the stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record, as set forth below.

DECISION

Conservation Cost Recovery Factors

We find that the appropriate final conservation cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2014 through December 2014 are as follows:

FPUC	\$648,399 Under-recovery
CUC	\$399,372 Under-recovery
FPUC Indiantown	\$8,765 Under-recovery
FCG	\$30,343 Over-recovery

¹ Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (CUC), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC), Florida Public Utilities Company – Indiantown (Indiantown), and Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade (Fort Meade), are collectively referred to as the “Consolidated Companies”.

PGS	\$309,546	Over-recovery
SJNG	\$48,666	Under-recovery
Sebring	\$15,466	Under-recovery

We find the appropriate total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2016 through December 2016 are as follows:

Consolidated Companies <i>(CUC, FPUC, Indiantown, Ft. Meade)</i>	\$7,323,049
FCG	\$5,045,381
PGS	\$12,099,834
SJNG	\$183,819
Sebring	\$28,775

We find the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2016 through December 2016 are as follows:

FPUC and Fort Meade	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	Residential (FPUC, Fort Meade)	\$ 0.14796/therm
	Commercial small (FPUC only) CVPD	\$ 0.08788/therm
	Commercial Small (FPUC only) (Gen Srv GS2 & GS Transportation >600)	\$ 0.06987/therm
	Commercial Large (FPUC, Fort Meade) (Large Vol & LV Transportation <,> 50,000 units)	\$ 0.05706/therm
CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	FTS-A	\$ 0.34633 /therm
	FTS-B	\$ 0.26565 /therm
	FTS-1	\$ 0.22795 /therm
	FTS-2	\$ 0.12678 /therm
	FTS-2.1	\$ 0.09281 /therm
	FTS-3	\$ 0.07680 /therm
	FTS-3.1	\$ 0.06147 /therm

CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	FTS-4	\$ 0.05173 /therm
	FTS-5	\$ 0.04561/therm
	FTS-6	\$ 0.03638 /therm
	FTS-7	\$ 0.02669 /therm
	FTS-8	\$ 0.02309 /therm
	FTS-9	\$ 0.01947 /therm
	FTS-10	\$ 0.01849 /therm
	FTS-11	\$ 0.01587 /therm
	FTS-12	\$ 0.01198 /therm

In accordance with Order No. PSC-07-0427-TRF-GU, issued May 15, 2007, in Docket No. 060675-GU, optional fixed rates are available to CUC customers in the following rate schedules as experimental per bill Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment (Experimental) factors:

CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor (\$/bill)
	FTS-A	\$2.30
	FTS-B	\$3.02
	FTS-1	\$3.84
	FTS-2	\$7.62
	FTS-2.1	\$10.93
	FTS-3	\$28.10
	FTS-3.1	\$36.55

FPUC INDIANTOWN	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	TS-1	\$ 0.13840 /therm
	TS-2	\$ 0.02243 /therm
	TS-3	\$ 0.05210 /therm
	TS-4	\$ 0.00739 /therm

FCG	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	GS-1, GS-100, GS-220, RSG, CSG (Sales & Transportation)	\$ 0.15163 /therm
	GS-600 (Sales & Transportation)	\$ 0.07531 /therm
	GS-1200 (Sales & Transportation)	\$0.04493 /therm

GS-6000 (Sales & Transportation)	\$0.03736 /therm
GS-25000 (Sales & Transportation)	\$0.03701 /therm
GS-60000 (Sales & Transportation)	\$0.03583 /therm
Gas Lights	\$0.07212 /therm
GS-120000 (Sales & Transportation)	\$0.02517 /therm
GS-250000 (Sales & Transportation)	\$0.02401 /therm

PGS	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	Residential	\$0.06421 /therm
	Residential-Standby Generator	\$0.06421 /therm
	Small General Service	\$0.04522 /therm
	Commercial Standby Generator	\$0.02222 /therm
	General Service-1	\$0.02222 /therm
	General Service-2	\$0.01629 /therm
	General Service-3	\$0.01339 /therm
	General Service-4	\$0.01005 /therm
	General Service-5	\$0.00732 /therm
	Natural Gas Vehicle Service	\$0.01454 /therm
	Commercial Street Lighting	\$0.01180 /therm

SJNG	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	RS-1	\$0.34483 /therm
	RS-2	\$0.21639 /therm
	RS-3	\$0.15564 /therm

GS-1	\$0.14949 /therm
GS-2	\$0.07090 /therm
FTS-4	\$0.03216 /therm

SEBRING	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	TS-1	\$0.10326 /therm
	TS-2	\$0.05260 /therm
	TS-3	\$0.02942 /therm
	TS-4	\$0.02582 /therm

Conservation Cost Recovery Effective Date For 2016 Billing Cycle

The factors shall be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2016 through December 2016. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2016, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2016, so that each customer is billed for twelve (12) months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

Tariff Revisions Reflecting Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Amounts And Establishing Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Factors

We find the revised tariffs reflecting the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing natural gas conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding are approved. We direct our staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with this Order.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the stipulations, findings, and rulings set forth in the body of this Order are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that each utility that was a party to this docket shall abide by the stipulations, findings, and rulings herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and utilize the factors approved herein for the period beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2016 through December 2016. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2016, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2016, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities' revised tariffs, reflecting the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing natural gas conservation cost recovery factors determined to

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be appropriate herein, are approved. Our staff shall verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with this Order. It is further

ORDERED that the Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Clause docket is ongoing and the docket shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 23rd day of November, 2015.


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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 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.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.