

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up. | DOCKET NO. 20200003-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2020-0471-FOF-GU
ISSUED: November 23, 2020

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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FINAL ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AMOUNTS
AND ESTABLISHING PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO BE APPLIED
DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. Background

As part of our continuing purchased gas adjustment true-up proceedings, an administrative hearing was held November 3, 2020, in this docket. Florida City Gas, Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade, Peoples Gas System, and St. Joe Natural Gas Company (collectively, Gas Utilities) submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their proposed purchased gas recovery factors. The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) also participated in this proceeding. 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.

Prior to the hearing, the parties reached a Type 2 stipulation on all issues identified for resolution at hearing, with the Gas Utilities agreeing to proposed stipulations on all issues and OPC taking no position on these proposed stipulations. The proposed stipulations were presented to us for approval. The proposed stipulations specified final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each Gas Utility. We accept and approve the proposed stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record, as set forth below.

II. Decision

We find the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2019 through December 2019 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$773,030	Over-recovery
FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade	\$884,793	Over-recovery

Peoples Gas System	\$3,844,599	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$17,408	Under-recovery

We find the appropriate actual/estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2020 through December 2020 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$1,568,073	Under-recovery
FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade	\$938,564	Over-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$2,556,956	Under-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$126,120	Over-recovery

We find the appropriate total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2021 through December 2021 are as follows:

Florida City Gas	\$795,043	Under-recovery
FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade	\$1,823,357	Over-recovery
Peoples Gas System	\$1,287,643	Over-recovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$108,712	Over-recovery

We find the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2021 through December 2021 are as follows.

Florida City Gas	71.354 cents/therm
FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade	99.587 cents/therm
Peoples Gas System	103.639 cents/therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	55.10 cents/therm

The above purchased gas adjustment charges shall be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2021, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2021 through December 2021.

III. Conclusion

We find that revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges found to be appropriate in this proceeding are approved. We direct Commission staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with our decision.

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 Commission staff shall verify that the revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges are consistent with our decision herein. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the purchased gas adjustment amounts and utilize the factors approved herein effective with all meter readings on or after January 1, 2021, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2021 through December 2021. It is further

ORDERED that this is an on-going docket and shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 23rd day of November, 2020.



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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

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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.