

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request to Prescribe ) DOCKET NO. 940284-GU  
Depreciation Rate for New Plant ) ORDER NO. PSC-94-0747-FOF-GU  
Account By West Florida Natural ) ISSUED: June 17, 1994  
Gas Company )  
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

J. TERRY DEASON, Chairman  
SUSAN F. CLARK  
JULIA L. JOHNSON  
DIANE K. KIESLING

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST TO PRESCRIBE  
DEPRECIATION RATE FOR NEW PLANT ACCOUNT

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 March 15, 1994, West Florida Natural Gas Company (WFNG) notified us of its purchase of a Prover used for testing meters. This purchase resulted in the establishment of a new plant account (Laboratory Equipment, Account 395). Pursuant to Rule 25-7.045(3)(b), Florida Administrative Code, WFNG has requested approval of a 25 year average service life and zero salvage factor which results in a 4% whole life depreciation rate.

WFNG's proposed life and salvage components are reasonable, and the depreciation rate is comparable to industry estimates for this plant type. Therefore, we approve WFNG's proposed 25 year service life, zero salvage parameters and the resulting depreciation rate of 4% for the new plant account.

In its March 15, 1994 filing, WFNG requested a March 1994, effective date for the new depreciation rate. As assets begin to serve the public, it is desirable that they begin the process of recovery through depreciation. The whole life rates for the new account are appropriately used as the new assets begin to serve the

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public. WFNG's equipment was purchased and placed in service on January 6, 1994. We therefore establish January 6, 1994, as the effective date for the new depreciation rate.


It is therefore,

ORDERED that WFNG's proposed 25 year service life, zero salvage parameters and the resulting depreciation rate of 4% for the new plant account are approved. It is further

ORDERED that the effective date for the new depreciation rate is January 6, 1994. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed if no substantially affected person files a timely request for a Section 120.57, Florida Statutes, by the date specified in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of June, 1994.

  
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BLANCA S. BAYO, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), 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.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form

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provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting at her office at 101 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0870, by the close of business on July 8, 1994.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

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.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party adversely affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting 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 of the effective date 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.