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February 19, 1996

Mr. Carroll Webb
Joint Administrative Procedures
Committee
120 Holland Building
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: Docket No. 960045-PU, Proposed Revision of Rules 25-6.014
and 25-7.014, F.A.C., Records and Reports in General

Dear Mr. Webb:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of the following
materials concerning the above referenced proposed rules:

1. A copy of the rules.
2. A copy of the F.A.W. notice.
3. A statement of facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rules.
4. A federal comparison statement.
5. A statement of the impact of the rules on small business.
6. No economic impact statement was prepared.
7. A statement that the agency has chosen the regulatory alternative that imposes the lowest net cost to society.

If there are any questions with respect to these rules, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

Christiana T. Moore
Associate General Counsel

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Enclosures
cc: Division of Records & Reporting

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1 25-6.014 Records and Reports in General.

2 (1) ~~Except as provided in Subsection (2),~~ Each
3 investor-owned electric utility shall maintain its accounts and
4 records in conformity with the ~~Federal Energy Regulatory~~
5 ~~Commission's~~ Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) for Public Utilities
6 and Licensees as found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title
7 18, Subchapter C, Part 101, for Major Utilities as revised April 1,
8 1995, 1987 and as modified below. All inquiries relating to
9 interpretation of the USOA ~~Uniform System of Accounts~~ shall be
10 submitted to the Commission's Division of Auditing and Financial
11 Analysis in writing.

12 (2) For ratemaking purposes only, each investor-owned
13 electric utility shall accrue unbilled base rate revenues,
14 excluding those base rate revenues recoverable through other cost
15 recovery or adjustment mechanisms.

16 (3) Each utility shall establish and maintain continuing
17 property records in conformity with the plant accounts prescribed
18 in the USOA ~~Uniform System and Classification of Accounts.~~ The
19 records ~~it~~ shall be compiled on the basis of original cost (or
20 other book cost consistent with the provisions of the USOA ~~Uniform~~
21 ~~System and Classification of Accounts~~). The continuing property
22 records or records supplemental thereto shall contain such detailed
23 description and classification of property record units that will
24 permit their ready identification and verification. They shall be
25 maintained in such manner as will meet the following basic objectives:

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1 (a) An inventory of property record units which may be
2 readily checked for proof of physical existence;

3 (b) The association of costs with such property record units
4 to assure accurate accounting for retirements; and

5 (c) The determination of dates of installation and removal of
6 plant to provide data for use in connection with depreciation
7 studies.

8 ~~(a) The functional use, description and location of property~~
9 ~~units in service.~~

10 ~~(b) Costs associated with property units to assure accurate~~
11 ~~accounting for retirements.~~

12 ~~(c) The determination of the age, service life or other data~~
13 ~~necessary for depreciation studies.~~

14 (4) Each utility shall furnish to the Commission at such time
15 and in such form as the Commission may require, the results of any
16 required tests and summaries of any required records. The Each
17 utility shall also furnish the Commission with any information
18 concerning the utility's ~~its~~ facilities or operation which the
19 Commission may request and require for determining rates and
20 judging the practices of the utility. All such data, unless
21 otherwise specified, shall be consistent with and reconcilable with
22 the utility's ~~its~~ Annual Report to the Commission.

23 (5) Upon direction of the Commission, or in the performance
24 of delegated staff duties, any member of the Commission staff may
25 make at any reasonable time a personal visit to the utility's

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1 | offices or other places of business, and may inspect any facility,
2 | records, accounts, books, reports, and papers of the utility which
3 | may appear necessary in the discharge of Commission duties. During
4 | such visits the utility shall provide ~~the~~ staff member(s) with
5 | adequate and comfortable working and filing space, consistent with
6 | prevailing conditions and climate and comparable with the
7 | accommodations provided the utility's ~~company's~~ outside auditors.

8 | (6) The Commission ~~has~~ prescribed the ~~Federal—Energy~~
9 | ~~Regulatory—Commission's~~ Uniform System of Accounts for Public
10 | Utilities and Licensees, as found in the Code of Federal
11 | Regulations, Title 18, Subchapter C, Part 101, for Major Utilities
12 | as revised April 1, 1995, ~~1987~~ to be used by Rural Electric
13 | Cooperative and Municipal Electric Utilities operating within the
14 | State. All inquiries relating to interpretations of the Uniform
15 | System of Accounts shall be submitted to the Commission's Division
16 | of Auditing and Financial Analysis ~~Electric and Gas~~ in writing.

17 | ~~(7) Each investor owned electric utility, Rural Electric~~
18 | ~~Cooperative and Municipal Electric Utility shall file with the~~
19 | ~~Commission its chart of accounts as of the effective date of this~~
20 | ~~Rule showing compliance with the Uniform System and Classification~~
21 | ~~of Accounts as prescribed by the Commission, and shall also~~
22 | ~~periodically file revisions of said chart of accounts.~~

23 | Specific Authority: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

24 | Law Implemented: 366.04(2)(a), 366.05(1), F.S.

25 | History: Amended 7/29/69, 2/4/76, 8/21/79, 1/2/80, 11/18/82,

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1 | formerly 25-6.14, Amended 10/1/86, 11/02/87, 7/20/89, 12/27/94, ___

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1 25-7.014 Records and Reports in General.

2 (1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (2),~~ Each natural gas
3 utility shall maintain its accounts and records in conformity with
4 the Uniform System ~~and Classification~~ of Accounts for Natural Gas
5 Companies (USOA) as found ~~prescribed by the Federal Energy~~
6 ~~Regulatory Commission~~ in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 18,
7 Subchapter F, Part 201, for Major Utilities as revised, April 1,
8 1995, 1987 and as modified below. All inquiries relating to
9 interpretation of the USOA ~~Uniform System and Classification of~~
10 ~~Accounts~~ shall be submitted to the Commission's Division of
11 Auditing and Financial Analysis in writing.

12 ~~(2)(a)~~ Each utility shall establish and maintain continuing
13 property records in conformity with the plant accounts prescribed
14 in the USOA ~~Uniform System and Classification of Accounts.~~ The
15 records ~~it~~ shall be compiled on the basis of original cost ~~for~~
16 ~~other book cost consistent with the provisions of the USOA Uniform~~
17 ~~System and Classification of Accounts).~~ The continuing property
18 records or records supplemental thereto shall contain such detailed
19 description and classification of property record units that will
20 permit their ready identification and verification. They shall be
21 maintained in such manner as will meet the following basic
22 objectives:

23 (a)~~1-~~ An inventory of property record units which may be
24 readily checked for proof of physical existence;~~1-~~

25 (b)~~2-~~ The association of costs with such property record

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1 units to assure accurate accounting for retirements, and

2 (c)3- The determination of dates of installation and
3 removal of plant to provide data for use in connection with
4 depreciation studies.

5 (3)42+ For ratemaking purposes only, each investor-owned
6 natural gas utility shall accrue unbilled base rate revenues,
7 excluding those base rate revenues recoverable through other cost
8 recovery or adjustment mechanisms.

9 (4)43+ Each utility shall furnish to the Commission at such
10 time and in such form as the Commission may require, the results of
11 any required tests and summaries of any required records. The
12 utility shall also furnish the Commission with any information
13 concerning the utility's facilities or operation which the
14 Commission may request and require for determining rates and ~~or~~
15 judging the practices of the utility. All such data, unless
16 otherwise specified, shall be consistent with and reconcilable with
17 the utility's Annual Report to the Commission.

18 (5)44- ~~On and after the effective date of these rules, The~~
19 ~~results of all tests, summaries, records and reports required by of~~
20 ~~gas utilities by reason of these rules or other orders of the~~
21 Commission (including the Annual ~~Financial~~ Report) shall, where
22 appropriate, be reported on a therm basis rather than a volumetric
23 or MCF basis.

24 (6)45+ Upon direction of the Commission, or in the
25 performance of delegated staff duties, any member of the Commission

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1 staff may make at any reasonable time a personal visit to the
2 utility's offices or other places of business, and may inspect any
3 facility, records, accounts, books, reports, and papers of the
4 utility which may appear necessary in the discharge of Commission
5 duties. During such visits the utility shall provide the staff
6 member+s+ with adequate and comfortable working and filing space,
7 consistent with prevailing conditions and climate and comparable
8 with the accommodations provided the utility's ~~company's~~ outside
9 auditors.

10 ~~(6) Each natural gas utility shall file with the Commission~~
11 ~~its chart of accounts as of the effective date of this rule,~~
12 ~~showing compliance with the Uniform System and Classification of~~
13 ~~Accounts as prescribed by the Commission, and shall also~~
14 ~~periodically file revisions of said chart of accounts.~~

15 Specific Authority: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

16 Law Implemented: 366.05(1), F.S.

17 History: Amended 7/19/72, Repromulgated 1/8/75, 5/4/75, Amended
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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 960045-PU

RULE TITLE:

RULE NO.:

Records and Reports in General

25-6.014

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 25-6.014 is amended to update the version of the Uniform System of Accounts that electric utilities are required to use in maintaining their records and accounts.

SUMMARY: Rule 25-6.014 requires electric utilities to keep their records and accounts in accordance with the the Uniform System of Accounts as revised through April 1, 1995.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.04(2)(a), 366.05(1), F.S.

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

HEARING: IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE DATE AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 A.M., April 2, 1996

PLACE: Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE RULE AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT IS: Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE RULE IS:

25-6.014 Records and Reports in General.

(1) ~~Except as provided in Subsection (2),~~ Each

investor-owned electric utility shall maintain its accounts and records in conformity with the ~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's~~ Uniform System of Accounts (USOA) for Public Utilities and Licensees as found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 18, Subchapter C, Part 101, for Major Utilities as revised April 1, 1995, 1987 and as modified below. All inquiries relating to interpretation of the USOA ~~Uniform System of Accounts~~ shall be submitted to the Commission's Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis in writing.

(2) For ratemaking purposes only, each investor-owned electric utility shall accrue unbilled base rate revenues, excluding those base rate revenues recoverable through other cost recovery or adjustment mechanisms.

(3) Each utility shall establish and maintain continuing property records in conformity with the plant accounts prescribed in the USOA ~~Uniform System and Classification of Accounts~~. The records ~~It~~ shall be compiled on the basis of original cost (or other book cost consistent with the provisions of the USOA ~~Uniform System and Classification of Accounts~~). The continuing property records or records supplemental thereto shall contain such detailed description and classification of property record units that will permit their ready identification and verification. They shall be maintained in such manner as will meet the following basic objectives:

(a) An inventory of property record units which may be readily checked for proof of physical existence;

(b) The association of costs with such property record units

to assure accurate accounting for retirements; and

(c) The determination of dates of installation and removal of plant to provide data for use in connection with depreciation studies.

~~(a) The functional use, description and location of property units in service.~~

~~(b) Costs associated with property units to assure accurate accounting for retirements.~~

~~(c) The determination of the age, service life or other data necessary for depreciation studies.~~

(4) Each utility shall furnish to the Commission at such time and in such form as the Commission may require, the results of any required tests and summaries of any required records. The Each utility shall also furnish the Commission with any information concerning the utility's its facilities or operation which the Commission may request and require for determining rates and judging the practices of the utility. All such data, unless otherwise specified, shall be consistent with and reconcilable with the utility's its Annual Report to the Commission.

(5) Upon direction of the Commission, or in the performance of delegated staff duties, any member of the Commission staff may make at any reasonable time a personal visit to the utility's offices or other places of business, and may inspect any facility, records, accounts, books, reports, and papers of the utility which may appear necessary in the discharge of Commission duties. During such visits the utility shall provide ~~the~~ staff member(s) with adequate and comfortable working and filing space, consistent with

prevailing conditions and climate and comparable with the accommodations provided the utility's ~~company's~~ outside auditors.

(6) The Commission ~~has~~ prescribed the ~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's~~ Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and Licensees, as found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 18, Subchapter C, Part 101, for Major Utilities as revised April 1, 1995, ~~1987~~ to be used by Rural Electric Cooperative and Municipal Electric Utilities operating within the State. All inquiries relating to interpretations of the Uniform System of Accounts shall be submitted to the Commission's Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis ~~Electric and Gas~~ in writing.

~~(7) Each investor owned electric utility, Rural Electric Cooperative and Municipal Electric Utility shall file with the Commission its chart of accounts as of the effective date of this Rule showing compliance with the Uniform System and Classification of Accounts as prescribed by the Commission, and shall also periodically file revisions of said chart of accounts.~~

Specific Authority: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

Law Implemented: 366.04(2)(a), 366.05(1), F.S.

History: Amended 7/29/69, 2/4/76, 8/21/79, 1/2/80, 11/18/82, formerly 25-6.14, Amended 10/1/86, 11/02/87, 7/20/89, 12/27/94, _____.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Jay Revell

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSON(S) WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE:
Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED: February 6, 1996

If any person decides to appeal any decision of the Commission with

respect to any matter considered at the rulemaking hearing, if held, a record of the hearing is necessary. The appellant must ensure that a verbatim record, including testimony and evidence forming the basis of the appeal is made. The Commission usually makes a verbatim record of rulemaking hearings.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (904) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Public Service Commission using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RULE TITLE:

RULE NO.:

Records and Reports in General

25-7.014

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: Rule 25-7.014 is amended to update the version of the Uniform System of Accounts that gas utilities are required to use in maintaining their records and accounts.

SUMMARY: Rule 25-7.014 requires gas utilities to keep their records and accounts in accordance with the the Uniform System of Accounts as revised through April 1, 1995.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.05(1), F.S.

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THE FULL TEXT OF THE RULE IS:

25-7.014 Records and Reports in General.

(1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (2),~~ Each natural gas

utility shall maintain its accounts and records in conformity with the Uniform System ~~and Classification~~ of Accounts for Natural Gas Companies (USOA) as found ~~prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission~~ in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 18, Subchapter F, Part 201, for Major Utilities as revised, April 1, 1995, 1987 and as modified below. All inquiries relating to interpretation of the USOA Uniform System and Classification of Accounts shall be submitted to the Commission's Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis in writing.

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~~(3)-(2)~~ For ratemaking purposes only, each investor-owned natural gas utility shall accrue unbilled base rate revenues, excluding those base rate revenues recoverable through other cost recovery or adjustment mechanisms.

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~~(5)-(4)~~ ~~On and after the effective date of these rules,~~ The results of all tests, summaries, records and reports required by ~~of~~ ~~gas utilities by reason of these rules or other orders of the~~ Commission (including the Annual ~~Financial~~ Report) shall, where appropriate, be reported on a therm basis rather than a volumetric or MCF basis.

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