

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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VOTE SHEET

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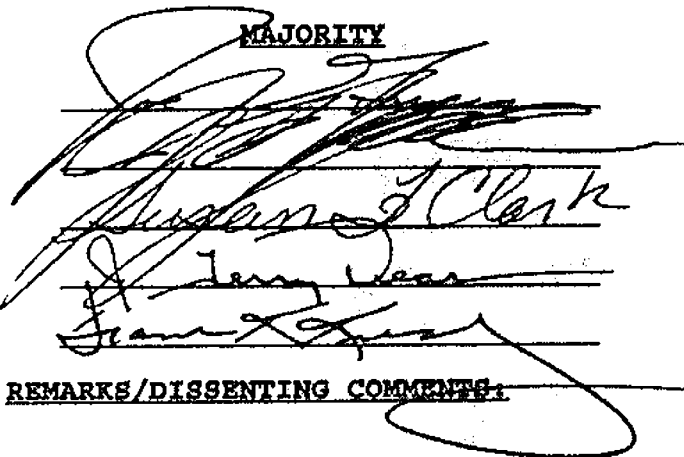
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Recommendation: The appropriate capital structure for City Gas should be based on NUI's capital structure for investor sources. Amounts for customer deposits, deferred taxes, and investment tax credits should be specifically identified at the City Gas level.

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Recommendation: The appropriate cost rate for debt is 7.50%.

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Recommendation: Yes, accumulated deferred taxes should be increased by \$1,238,284, which are the SFAS 109 deferred tax adjustments recorded in the account, regulatory liabilities.

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Recommendation: The appropriate cost rate for common equity is 11.30% with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points.

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Recommendation: The appropriate weighted average cost of capital is 7.85%.

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Recommendation: The appropriate level of projected test year total Operating Revenues is \$29,961,230.

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Recommendation: Yes, an adjustment should be made reducing regulated expenses \$56,995 for out of period and non-recurring expenses.

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Issue 35: Should an adjustment be made to Account 874, Mains and Services, and to working capital for odorizing costs?

Recommendation: Yes, Account 874 should be reduced by \$5,003 and working capital by \$4,097 for odorizing costs.

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Recommendation: Yes. Account 902 should be reduced by \$10,350 and Account 903 should be reduced by \$15,301, for a total of \$25,651, to correct an error in the trend schedule.

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Recommendation: Yes, Account 912 should be reduced by \$6,321 to correct an error in trending.

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Recommendation: Yes. \$15,521 should be removed for costs associated with projected advertising expenses that should not be recovered through base rates. These costs are those that are recoverable through conservation programs, are related to community affairs activities, or are not for regulated activities. Attachment 9 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum shows the calculation of this amount.

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Recommendation: Yes. \$16,110 in expenses should be removed from Account 921.

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Issue 40: Should an adjustment be made to reduce the amount of expenses allocated from NUI and Elizabethtown in Account 921/923, Corporate Services, for 1997?

Recommendation: Yes. \$61,679 should be removed for costs associated with allocations from NUI Corporation, City Gas' parent company, and Elizabethtown Gas, a sister company to City Gas.

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Issue 41: Should an adjustment be made to reduce the amount of expense allocated from the NUI-Southern Division General Office?

Recommendation: Yes. \$80,447 should be removed for Southern Division General Office expenses allocated to City Gas for 1997.

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Issue 42: Should an adjustment be made to Account 923, Outside Professional Services, to correct the amortization of Morris' and Reynolds' legal fees?

Recommendation: Yes. Reduce expenses in Account 923, Outside Services, by \$3,535.

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Issue 43: Should an adjustment be made to Account 923, Outside Professional Services, to remove charges related to the ESOP trust consultant?

Recommendation: Yes. Account 923, Outside Services, should be reduced by \$1,200.

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Issue 44: Should an adjustment be made for legal fees in Account 923?

Recommendation: Yes, reduce Account 923, Outside Services, by \$72,419 for legal fees.

**APPROVED**

Issue 45: Should an adjustment be made to Account 925, Injuries and Damages, to correct an overestimate of insurance premiums?

Recommendation: Yes. Account 925, Inquiries and Damages should be reduced \$6,918 to correct an overestimate of insurance premiums.

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Issue 46: What adjustments should be made to Account 926, Employee Pensions and Benefits?

Recommendation: The net amount of Account 926, Employee Pensions and Benefits, should be decreased by \$128,630.

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Issue 47: Should an adjustment be made to Account 926, Employee Benefits, for training programs?

Recommendation: Yes. Reduce expenses in Account 926 by \$2,665.

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Issue 48: What is the appropriate amount of rate case expense, amortization amount and period?

Recommendation: The appropriate amount of rate case expense for this case is \$209,983; and the total amount of rate case expense to be amortized is \$377,041, which includes \$161,667 from the prior case and \$5,391 of expense from Account 923 which should have been classified as rate case expense. This should be amortized over three years at \$125,680 per year. Therefore, rate case expense should be reduced by \$46,809. Additionally, Account 923 should be reduced \$5,391 to reflect the correction of an error.

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Issue 49: Should an adjustment be made to Miscellaneous General Expense, Account 930?

Recommendation: Yes. Reduce Account 930 by \$5,181.

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Issue 50: Should an adjustment be made to Account 930.2, Miscellaneous General Expenses, for American Gas Association (AGA) dues?

Recommendation: Yes, increase expenses in Account 930.2 by \$28,568.

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Issue 51: Is the City Gas Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) being terminated appropriately?

Recommendation: Yes.

**APPROVED**

Issue 52: Should an adjustment be made to reduce operating expenses for amounts associated with non-utility operations?

Recommendation: Yes. Operating expenses should be decreased by \$59,399 for amounts that are associated with non-utility operations.

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Issue 53: What are the appropriate trend factors to be used in deriving projected operating expenses and how should they be applied?

Recommendation: The appropriate trend factors to be used in deriving projected expenses in the projected test year include Payroll Wage Rate Increase (3.50 percent), General Inflation Rate (3.00 percent), Customer Growth Rate (3.44 percent), and Customer Growth plus Inflation Rate (6.54 percent). Staff agrees with the Company's application of the trend rates to the accounts.

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Issue 54: Should the projected test year expense be adjusted for the effect of changing the trend factors?

Recommendation: Yes, projected test year expense should be increased by \$4,556 for the effect of changing the trend factors.

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Issue 59: What adjustments should be made to payroll taxes based on payroll adjustments?

Recommendation: No adjustments to payroll taxes are appropriate because of the manner in which the Company records the allocation of its payroll taxes attached to capitalized payroll dollars, related to non-regulated activities, or otherwise excluded from O&M Expenses for ratemaking purposes.

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Issue 60: What adjustments should be made to tangible tax based on other adjustments?

Recommendation: Tangible tax should be decreased by \$403, which is the amount related to the artwork, should be excluded from rate base in Issue 6.

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Issue 61: What adjustments should be made to intangible tax based on other adjustments?

Recommendation: Intangible tax should be decreased by \$120, based on recommended reductions to Accounts Receivable in Issue 19.

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Issue 62: Should an adjustment be made to property taxes?

Recommendation: Yes. Property taxes should be reduced by \$102,926.

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Issue 63: Should an adjustment be made to regulatory assessment fees?  
Recommendation: Yes. Regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) should be reduced by \$42,657. RAFs should be reduced by \$42,785 to correct a mistake in the Company's NFRs. This account should also be increased by \$128 for other staff adjustments to revenues.

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Issue 64: What is the appropriate amount of Taxes-Other?  
Recommendation: This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues. The appropriate amount of Taxes-Other is \$2,047,286, based on the method used by the Company to account for non-utility, capitalized and other nonregulated/nonjurisdictional Taxes-Other.

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Issue 65: What is the appropriate federal income tax rate and income tax expense, including interest reconciliation?  
Recommendation: The appropriate federal income tax rate is 34 percent. The appropriate income tax expense is \$618,377, including interest reconciliation.

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Issue 66: What is the appropriate amount of projected test year Net Operating Income? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.  
Recommendation: The appropriate amount of projected test year Net Operating Income is \$4,920,199.

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Issue 67: What is the appropriate test year revenue expansion factor to be used in calculating the revenue deficiency?

Recommendation: The appropriate revenue expansion factor is 1.6133.  
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Issue 68: What is the appropriate projected test year revenue deficiency? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.

Recommendation: The appropriate projected test year revenue deficiency is \$3,724,323. (Attachment 5 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.)

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Issue 69: Should any portion of the \$2,151,503 interim increase granted by Order No. PSC-96-1113-POF-GU, issued on September 3, 1996, be refunded to the customers?

Recommendation: No portion of the \$2,151,503 interim revenue should be refunded.

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Recommendation: Yes. The utility should be required to fully describe the entries and adjustments that will be either recorded or used in preparing reports submitted to the Commission.

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Recommendation: The cost of service methodology adjusted for adjustments made to rate base, operations and maintenance expense, and net operating income.

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Issue 73: If any revenue increase is granted, what should be the rates and charges for City Gas Company of Florida resulting from the allocation of the increase among customer classes?

Recommendation: The rates and charges are detailed on Attachment 7 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.

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Issue 74: Should the proposed reproduction charge of \$25.00 for a copy the complete tariff book be approved?

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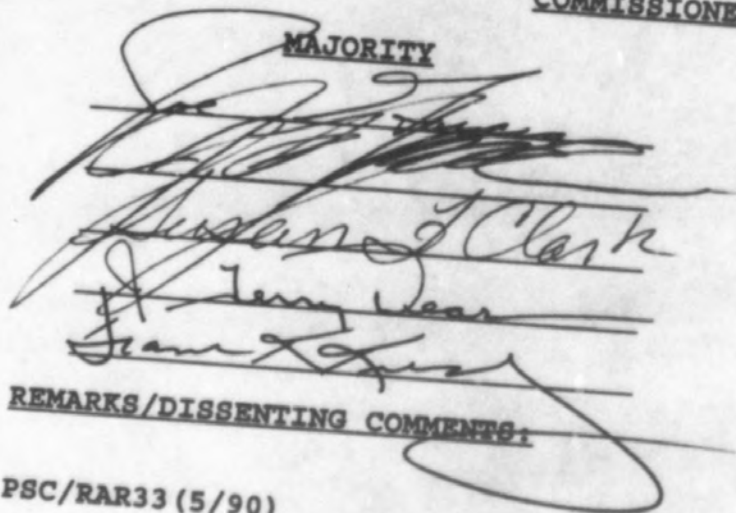
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Recommendation: The appropriate projected test year Working Capital Allowance is \$5,205,972. (Attachment 1A of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum)

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Issue 27: What is the appropriate projected test year Rate Base? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.

Recommendation: The appropriate projected test year Rate Base is \$92,085,495. (Attachment 1 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.)

**APPROVED**

Issue 28: What is the appropriate capital structure for the projected test year ending September 30, 1997?

Recommendation: The appropriate capital structure for City Gas should be based on NUI's capital structure for investor sources. Amounts for customer deposits, deferred taxes, and investment tax credits should be specifically identified at the City Gas level.

**APPROVED**

Issue 29: What is the appropriate cost rate for long-term debt?

Recommendation: The appropriate cost rate for debt is 7.50%.

**APPROVED**



Issue 30: Should an adjustment be made to accumulated deferred taxes?  
Recommendation: Yes, accumulated deferred taxes should be increased by \$1,238,284, which are the SFAS 109 deferred tax adjustments recorded in the account, regulatory liabilities.

**APPROVED**

Issue 31: What is the appropriate cost rate of common equity?  
Recommendation: The appropriate cost rate for common equity is 11.30% with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points.

**APPROVED**

Issue 32: What is the appropriate weighted average cost of capital including the proper components, amounts and cost rates?  
Recommendation: The appropriate weighted average cost of capital is 7.85%.

**APPROVED**

Issue 33: What is the appropriate level of projected test year total Operating Revenues?  
Recommendation: The appropriate level of projected test year total Operating Revenues is \$29,961,230.

**APPROVED**

Issue 34: Should an adjustment be made for out of period and nonrecurring expenses?  
Recommendation: Yes, an adjustment should be made reducing regulated expenses \$56,995 for out of period and non-recurring expenses.

**APPROVED**

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Issue 35: Should an adjustment be made to Account 874, Mains and Services, and to working capital for odorizing costs?  
Recommendation: Yes, Account 874 should be reduced by \$5,003 and working capital by \$4,097 for odorizing costs.

**APPROVED**

Issue 36: Should an adjustment be made to correct errors in Accounts 902, Meter Reading, and 903, Customer Records and Collections, in the trend schedule?  
Recommendation: Yes. Account 902 should be reduced by \$10,350 and Account 903 should be reduced by \$15,301, for a total of \$25,651, to correct an error in the trend schedule.

**APPROVED**

Issue 37: Should an adjustment be made to Account 912, Demonstrating and Selling Expenses, to correct an error in trending?  
Recommendation: Yes, Account 912 should be reduced by \$6,321 to correct an error in trending.

**APPROVED**

Issue 38: Should an adjustment be made to Account 913, Advertising?  
Recommendation: Yes. \$15,521 should be removed for costs associated with projected advertising expenses that should not be recovered through base rates. These costs are those that are recoverable through conservation programs, are related to community affairs activities, or are not for regulated activities. Attachment 9 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum shows the calculation of this amount.

**APPROVED**

Issue 39: Should an adjustment be made to Account 921, Office Supplies, to remove amounts related to reorganization?

Recommendation: Yes. \$16,110 in expenses should be removed from Account 921.

**APPROVED**

Issue 40: Should an adjustment be made to reduce the amount of expenses allocated from NUI and Elizabethtown in Account 921/923, Corporate Services, for 1997?

Recommendation: Yes. \$61,679 should be removed for costs associated with allocations from NUI Corporation, City Gas' parent company, and Elizabethtown Gas, a sister company to City Gas.

**APPROVED**

Issue 41: Should an adjustment be made to reduce the amount of expense allocated from the NUI-Southern Division General Office?

Recommendation: Yes. \$80,447 should be removed for Southern Division General Office expenses allocated to City Gas for 1997.

**APPROVED**

Issue 42: Should an adjustment be made to Account 923, Outside Professional Services, to correct the amortization of Morris' and Reynolds' legal fees?

Recommendation: Yes. Reduce expenses in Account 923, Outside Services, by \$3,535.

**APPROVED**

Issue 43: Should an adjustment be made to Account 923, Outside Professional Services, to remove charges related to the ESOP trust consultant?

Recommendation: Yes. Account 923, Outside Services, should be reduced by \$1,200.

**APPROVED**

Issue 44: Should an adjustment be made for legal fees in Account 923?

Recommendation: Yes, reduce Account 923, Outside Services, by \$72,419 for legal fees.

**APPROVED**

Issue 45: Should an adjustment be made to Account 925, Injuries and Damages, to correct an overestimate of insurance premiums?

Recommendation: Yes. Account 925, Inquiries and Damages should be reduced \$6,918 to correct an overestimate of insurance premiums.

**APPROVED**

Issue 46: What adjustments should be made to Account 926, Employee Pensions and Benefits?

Recommendation: The net amount of Account 926, Employee Pensions and Benefits, should be decreased by \$128,630.

**APPROVED**



Issue 47: Should an adjustment be made to Account 926, Employee Benefits, for training programs?

Recommendation: Yes. Reduce expenses in Account 926 by \$2,665.

**APPROVED**

Issue 48: What is the appropriate amount of rate case expense, amortization amount and period?

Recommendation: The appropriate amount of rate case expense for this case is \$209,983; and the total amount of rate case expense to be amortized is \$377,041, which includes \$161,667 from the prior case and \$5,391 of expense from Account 923 which should have been classified as rate case expense. This should be amortized over three years at \$125,680 per year. Therefore, rate case expense should be reduced by \$46,809. Additionally, Account 923 should be reduced \$5,391 to reflect the correction of an error.

**APPROVED**

Issue 49: Should an adjustment be made to Miscellaneous General Expense, Account 930?

Recommendation: Yes. Reduce Account 930 by \$5,181.

**APPROVED**

Issue 50: Should an adjustment be made to Account 930.2, Miscellaneous General Expenses, for American Gas Association (AGA) dues?

Recommendation: Yes, increase expenses in Account 930.2 by \$28,568.

**APPROVED**

Issue 51: Is the City Gas Company Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) being terminated appropriately?  
Recommendation: Yes.

**APPROVED**

Issue 52: Should an adjustment be made to reduce operating expenses for amounts associated with non-utility operations?  
Recommendation: Yes. Operating expenses should be decreased by \$59,399 for amounts that are associated with non-utility operations.

**APPROVED**

Issue 53: What are the appropriate trend factors to be used in deriving projected operating expenses and how should they be applied?  
Recommendation: The appropriate trend factors to be used in deriving projected expenses in the projected test year include Payroll Wage Rate Increase (3.50 percent), General Inflation Rate (3.00 percent), Customer Growth Rate (3.44 percent), and Customer Growth plus Inflation Rate (6.54 percent). Staff agrees with the Company's application of the trend rates to the accounts.

**APPROVED**

Issue 54: Should the projected test year expense be adjusted for the effect of changing the trend factors?  
Recommendation: Yes, projected test year expense should be increased by \$4,556 for the effect of changing the trend factors.

**APPROVED**

Issue 55: What is the appropriate amount of projected test year O&M Expense? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.

Recommendation: The appropriate amount of projected test year O&M Expense is \$17,744,700.

**APPROVED**

Issue 56: Should an adjustment be made to depreciation expense based on using average monthly plant balances to compute the expense?

Recommendation: Yes. The projected test year depreciation expense should be increased by \$13,766 and accumulated depreciation should be increased by \$55,385.

**APPROVED**

Issue 57: Should the Company be allowed to amortize its \$50,000 contribution for the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) airport project?

Recommendation: Yes. The Company should be allowed to recover its contribution at \$5,000 per year for 10 years.

**APPROVED**

Issue 58: What is the appropriate amount of projected test year Depreciation and Amortization Expense? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.

Recommendation: The appropriate amount of projected test year Depreciation and Amortization Expense is \$4,630,668.

**APPROVED**

Issue 59: What adjustments should be made to payroll taxes based on payroll adjustments?

Recommendation: No adjustments to payroll taxes are appropriate because of the manner in which the Company records the allocation of its payroll taxes attached to capitalized payroll dollars, related to non-regulated activities, or otherwise excluded from O&M Expenses for ratemaking purposes.

**APPROVED**

Issue 60: What adjustments should be made to tangible tax based on other adjustments?

Recommendation: Tangible tax should be decreased by \$403, which is the amount related to the artwork, should be excluded from rate base in Issue 6.

**APPROVED**

Issue 61: What adjustments should be made to intangible tax based on other adjustments?

Recommendation: Intangible tax should be decreased by \$120, based on recommended reductions to Accounts Receivable in Issue 19.

**APPROVED**

Issue 62: Should an adjustment be made to property taxes?

Recommendation: Yes. Property taxes should be reduced by \$102,926.

**APPROVED**



Issue 63: Should an adjustment be made to regulatory assessment fees?  
Recommendation: Yes. Regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) should be reduced by \$42,657. RAFs should be reduced by \$42,785 to correct a mistake in the Company's MFRs. This account should also be increased by \$128 for other staff adjustments to revenues.

**APPROVED**

Issue 64: What is the appropriate amount of Taxes-Other?  
Recommendation: This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues. The appropriate amount of Taxes-Other is \$2,047,286, based on the method used by the Company to account for non-utility, capitalized and other nonregulated/nonjurisdictional Taxes-Other.

**APPROVED**

Issue 65: What is the appropriate federal income tax rate and income tax expense, including interest reconciliation?  
Recommendation: The appropriate federal income tax rate is 34 percent. The appropriate income tax expense is \$618,377, including interest reconciliation.

**APPROVED**

Issue 66: What is the appropriate amount of projected test year Net Operating Income? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.  
Recommendation: The appropriate amount of projected test year Net Operating Income is \$4,920,199.

**APPROVED**

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Issue 67: What is the appropriate test year revenue expansion factor to be used in calculating the revenue deficiency?  
Recommendation: The appropriate revenue expansion factor is 1.6133.  
(Attachment 4 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.)

**APPROVED**

Issue 68: What is the appropriate projected test year revenue deficiency? This is a calculation based upon the decisions in preceding issues.  
Recommendation: The appropriate projected test year revenue deficiency is \$3,724,323. (Attachment 5 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.)

**APPROVED**

Issue 69: Should any portion of the \$2,151,503 interim increase granted by Order No. PSC-96-1113-FOF-GU, issued on September 3, 1996, be refunded to the customers?  
Recommendation: No portion of the \$2,151,503 interim revenue should be refunded.

**APPROVED**

Issue 70: Should City Gas be required to file, within 60 days after the date of the final order in this docket, a description of all entries or adjustments to its future annual reports, rate of return reports, published financial statements and books and records that will be required as a result of the Commission's findings in this rate case?  
Recommendation: Yes. The utility should be required to fully describe the entries and adjustments that will be either recorded or used in preparing reports submitted to the Commission.

**APPROVED**

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Issue 71: What are the appropriate billing determinants to be used in the projected test year?

Recommendation: The appropriate billing determinants to be used in the projected test year are indicated on Attachment 6 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.

**APPROVED**

Issue 72: What is the appropriate cost of service methodology to be used in allocating costs to the various rate classes?

Recommendation: The cost of service methodology adjusted for adjustments made to rate base, operations and maintenance expense, and net operating income.

**APPROVED**

Issue 73: If any revenue increase is granted, what should be the rates and charges for City Gas Company of Florida resulting from the allocation of the increase among customer classes?

Recommendation: The rates and charges are detailed on Attachment 7 of staff's October 17, 1996 memorandum.

**APPROVED**

Issue 74: Should the proposed reproduction charge of \$25.00 for a copy the complete tariff book be approved?

Recommendation: Yes.

**APPROVED**



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Issue 75: Should the Natural Gas Sales Vehicle Service and Natural Gas Vehicle Transportation Service rate schedules be modified from experimental to permanent?  
Recommendation: Yes.

**APPROVED**

Issue 76: Should this docket be closed?  
Recommendation: No. This docket should remain open pending resolution of Issues Nos. 9. With respect to Issues No. 1 through 8 and Issues Nos. 10 through 15, a Notice of Proposed Agency Action Order will be issued. This docket should also remain open if a substantially affected person files a protest to the proposed agency action. If a person other than the utility files a request for hearing, the requested rates should remain in effect subject to refund pending resolution of the hearing.

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