

ORIGINAL

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up.

DOCKET NO. 980003-GU

FILED: FEBRUARY 2, 1998

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-98-0037-PCO-EG, issued January 6, 1998, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

None.

b. All Known Exhibits

None.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

Staff takes no basic statement of position pending the evidence developed at hearing.

ACK _____

AFA _____ d. Staff's Position on the Issues

APP _____

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

CAF _____

CMU _____ ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment
CTR _____ true-up amounts for the period April, 1996 through March,
1997?

EAG _____

POSITION:

LEG _____

LIN 3 Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

\$487,552 Overrecovery

LND _____

RJT _____

SEC 1 _____

WAS _____

OTH _____

DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

01702 FEB-2 98

FPSC-RECORDS/REPORTING

City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,589,426	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$562,942	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$3,202	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$3,808,090	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$9,331	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$20,240	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$114,218	Overrecovery
West Florida Natural Gas Company	\$103,669	Underrecovery

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April, 1997 through March, 1998?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$442,997	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,623,366	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$420,352	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$46,102	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc. *	\$4,183,629	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$4,621	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$6,762	Underrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$23,344	Overrecovery
West Florida Natural Gas Company *	\$288,181	Overrecovery

*On June 30, 1997, West Florida Natural Gas Company was merged with and into Tampa Electric and will provide service under the registered name of Peoples Gas System.

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period April, 1998 through March, 1999?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$44,555	Overrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$33,940	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$142,590	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$49,304	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc. *	No position	at this time.
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$5,487	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$13,952	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$84,906	Overrecovery
West Florida Natural Gas Company *	No position	at this time.

*On June 30, 1997, West Florida Natural Gas Company was merged with and into Tampa Electric and will provide service under the registered name of Peoples Gas System.

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period April, 1998 through March, 1999?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	41.823	cents per therm
City Gas Company of Florida	47.211	cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	49.293	cents per therm
Indiantown Gas Company	38.026	cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc. *	No position	at this time.
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	44.614	cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	68.000	cents per therm

South Florida Natural Gas Company 27.780 cents per therm
West Florida Natural Gas Company * No position at this time.

*On June 30, 1997, West Florida Natural Gas Company was merged with and into Tampa Electric and will provide service under the registered name of Peoples Gas System.

ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

POSITION: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after April 1, 1998, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period April, 1998 through March, 1999.

Other Issues

ISSUE 6: Should the Commission approve a change in the future hearing schedule for this ongoing docket to coincide with any changes approved by the Commission in Docket No. 980001-EI?

POSITION: No position at this time.

e. Pending Motions

Staff is not aware of any pending motions at this time.

f. Compliance with Order No. PSC-98-0037-PCO-EG

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT
DOCKET NO. 980003-GU
PAGE 5

Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of February, 1998.



WM. COCHRAN KEATING, IV
Staff Counsel

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Gerald L. Gunter Building - Room 370
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0863
(850)413-6199

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up

DOCKET NO. 980003-GU

FILED: FEBRUARY 2, 1998

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that one true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U. S. Mail this 2nd day of February, 1998, to the following:

Rutledge Ecenia
Kenneth Hoffman
P.O. Box 551
Tallahassee, FL 32302

City Gas Company of Florida
Michael Palecki
955 East 25th Street
Hialeah, FL 33013

Florida Division of Chesapeake
Utilities
Thomas A. Geoffroy
P.O. Box 960
Winter Haven, FL 33882

Indiantown Gas Company
Colette M. Powers
P.O. Box 8
Indiantown, FL 34956

Florida Public Utilities Co.
Frank Cressman
P.O. Box 3395
West Palm Beach, FL 33402

Gatlin Woods
Wayne Schiefelbein
3301 Thomasville Road
Suite 300
Tallahassee, FL 32312

Macfarlane Ausley
Ansley Watson
P.O. Box 1531
Tampa, FL 33601

Messer Vickers
Norman Horton, Jr.
P.O. Box 1876
Tallahassee, FL 32302

Peoples Gas System
Francis J. Sivard
P.O. Box 2562
Tampa, FL 33601

Sebring Gas System, Inc.
3515 Highway 27 South
Sebring, FL 33870

Certificate of Service
Docket No. 980003-EG

S. Florida Natural Gas Company
John McLelland
P.O. Box 248
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170

St. Joe Natural Gas Company
Stuart Shoaf
P.O. Box 549
Port St. Joe, FL 32457

Office of Public Counsel
c/o The Florida Legislature
John Roger Howe
111 West Madison Street
Room 812
Tallahassee, FL 32399

McWhirter Reeves McGlothlin
John W. McWhirter
P.O. Box 3350
Tampa, FL 33601



WM. COCHRAN KEATING, IV
Staff Counsel

Florida Public Service Commission
Gerald L. Gunter Building
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
(850) 413-6199