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Public Service Commission

March 25, 1998

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

Re: Docket No. 971444-GU - Proposed Rules 25-7.100, F.A.C.,
Annual Reports; and 25-7.101, F.A.C., Regulatory
Assessment Fees for Natural Gas Transmission Companies

Dear Mr. Webb:

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

1. A copy of the rule and the form incorporated by reference into the rule.
2. A copy of the F.A.W. notice.
3. A statement of facts and circumstances justifying the proposed rules.
4. A federal standards statement.
5. A statement of estimated regulatory costs.

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

Sincerely,

Richard C. Bellak
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Associate General Counsel

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1 25-7.100 Annual Report

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3 the following information with the Commission on a calendar year
4 basis:

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11 preceding calendar year.

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13 time with the Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis no
14 later than April 30. One extension of 31 days will be granted
15 upon request. A request for a longer extension must be
16 accompanied by a statement of good cause and shall specify the
17 date by which the report will be filed.

18 (4) The company shall file an original and three copies of the
19 information required in subsection (1).

20 Specific Authority: 368.104, F.S.

21 Law Implemented: 368.104, F.S.

22 History--New

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2 natural gas transmission company's gross operating revenue
3 derived from intrastate business, excluding sales of gas for
4 resale to natural gas transmission companies, public utilities
5 that supply gas, municipal gas utilities and gas districts.

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7 preceding 6 month period or any part of the period from July 1
8 until December 31, and on July 30 for the preceding 6 month
9 period or any part of the period from January 1 until June 30.

10 (3) If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal
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13 registration is the United States Postal Service's postmark date.
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16 United States Postal Service's postmark date. The postmarked
17 certified mail receipt is evidence that the fees were delivered.
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19 are postmarked by the United States Postal Service or received
20 and logged in by the Commission's Division of Administration in
21 Tallahassee. Fees are considered timely paid if properly
22 addressed, with sufficient postage, and postmarked no later than
23 the due date.

24 (4) Commission Form PSC/ADM 244 (2/98), entitled "Natural Gas
25 Transmission Pipeline Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return"

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2 from the Commission's Division of Administration. The failure of
3 a utility to receive a return form shall not excuse the utility
4 from its obligation to timely remit the regulatory assessment
5 fees.

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7 including the due date in which to remit the total amount of its
8 fee.

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10 30-day extension of its due date for payment of regulatory
11 assessment fees or for filing its return form.

12 (a) The request for extension must be written and
13 accompanied by a statement of good cause.

14 (b) The request for extension must be received by the
15 Division of Administration at least two weeks before the due
16 date.

17 (7) The delinquency of any amount due to the Commission from the
18 company, pursuant to the provisions of s. 368.109, F.S. and this
19 rule, begins with the first calendar day after any date
20 established as the due date either by operation of this rule or
21 by an extension to this rule.

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23 the amount of 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to
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3 (8) A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be completed,
4 signed, and filed even if there are no revenues to report.

5 Specific Authority: 368.104, F.S.

6 Law Implemented: 368.109, F.S., 368.111, F.S.

7 History--New
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THE REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEE RETURN MUST BE FILED ON OR BEFORE **FIELD(2)**

Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Company Regulatory Assessment Fee Return

STATUS:

_____ Actual Return
 _____ Estimated Return

Florida Public Service Commission
 (See Filing Instructions on Back of Form)

FIELD(1)

PERIOD COVERED:
FIELD(3)

FOR PSC USE ONLY

Check# _____

\$ _____ 0601003
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Postmark Date _____

Initials of Preparer _____

Please Complete Below If Official Address Has Changed

 (Name of Utility) (Address) (City/State) (Zip)

LINE NO.	ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION	AMOUNT
1.	Gas Service Revenues	\$ _____
2.	Other Operating Revenues	_____
3.	Other Gas Revenues	_____
4.	TOTAL GROSS REVENUES	\$ _____
5.	Less:	
6.	Sales For Resale To Natural Gas Transmission Companies, Public Utilities That Supply Gas, Municipal Gas Utilities, and Gas Districts (attach a listing of Companies with amounts)(_____)	_____
7.	Revenues Subject To Regulatory Assessment Fee	_____
8.	Regulatory Assessment Fee Rate	_____ .0025
9.	Regulatory Assessment Fee Due (Line 8 x Line 9)	\$ _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED REGARDLESS OF THE AMOUNT OF REVENUES REPORTED

I, the undersigned owner/officer of the above-named vendor have read the foregoing and declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above information is a true and correct statement. I am aware that pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree.

 (Signature of Utility Official) (Title) (Date)

 (Please Print Name) Telephone Number () Fax Number ()

F.E.I. No. _____

PSC/ADMIN 244 (2/98)
 PSC/NGTPC-XX (Rev. 6/97) (F3)

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 971444-GU

RULE TITLE:	RULE NO.:
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Regulatory Assessment Fees	25-7.101

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Instructions For Filing Regulatory Assessment Fee Return
(Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Company)

1. **WHEN TO FILE:** This Regulatory Assessment Fee Return and payment must be filed or postmarked:

*On or before July 30 for the six-month period January 1 through June 30, AND
On or before January 30 for the six-month period July 1 through December 31.*

However, if July 30 or January 30 falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, the Regulatory Assessment Fee may be filed or postmarked on the next business day.

2. **FEES:** Each utility shall pay the currently authorized percentage, as indicated on Line 8 on the reverse side, of its gross operating revenues derived from intrastate business. Gross Operating Revenues are defined as the total revenues before expenses. The currently authorized percentage was implemented by Section 25-7.101(1), Florida Administrative Code.
3. **FAILURE TO FILE BY DUE DATE:** A Regulatory Assessment Fee Return must be completed, signed, and filed even if there are no revenues to report. Failure to file a return by the established due date will result in a penalty being added to the amount of fee due, 5% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total penalty of 25% (Line 9). In addition, interest shall be added in the amount of 1% for each 30 days or fraction thereof, not to exceed a total of 12% per year.
4. **FEE ADJUSTMENTS:** The utility will be notified as to the amount and reason for any adjustment. Penalty and interest charges may be applicable to additional amounts owed to the Commission by reason of the adjustment. A utility may file a written request for a refund of any overpayments. The request should be directed to Fiscal Services at the below-referenced address.
5. **MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete this form, make a copy for your file, and return the original in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Use of this envelope should assure a more accurate and expeditious recording of your payment. If you are unable to use the enclosed envelope, please address your remittance as follows:

Florida Public Service Commission

2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

ATTENTION: Fiscal Services

6. **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE:** If any additional assistance is required in preparing the Regulatory Assessment Fee Return, please contact the Division of Auditing and Financial Analysis at (805) 413-6480 or at the above-referenced address, directing correspondence to the attention of the division.

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 971444-GU

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Annual Report

25-7.100

Regulatory Assessment Fees

25-7.101

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SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST: The rules, which are summarized above, would currently impact one company, which has not yet responded to staff's data requests. No impact on the Commission beyond examining the reports and performing safety inspections is foreseen. The impact on the company would be the regulatory assessment fee, which is unknown at this time and the additional transaction costs to prepare the required information from readily available data. There are no likely impacts on small business foreseen and no alternatives available to meeting the statutory requirements with the proposed rules. Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 368.104 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 368.109, 368.111 FS.

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 TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:
TIME AND DATE: 9:30 A.M., April 29, 1998.

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

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THESE PROPOSED RULES ARE:
Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540
Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0862.

THE FULL TEXT OF THESE PROPOSED RULES ARE:

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History--New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULES:

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSONS WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULES:

Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULES APPROVED: March 10, 1998

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW:

Volume 23, Number 46, November 14, 1997

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 (850) 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).

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History--New

**STATEMENT OF FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES
JUSTIFYING RULE**

The filing annual reports and payment of regulatory assessment fees are appropriate to the Commission's jurisdiction to regulate natural gas transmission companies pursuant to Section 363.101 et seq. The payment of regulatory assessment fees will permit gas safety inspection of these entities.

STATEMENT ON FEDERAL STANDARDS

There is no federal standard on the same subject.

MEMORANDUM

January 7, 1998

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DIVISION OF APPEALS

TO: DIVISION OF APPEALS (BELLAK)

FROM: DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND REGULATORY REVIEW (HEWITT) *CBH P.D. JAD*

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED REGULATORY COST FOR DOCKET NO. 971444-GU, PROPOSED NEW RULES 25-7.100, F.A.C., ANNUAL REPORTS, AND 25-7.101, F.A.C., REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES (NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION COMPANIES)

SUMMARY OF THE RULE

The proposed new Rules 25-7.100, F.A.C., Annual Reports, and 25-7.101, F.A.C., Regulatory Assessment Fees (Natural Gas Transmission Companies) would require the filing of annual reports and payment of regulatory assessment fees (RAFs) of 0.25 percent of gross operating revenues as authorized by Section 368.109, Florida Statutes.

ESTIMATED NUMBER AND DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES IMPACTED

There is currently one intrastate natural gas pipeline company that would be required to comply with the new rule. A data request was sent to the company. However, there was no reply, which would be necessary to more completely assess the impact of the proposed rule.

Customers of the pipeline could be affected by the proposed rule. They could benefit from pipeline safety inspections funded by the RAFs. Customers may also pay for some or all of the RAFs when their contracts for gas delivery are renewed.

DIRECT COSTS TO THE AGENCY AND OTHER STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES

The Florida Public Service Commission (Commission) would have some additional direct costs with adoption of the proposed rules, because annual report filings would have to be examined

and analyzed, safety inspections would have to be made, and RAFs would have to be accounted for. However, these additional tasks could be handled by existing staff and the RAFs would offset the additional costs. No other direct costs to state or local government entities are foreseen.

**ESTIMATED TRANSACTIONAL COSTS
TO INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES REQUIRED TO COMPLY**

The affected gas pipeline company would have additional transaction costs to prepare the information required in the proposed rules. However, the data should be readily available. The amount of the RAFs required would be 0.25 percent of gross operating income, but that amount is unknown at this time.

IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESS, SMALL CITIES, OR SMALL COUNTIES

The company subject to the proposed rules does not likely meet the statutory definition of a small business. No additional direct impact on small cities or small counties is foreseen.

REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE METHODS

There are no alternative methods that would meet the objectives of the law being implemented with the proposed rules.

CBH:e-gasraf