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June 30, 2000

Ms. Blanca S. Bayo, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

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Re: Petition for approval of Unbundled  
Transportation Service

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed for filing are an original and fifteen (15) copies of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's petition for commission approval of new transportation tariffs.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the extra copy of this letter which is also enclosed.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very Truly Yours,

Stuart Shoaf  
President

enc. Petition, 5 pages  
Exhibit A, 3 pages

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition by St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc )  
for approval of unbundled transportation service. )  
)

Docket No. 000842-GU

Filed: June 30, 2000

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF UNBUNDLED  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (the Company), by and through its undersigned officer,  
requests approval of its proposed unbundled transportation service, and in support states as  
follows:

1. The Name, address and telephone number of the petitioner are:

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 549  
Port St. Joe, Florida 32457  
(850) 229-8216

2. The name, address and telephone and fax numbers of the person authorized to receive  
notices and communications with respect to this petition is:

Stuart Shoaf, President  
St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
P.O. Box 549  
Port St. Joe, Florida 32457  
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(850) 229-8392 (fax)

3. The Company is a natural gas distribution utility subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of  
this Commission as prescribed in Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. Its substantial interests will be  
affected by the Commission's disposition of this Petition in that such disposition will determine  
whether the Company will be authorized to provide unbundled gas transportation service to its  
non-residential customers under terms and conditions agreeable to it.

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4. The Commission recently adopted Rule 25-7.0335, Florida Administrative Code, effective April 23, 2000, which requires each local distribution company to offer the transportation of natural gas to all nonresidential customers. In order to meet that objective, each gas utility must file a transportation service tariff with the Commission by July 1, 2000. The Company's proposed compliance with the new rule is presented through this petition, and by the accompanying proposed transportation service tariff. The proposed tariff is submitted herewith in final (Exhibit A) format.

5. The Company submits within its proposed tariff three rate schedules under which it would provide unbundled transportation service to its nonresidential customers (which currently total over 250) on an equal basis, regardless of size. Each proposed transportation rate schedule corresponds to an existing sales service rate schedule.

6. The proposed Transportation Service 2 (TS2) is an all new service. This service corresponds to the Company's Commercial Service (CS) rate schedule. Approximately 190 of the Company's existing non-residential customers receive sales service under the CS rate schedule. Eligibility for service under the CS rate schedule would be available to any nonresidential customer for any purpose. No electronic measurement equipment would be required.

7. The proposed Transportation Service 3 (TS3) is an all new service. This service corresponds to the Company's Large Commercial Service. Approximately 50 of the Company's nonresidential customers receive sales service under the LCS rate schedule. Eligibility for service under LCS and TS3 rate schedules would be available to any applicable nonresidential customer for any purpose. No electronic measurement equipment would be required.

8. The proposed Transportation Service 4 (TS4) is an all new service. This service

corresponds to the Company's Interruptible Service. Approximately 0 of the Company's nonresidential customers receive sales service under the IS rate schedule. Eligibility for service under IS and TS4 rate schedules would be available to any applicable nonresidential customer for any purpose. Electronic measurement equipment would be required.

9. The requirement of Company provided and installed electronic measurement equipment for customers with annual consumption in excess of 50,000 therms is essential. Company provided and installed electronic measurement equipment is necessary in order to protect the Company's investment in facilities and assure the proper operation of the Company's metering equipment. In addition, the Company must have electronic measurement equipment that can properly interface with the Company's electronic measurement software. Finally, the Company is requiring consistency in the type of electronic measurement equipment installed in order to minimize training and maintenance costs.

10. The Company intends to launch its unbundled transportation services as follows. Prior to the actual implementation date, the Company would provide all nonresidential customers with a brochure outlining the new services being offered, explaining the respective roles and responsibilities of the Company, and the customer. The brochure would explain that electing unbundled transportation service is entirely voluntary; the customer may remain a sales service customer if so desired. Upon request by a customer, the Company would mail an enrollment kit, which would include a Request for Gas Transportation ("RGT") and a twelve-month consumption history of that customer. Upon receipt of a duly executed RGT, the Company will review the agreement for compliance with the terms of the tariff. The Company will verify that the RGT was received ten (10) working days prior to the requested effective date of the requested service. If in compliance, the Company would execute the agreement. The customer would begin

receiving unbundled transportation service on the date requested on the RGT.

11. Under the Company's proposal, each customer would be responsible for monitoring its own consumption as reflected on its monthly billing statements, and making the necessary adjustments as may be required from time to time to remain consistent with its daily delivery obligation under the RGT. Customers may submit a DDQ Change Request Form to effectuate a change in their Daily Delivery Quantity.

12. The Company proposes that all customers would be assessed a Non-monitored Transportation Administration Charge, billed on a per therm basis and applied to the customer's actual consumption. The Company would appreciate assistance from Commission staff in developing the amount of this Non-monitored Transportation Administration Charge.

13. The Company also proposes that it be authorized to accrue expenses, including implementation expenses, associated with its offering of unbundled transportation service to nonresidential customers. The expenses include, but are not limited to, any hardware and software expenses for systems to implement and provide unbundled transportation service; Company employee expenses incurred to offer unbundled transportation service; all costs incurred in the rule development and rule making in Docket No. 960725-GU, including attorney's fees; all costs incurred in the instant docket, including attorney's fees; and any other expenses directly related to the offering of unbundled transportation service. Such expenses would be recovered by the Company through a Transportation Cost Recovery Clause ("TCR") applicable to all nonresidential customers.

14. The Company has approximately 250 commercial customers who would be eligible to elect unbundled transportation service. Customers would be converted on a first (valid) request received, first served basis.

15. Given the complexity and, in some cases, the novelty of the Company's proposals; and the Company's expectation that Commission Staff and the Company will work together to attempt to achieve a mutually acceptable framework for the Company's provision of unbundled transportation services, this petition, and the accompanying proposed tariff, are specifically not proposed pursuant to the Commission's standard tariff approval procedures, and the Company hereby waives any entitlement that it may have to the time limitation for Commission action on its proposed transportation tariff. The Company instead respectfully requests that its petition be processed using the Commission's proposed agency action procedures.

Wherefore St. Joe Natural Gas Company requests that the Commission process this petition and the accompanying proposed tariff using the Commission's proposed agency action procedures; issue an order approving this petition and its proposed unbundled transportation service tariff, with an implementation date and grant such other relief that may be appropriate.

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 FPSC TARIFF

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 Cancels Original Sheet No. 5.15

Rate Schedule TS2  
 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE 2

1. AVAILABILITY:

Entire Service Area

2. APPLICABILITY AND CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Gas transported on behalf of a Commercial or Industrial Customer who requires less than 2,000 therms per year.

3. RATES AND CHARGES

Customer Charge:	\$12.00 per month
Transport Charge:	\$0.29876 per therm

4. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

See Billing Adjustments, Sheet Nos. 5.19 through 5.21  
 See Maximum Hourly and Daily Volumes, Sheet No. 39  
 See Possession of Gas, Indemnification and Title, Sheet Nos. 40 thru 42  
 See Nominations, Conformation and Scheduling, Sheet Nos. 45 thru 54  
 See Determination of Daily Receipts, Sheet No. 55  
 See Determination of Daily Deliveries, Sheet No. 56  
 See Monthly Balancing, Sheet Nos. 57 thru 59  
 See Curtailments and Other Operational Controls, Sheet Nos. 60 thru 69

5. SERVICE AGREEMENT

A Service Agreement accepted by the Company is a condition precedent for service under this Rate Schedule. The term of the Service Agreement shall be set forth therein but shall not be less than one (1) year.

6. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Rules and Regulations of Company's FPSC Gas Tariff, as the same may be amended from time to time, are hereby made a part of this Rate Schedule.

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Rate Schedule TS3  
 TRANSPORTATION SERVICE 3

1. AVAILABILITY:

Entire Service Area

2. APPLICABILITY AND CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Commercial or Industrial Customer transporting greater than  
 2,000 therms per year and less than 50,000 therms per year.

3. RATES AND CHARGES

Customer Charge: \$35.00 per month

Transport Charge: \$0.10064 per therm

4. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

See Billing Adjustments, Sheet Nos. 5.19 through 5.21  
 See Maximum Hourly and Daily Volumes, Sheet No. 39  
 See Possession of Gas, Indemnification and Title, Sheet Nos. 40 thru 42  
 See Nominations, Conformation and Scheduling, Sheet Nos. 45 thru 54  
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Rate Schedule TS4  
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE 4

1. AVAILABILITY:

Entire Service Area

2. APPLICABILITY AND CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Commercial or Industrial Customer transporting greater than  
50,000 therms per year and less than 150,000 therms per year.

3. RATES AND CHARGES

Customer Charge: \$360.00 per month

Transport Charge: \$0.04210 per therm

4. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

See Billing Adjustments, Sheet Nos. 5.19 through 5.21  
See Maximum Hourly and Daily Volumes, Sheet No. 39  
See Possession of Gas, Indemnification and Title, Sheet Nos. 40 thru 42  
See Nominations, Conformation and Scheduling, Sheet Nos. 45 thru 54  
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