

ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.

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PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA 32457

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September 20, 2000

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

Re: Docket No. 000003-GU

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Enclosed for filing are an original and ten copies of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's Petition for Approval of Mid Course Correction to Approved PGA Factor for Application to Bills to be rendered from October 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 in the above-referenced.

Please indicate receipt of this document by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this letter.

Your attention to this filing is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stuart Shoaf
Stuart Shoaf
President

Enclosures

cc: All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchase Gas
Adjustment (PGA) True-Up

DOCKET NO. 000003-GU
Submitted for filing: 9-20-00

PETITION OF ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF MID-COURSE CORRECTION TO APPROVED PGA
FACTOR FOR APPLICATION TO BILLS TO BE RENDERED
FROM OCTOBER 1, 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2000

St. Joe Natural Gas Co. ("SJNG") hereby files its petition for approval of a revision, through a mid-course correction, to its purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") factor to be applied to bills rendered for meter readings to be taken beginning October 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000, inclusive, and in support thereof says:

1. The name of the petitioner and the mailing address of its principal office is:

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 549
Port St. Joe, Florida 32457

2. The names and mailing address of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this petition are:

Stuart L Shoaf, President
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3. The Commission has adopted a method for the recovery of purchased gas costs by regulated natural gas utilities, to be used for the recovery of such costs commencing January 1, and ending December 31. These orders provide that a natural gas utility's purchased gas costs are to be recovered through a levelized PGA factor for the period Jan-Dec, with the levelized PGA factor to serve as a cap, or maximum recovery factor. Order No. PSC-93-0708-

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FOF-GU, issued in this docket on May 10, 1993, the Commission determined that a utility may, at its option, request a mid-course correction if re-projected expenses for the remainder of the period significantly exceed projected revenues for the period when using the Commission-approved cap.

4. By its Order No. PSC-99-2443-FOF-GU (December 14, 1999), the Commission approved a PGA factor (or cap) for SJNG for the January 2000 - December 2000 period \$44.900 per therm. This factor was based on SJNG's projected purchased gas costs for the twelve-month projection period (including the true-up for the period January through December, 1999) of \$52,925.00 and total sales of 1,205,091 therms.

5. As indicated by the revised Schedule E-2, SJNG's projected expenses for the period January, 2000 through December, 2000 will significantly exceed re-projected revenues. Specifically, SJNG's expenses for the period will be \$720,534 while its revenues for the same period would be \$560,290, resulting in a projected difference of \$160,245 underrecovery.

6. The primary reason for expenses exceeding revenues is a substantial increase in the price of natural gas during the current summer season. Since the Company's cap was approved by the Commission in December 1999, significantly increased demand for natural gas from electric generation and a strong economy, has caused an unanticipated increase in gas costs on a national basis. There are currently no indications that natural gas prices will experience any meaningful decrease in the next several months. The Company needs its PGA cap increased to accommodate these upward

price pressures.

7. SJNG requests that the Commission approve an increase in its PGA factor from 44.900 cents per therm to 86.40 cents per therm, which is equal to the average cost of gas including the true-up factor, for the months of September 2000 through December 2000. SJNG requests that this increased PGA factor be approved for application to bills rendered for meter readings taken on and after October 1, 2000, and continue in effect until a new cap is approved by order of Commission. Applying this increased PGA factor for the period October 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 will allow SJNG to recover its projected gas costs during the remaining months in the PGA period and help reduce the impact on ratepayers during the twelve months beginning January 2001.

8. The effect of the increased cap on the average residential customer with monthly consumption of 25 therms would be \$10.50 only for the remaining months October thru December 2000.

9. Because of the need to reduce the projected underrecovery of expenses, it is necessary that the increased cap be approved for application to ratepayers' bills beginning October 1, 2000. SJNG recognizes that this will require the Commission to deviate from its usual policy of making changes in rates and charges effective 30 days after the Commission's vote approving the rate change. However, there is not sufficient time to hold a hearing on the changes prior to the Commission's consideration of the requested change. In addition, the Commission has previously approved a mid-course correction in this docket to become effective at an earlier date under similar circumstances when the amount of the projected

underrecovery was substantial. See In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-Up, Order No. PSC-94-0207-FOF-FU (February 21, 1994), approving an increase in the authorized purchase gas adjustment factor (or cap) for West Florida Natural Gas Company. See also In re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause and Generating Performance Incentive Factor, Order No. PSC-92-0271-FOF-EI (April 29, 1992), approving a decrease in the fuel adjustment factors for Florida Power Corporation and In re: Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Recovery Clause and Generating Performance Incentive Factor, Order No. 2135 (June 5, 1989), approving an increase in the fuel adjustment factors for Florida Power & Light Company.

10. SJNG also recognizes there will not be time to conduct a prudence review of the Company's re-projections of purchased gas costs prior to the implementation of the increase in the PGA factor sought by this petition. However, pursuant to the procedures in this docket, such prudence review will occur as a matter of course at the hearing to be held in this docket in November 20, 2000. If the increase in the cost recovery cap is ultimately found imprudent, SJNG's ratepayers will suffer no harm, since any costs found imprudent will be disallowed for recovery and flow back to the ratepayers through the true-up mechanism inherent in the calculation of the PGA factor for the subsequent period.

WHEREFORE, St. Joe Natural Gas Co. petitions the Commission to approve its proposed increase in its PGA factor from 44.900 cents per therm to 86.400 cents per therm to be applied to customer bills rendered for meter reading taken on and after October 1, 2000

through December 31, 2000.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of St. Joe Natural Gas Company's Petition for Approval of Mid-Course Correction to Approved PGA Factor for Application to Bills to be Rendered from October 2000 through December 31, 2000 in Docket No. 000003-GU have been served this 20th day of September 2000 upon the following:

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COMPANY:		PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT COST RECOVERY CLAUSE CALCULATION											Schedule E-1/R		
ST. JOE NATURAL GAS CO.		REVISED ESTIMATE FOR THE PROJECTED PERIOD:											Exhibit#		
		JANUARY 2000 Through DECEMBER 2000											Docket#000003-GU		
		SLS-6													
COST OF GAS PURCHASED		ACTUAL							REVISED PROJECTION						
		JAN 00	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL	
1	COMMODITY (Pipeline)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2	NO NOTICE SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
3	SWING SERVICE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
4	COMMODITY (Other)	\$64,767.14	\$59,142.45	\$27,457.08	\$11,468.32	\$14,628.34	\$9,963.28	\$35,475.79	\$37,463.44	\$47,641.00	\$46,475.00	\$55,537.00	\$95,230.00	\$505,248.84	
5	DEMAND	\$29,010.84	\$27,139.18	\$28,268.48	\$27,356.59	\$7,105.87	\$6,876.64	\$7,105.87	\$7,105.87	\$7,013.00	\$7,246.00	\$27,897.00	\$28,827.00	\$210,952.34	
6	OTHER	\$9,249.39	(\$7,353.10)	\$1,786.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$650.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,333.66	
LESS END-USE CONTRACT															
7	COMMODITY (Pipeline)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
8	DEMAND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
9		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
10		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
11	TOTAL COST (1+2+3+4+5+6)-(7+8+9+10)	\$103,027.37	\$78,928.53	\$57,512.10	\$38,824.91	\$21,734.21	\$17,490.75	\$42,581.66	\$44,569.31	\$54,654.00	\$53,721.00	\$83,434.00	\$124,057.00	\$720,534.84	
12	NET UNBILLED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
13	COMPANY USE	\$33.93	\$32.34	\$24.38	\$17.61	\$12.73	\$16.00	\$20.95	\$25.52	\$49.00	\$47.00	\$72.00	\$77.00	\$428.47	
14	TOTAL THERM SALES	\$74,206.11	\$63,071.22	\$44,731.72	\$30,874.28	\$17,541.53	\$17,017.26	\$27,037.07	\$27,216.88	\$29,154.38	\$27,849.53	\$32,636.44	\$56,583.62	\$447,920.04	
THERMS PURCHASED															
15	COMMODITY (Pipeline)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
16	NO NOTICE SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
17	SWING SERVICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
18	COMMODITY (Other)	227,670	189,810	92,527	32,432	44,780	70,159	74,982	98,223	67,000	64,000	75,000	130,000	1,166,583	
19	DEMAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
20	OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
LESS END-USE CONTRACT															
21	COMMODITY (Pipeline)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
22	DEMAND	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
23		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
24	TOTAL PURCHASES (15+16+17+18+20)-(21+23)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
25	NET UNBILLED	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
26	COMPANY USE	103	138	67	52	54	53	48	59	60	56	65	81	836	
27	TOTAL THERM SALES	224,243	268,314	122,686	91,482	74,700	56,768	62,165	62,491	66,940	63,944	74,935	129,919	1,298,586	
CENTS PER THERM															
28	COMMODITY (Pipeline) (1/15)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
29	NO NOTICE SERVICE (2/16)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
30	SWING SERVICE (3/17)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
31	COMMODITY (Other) (4/18)	0.28448	0.31159	0.29675	0.35361	0.32667	0.14201	0.47312	0.38141	0.71106	0.72617	0.74049	0.73254	0.43310	
32	DEMAND (5/19)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
33	OTHER (6/20)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
LESS END-USE CONTRACT															
34	COMMODITY Pipeline (7/21)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
35	DEMAND (8/22)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
36		ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
37	TOTAL COST (11/24)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
38	NET UNBILLED (12/25)	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	ERR	
39	COMPANY USE (13/26)	0.33104	0.23450	0.36504	0.33731	0.23445	0.30025	0.43553	0.43553	0.81667	0.83929	1.10769	0.95062	0.51270	
40	TOTAL THERM SALES (11/27)	0.45945	0.29416	0.46877	0.42440	0.29095	0.30811	0.68498	0.71321	0.81646	0.84013	1.11342	0.95488	0.55486	
41	TRUE-UP (E-2)	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	-0.09325	
42	TOTAL COST OF GAS (40+41)	0.36620	0.20091	0.37552	0.33115	0.19770	0.21486	0.59173	0.61996	0.72321	0.74688	1.02017	0.86163	0.46161	
43	REVENUE TAX FACTOR	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	1.03093	
44	PGA FACTOR ADJUSTED FOR TAXES (42x43)	0.37752	0.20713	0.38714	0.34139	0.20382	0.22151	0.61003	0.63913	0.74558	0.76998	1.05172	0.88828	0.47589	
45	PGA FACTOR ROUNDED TO NEAREST .001	0.378	0.207	0.387	0.341	0.204	0.222	0.61	0.639	0.746	0.770	1.052	0.888	0.476	

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COMPANY: ST. JOE NATURAL GAS CO.		CALCULATION OF TRUE-UP AMOUNT											Schedule E-2	
FOR THE CURRENT PERIOD:		JANUARY 00		Through		DECEMBER 00						Exhibit# _____		
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		-----ACTUAL-----				-----REVISED PROJECTION-----								TOTAL
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	PERIOD
TRUE-UP CALCULATION														
1	PURCHASED GAS COST	\$64,767	\$59,142	\$27,457	\$11,468	\$14,628	\$9,963	\$35,476	\$37,463	\$47,641	\$46,475	\$55,537	\$95,230	\$505,249
2	TRANSPORTATION COST	\$38,260	\$19,786	\$30,055	\$27,357	\$7,106	\$7,527	\$7,106	\$7,106	\$7,013	\$7,246	\$27,897	\$28,827	\$215,286
3	TOTAL	\$103,027	\$78,929	\$57,512	\$38,825	\$21,734	\$17,491	\$42,582	\$44,569	\$54,654	\$53,721	\$83,434	\$124,057	\$720,535
4	FUEL REVENUES (NET OF REVENUE TAX)	\$74,206	\$63,071	\$44,732	\$30,874	\$17,542	\$17,017	\$27,037	\$27,217	\$29,154	\$27,850	\$32,636	\$56,584	\$447,920
5	TRUE-UP (COLLECTED) OR REFUNDED	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$9,364	\$112,370
6	FUEL REVENUE APPLICABLE TO PERIO (LINE 4 (+ or -) LINE 5)	\$83,570	\$72,435	\$54,096	\$40,238	\$26,906	\$26,361	\$36,401	\$36,581	\$38,519	\$37,214	\$42,001	\$65,948	\$560,290
7	TRUE-UP PROVISION - THIS PERIOD (LINE 6 - LINE 3)	(\$19,457)	(\$6,493)	(\$3,416)	\$1,414	\$5,171	\$8,891	(\$6,180)	(\$7,988)	(\$16,135)	(\$16,507)	(\$41,433)	(\$58,109)	(\$160,245)
8	INTEREST PROVISION-THIS PERIOD (21)	\$544	\$448	\$390	\$352	\$334	\$332	\$291	\$202	\$87	(\$51)	(\$258)	(\$579)	\$2,091
9	BEGINNING OF PERIOD TRUE-UP AND INTEREST	\$128,951	\$100,674	\$85,265	\$72,874	\$65,276	\$61,416	\$61,275	\$46,021	\$28,871	\$3,458	(\$22,465)	(\$73,521)	\$128,951
10	TRUE-UP COLLECTED OR (REFUNDED) (REVERSE OF LINE 5)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$9,364)	(\$112,370)
10a	FLEX RATE REFUND (if applicable)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
11	TOTAL ESTIMATED/ACTUAL TRUE-UP (7+8+9+10+10a)	\$100,674	\$85,265	\$72,874	\$65,276	\$61,416	\$61,275	\$46,021	\$28,871	\$3,458	(\$22,465)	(\$73,521)	(\$141,573)	(\$141,573)
INTEREST PROVISION														
12	BEGINNING TRUE-UP AND INTEREST PROVISION (9)	\$128,951	\$100,674	\$85,265	\$72,874	\$65,276	\$61,416	\$61,275	\$46,021	\$28,871	\$3,458	(\$22,465)	(\$73,521)	
13	ENDING TRUE-UP BEFORE INTEREST (12+7-5)	\$100,130	\$84,817	\$72,484	\$64,924	\$61,083	\$60,943	\$45,730	\$28,669	\$3,371	(\$22,413)	(\$73,262)	(\$140,994)	
14	TOTAL (12+13)	\$229,081	\$185,490	\$157,749	\$137,798	\$126,358	\$122,359	\$107,006	\$74,690	\$32,242	(\$18,955)	(\$95,727)	(\$214,514)	
15	AVERAGE (50% OF 14)	\$114,540	\$92,745	\$78,875	\$68,899	\$63,179	\$61,180	\$53,503	\$37,345	\$16,121	(\$9,478)	(\$47,863)	(\$107,257)	
16	INTEREST RATE - FIRST DAY OF MONTH	5.60	5.80	5.80	6.07	6.18	6.49	6.54	6.50	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	
17	INTEREST RATE - FIRST DAY OF SUBSEQUENT MONTH	5.80	5.80	6.07	6.18	6.49	6.54	6.50	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	
18	TOTAL (16+17)	11.40	11.60	11.87	12.25	12.67	13.03	13.04	12.98	12.96	12.96	12.96	12.96	
19	AVERAGE (50% OF 18)	5.7	5.8	5.935	6.125	6.335	6.515	6.52	6.49	6.48	6.48	6.48	6.48	
20	MONTHLY AVERAGE (19/12 Months)	0.475	0.483	0.495	0.510	0.528	0.543	0.543	0.541	0.540	0.540	0.540	0.540	
21	INTEREST PROVISION (15x20)	544	448	390	352	334	332	291	202	87	-51	-258	-579	\$2,091

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment

Docket No. 000003-GU

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The undersigned counsel enters his appearance as counsel for the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation in the above-referenced docket at the address and phone and fax numbers given below. Please direct all notices and other filings accordingly.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by hand delivery on this 25th day of September, 2000 to WILLIAM COCHRAN KEATING, IV, ESQ., Division of Legal Services, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, and by regular U.S. Mail to the following:

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