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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for a rate increase by ) Docket No. 000108-GU
Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities )
Corporation )

AFFIDAVIT

State of Florida
County of Polk

I, Thomas A. Geoffroy, having been duly sworn, depose and say that:

- 1. I am the Assistant Vice President of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation;
2. between August 14, 2000 and September 11, 2000, under my direction and supervision, a copy of the attached Notice of Interim Rates was sent by first class U. S. mail to all customers of record of the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation; and
3. on September 27, 2000, under my direction and supervision, a copy of the attached Notice of Hearing was sent by first class U. S. mail to all customers of record of the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Thomas A. Geoffroy (handwritten signature)
Thomas A. Geoffroy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of October, 2000, by Thomas A. Geoffroy.

Jennie M. Smith (handwritten signature)
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Florida

Personally known [checked] or Produced Identification
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My commission expires:

Jennie M. Smith
Commission # CC 963611
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## CENTRAL FLORIDA GAS COMPANY

### NOTICE OF INTERIM RATES

On May 15, 2000, Central Florida Gas Company (the "Company") filed a request with the Florida Public Service Commission in its Docket No. 000108-GU for approval to increase annual revenues by \$1,826,569 and requested that interim rates be put into effect pending final action on the permanent increase.

On July 11, 2000, the Commission suspended the permanent increase request and granted an interim increase of \$591,579, subject to refund, effective for billings rendered for meter readings on and after August 10, 2000, until the Commission established permanent rates. The overall interim increase of 10.87% was allocated to all customer classes of Central Florida Gas Company, as directed by the Commission.

The interim increase is spread in equal increases (excluding gas costs) for all customer classes, except Special Contracts that have previously been approved by the Commission.

The total base rate revenues produce the following interim multipliers for each rate classification.

<u>Service Class</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
Residential	10.87%
Commercial	10.87%
Commercial Large Volume	10.87%
Industrial	10.87%
Industrial Interruptible	10.87%
Firm Transportation	10.87%
Interruptible Transportation	10.87%

Monthly increase to individual customers, including gas costs where applicable, may vary from the average due to usage as shown below:

<u>Service Class</u>	<u>Dollar Increase</u>
Residential (20 therms)	\$ 1.77
Commercial (100 therms)	\$ 2.75
Commercial Large Volume (5,400 therms)	\$ 103.68
Industrial (8,000 therms)	\$ 70.16
Industrial Interruptible (11,000 therms)	\$ 70.07
Firm Transportation (16,000 therms)	\$ 137.28
Interruptible Transportation (16,000 therms)	\$ 92.32

The following bill comparisons, excluding state and local fees and taxes, are for typical consumption levels only.

<u>Service Class</u>		<u>Old Rate</u> <u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Interim Rate</u> <u>Per Therm</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Percent</u> <u>Increase</u>
				<u>Old</u>	<u>Interim</u>	
<b>Residential</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	
	Energy Charge	0.46905	0.55790			
	Fuel Charge	0.46424	0.46424			
	Total Rate	0.93329	1.02214			
	20 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>18.67</u> \$ 25.67	\$ <u>20.44</u> \$ 27.44	6.90%
<b>Commercial</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00	
	Energy Charge	0.22115	0.24861			
	Fuel Charge	0.46424	0.46424			
	Total Rate	0.68539	0.71285			
	100 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>68.54</u> \$ 83.54	\$ <u>71.29</u> \$ 86.29	3.29%
<b>Commercial Large Volume</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
	Energy Charge	0.17287	0.19207			
	Fuel Charge	0.46424	0.46424			
	Total Rate	0.63711	0.65631			
	5,400 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>3440.39</u> \$ 3460.39	\$ <u>3544.07</u> \$ 3564.07	3.00%
<b>Industrial</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	
	Energy Charge	0.07889	0.08766			
	Fuel Charge	0.46424	0.46424			
	Total Rate	0.54313	0.55190			
	8,000 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>4345.04</u> \$ 4385.04	\$ <u>4415.20</u> \$ 4455.20	1.60%
<b>Industrial Interruptible</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
	Energy Charge	0.05312	0.05949			
	Fuel Charge	0.46424	0.46424			
	Total Rate	0.51736	0.52373			
	11, 000 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>5690.96</u> \$ 6040.96	\$ <u>5761.03</u> \$ 6111.03	1.16%
<b>Firm Transportation</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00	
	Energy Charge	0.07889	0.08747			
	Fuel Charge	N/A	N/A			
	Total Rate	0.07889	0.08747			
	16, 000 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>1262.24</u> \$ 1302.24	\$ <u>1399.52</u> \$ 1439.52	10.54%
<b>Interruptible Transportation</b>	Customer Charge			\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	
	Energy Charge	0.05312	0.05889			
	Fuel Charge	N/A	N/A			
	Total Rate	0.05312	0.05889			
	16,000 Therms Total Cost			\$ <u>849.92</u> \$ 1199.92	\$ <u>942.24</u> \$ 1292.24	7.69%

Any customer comments regarding the utility's service or the proposed rate increase should be addressed to the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850. Such comments should identify the docket number (Docket No. 000108-GU) assigned to this proceeding.

For your information, we are also providing the address and telephone number of the Florida Public Service Commission's Consumer Affairs Department: Division of Consumer Affairs, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, 1-800-342-3552 (Toll Free Number).

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

RE: DOCKET NO. 000108-GU

REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE BY  
FLORIDA DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION

ISSUED: September 25, 2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Hearing will be held before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding the petition of the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for a rate increase, at the following time and place:

9:30 a.m., Monday, October 16, 2000  
Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of this hearing is to consider the petition of the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation for a rate increase and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the Prehearing Conference held on September 28, 2000. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

JURISDICTION

This Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. This hearing will be governed by said Chapter as well as Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-7, 25-17, 25-22, and 28-106, Florida Administrative Code.

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 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).



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