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TO: DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING (BAYÓ)

FROM: DIVISION OF COMPETITIVE SERVICES (MAKIN, BULECZA-BANKS) *WJH*
DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (C. KEATING, K. WALKER) *CRB* *RJE*

RE: DOCKET NO. 000904-GU - FILING OF PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE
FLTS-1, FIRM LOCAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, BY INDIANTOWN
GAS COMPANY

AGENDA: DECEMBER 19, 2000 - REGULAR AGENDA - TARIFF FILING -
INTERESTED PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE

CRITICAL DATES: 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2000
COMPANY WAIVES THE 60-DAY SUSPENSION DATE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: NONE

FILE NAME AND LOCATION: S:\PSC\CMP\WP\000904.RCM

CASE BACKGROUND

On April 4, 2000, the Commission issued Order No. PSC-00-0630-FOF-GU, adopting Rule 25-7.0335, Florida Administrative Code, (F.A.C.) Transportation Service. The rule requires Florida's investor-owned natural gas utilities to offer transportation service to all non-residential customers and file a transportation service tariff with the Commission by July 1, 2000. In accordance with Rule 25-7.0335, F.A.C, Indiantown Gas Company (Indiantown or Company) filed a petition to approve its transportation tariff. This recommendation addresses Indiantown's petition.

Jurisdiction over this matter is vested in the Commission by Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes.

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DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

ISSUE 1: Should the Commission grant Indiantown Gas Company's petition for approval of rate schedule FLTS-1, Firm Local Transportation Service?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. The Commission should approve Indiantown Gas Company's petition for approval of rate schedule FLTS-1, Firm Local Transportation Service, effective January 1, 2001. (MAKIN, BULECZA-BANKS)

STAFF ANALYSIS: On July 20, 2000, Indiantown Gas Company filed a petition for approval of rate schedule FLTS-1, Firm Local Transportation Service to implement Rule 25-7.0335, F.A.C. Rule 25-7.0335, F.A.C., which became effective on April 23, 2000, requires all natural gas utilities to offer the transportation of natural gas to all non-residential customers and file a transportation service tariff by July 1, 2000.

Indiantown's proposed transportation tariff filed in compliance with Rule 25-7.0335, F.A.C., makes transportation service available to all non-residential customers beginning January 1, 2001.

The Company's proposed transportation tariff is identical to staff's proposed model transportation tariff to provide unbundled transportation service to its non-residential customers on an equal basis, regardless of size. The proposed tariff would not change any customer's rates. For the present time, the Company will use its existing sales service rates for transportation service. The Commission has accepted this method for setting transportation service rates for Peoples Gas, in Docket No. 850643-GU, Order No. 16229. Should Indiantown determine that the transportation rates are inappropriate, it may file a petition seeking changes.

Staff believes that Indiantown's proposed transportation service tariff is reasonable and should be approved. The tariff should become effective January 1, 2001

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ISSUE 2: Should this docket be closed?

RECOMMENDATION: Yes. If no protest is filed by a person whose substantial interests are affected within 21 days of the issuance of the Order, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order. (C. KEATING, K. WALKER)

STAFF ANALYSIS: If a protest is filed by a person whose substantial interests are affected within 21 days of the Commission Order approving this tariff, the tariff should remain in effect pending resolution of the protest, with any charges held subject to refund pending resolution of the protest. If no protest is filed, this docket should be closed upon the issuance of a Consummating Order.