

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation  
cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 010004-GU  
DATED: OCTOBER 24, 2001

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-01-0659-PCO-GU, issued March 16, 2001, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff has no witnesses at this time.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff has no exhibits at this time.

c. Staff's Statement of Basic Position

Staff's positions are preliminary and based on materials filed by the parties and on discovery. The preliminary positions are offered to assist the parties in preparing for the hearing. Staff's final positions will be based upon all the evidence in the record and may differ from the preliminary positions stated herein.

d. Staff's Position on the Issues

**ISSUE 1:** What is the final end of the period true-up amount for the period January 2000 through December 2000?

**POSITION:**

CUC:	\$ 3,560	Over Recovery
CGC:	\$ 631,142	Under Recovery
FPU:		no position at this time
PGS:	\$ 443,731	Over Recovery
SJNG:	\$ 11,331	Under Recovery
PGWF:	\$ 758,566	Under Recovery

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**ISSUE 2:** What is the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2002 through December 2002?

**POSITION:**

CUC:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>GCR Factor</u>
GS1/TS-1	.13125 cents/therm
GS2/TS-2	.06481 cents/therm
GS3/TS-3	.04821 cents/therm
GS4/TS-4	.03831 cents/therm
GS5/TS-5	.03349 cents/therm
GS6/TS-6	.02669 cents/therm
GS7/TS-7	.01673 cents/therm
GS8/TS-8	.01402 cents/therm
GS9/TS-9	.01321 cents/therm

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>GCR Factor</u>
RS - Residential	.04993 cents/therm
CS - Commercial	.01431 cents/therm
LCS - Commercial (Lg. Vol.)	.00948 cents/therm
GS- Industrial	.00836 cents/therm

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>GCR Factor</u>
Residential	No position at this time
Commercial (Small)	No position at this time
Commercial (Lg. Vol.)	No position at this time
Firm Transportation	No position at this time

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>GCR Factor</u>
Residential	.06023 cents/therm
Small Commercial	.05243 cents/therm
Commercial	.02202 cents/therm

Commercial	.01794 cents/therm
(Lg. Vol. I)	
Commercial	.01302 cents/therm
(Lg. Vol. II)	
Street Lighting	.00760 cents/therm
NGVS	.00594 cents/therm

SJNG:	<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>GCR Factor</u>
	Residential	.03012 cents/therm
	Commercial	.02581 cents/therm
	Commercial	.01195 cents/therm
	(Lg. Vol.)	

PGWF:	<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>GCR Factor</u>
	Residential	.12793 cents/therm
	Commercial	.04024 cents/therm
	Commercial	.03021 cents/therm
	(Lg. Vol.)	
	Industrial	.02973 cents/therm

**ISSUE 3: What should be the effective date of the cost recovery factors for billing purposes?**

**POSITION:**

The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January, 2002, through December, 2002. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2002, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2002, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

**ISSUE 4: What is the appropriate treatment of FPUC's promotional advertising items and television commercial advertising?**

**POSITION:**

FPUC's promotional advertising does not meet the requirements set by Rule 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code, for advertisements directly related to an approved conservation program. The items and the commercial do not follow the standards set forth by the rule in that they do not:

- 1) Identify a specific problem;
- 2) State how to correct the problem; or
- 3) Provide direction concerning how to obtain help to alleviate the problem.

e. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

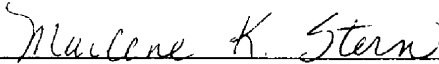
f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims at this time.

g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-01-0659-PCO-GU

Staff has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of October, 2001.

  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT  
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TO: DIVISION OF THE COMMISSION CLERK AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

FROM: DIVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES (STERN) *MKS RVE*

RE: DOCKET NO. 010004-GU - Natural gas conservation cost recovery

Attached is STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT to be issued in the above-referenced docket.

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