

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural Gas Conservation )  
Cost Recovery )

Docket No. 020004-GU

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF  
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION  
FLORIDA DIVISION

A. WITNESSES:

<u>Witness Direct</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
1. Amanda J. Price* (CUC)	True-up for 2001	1
2. Brian S. Bilinski (CUC)	Estimated true-up amount for 2002; projected expenses and cost recovery factors for 2003	2,3

B. EXHIBITS:

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>
AJP-1*	Price	True-up variance analysis [Schedules CT1-CT6]
BSB-1	Bilinski	Projections Recovery Clause Calculation: Estimated ECCR charges by rate classification; [Schedules C- 1 through C-4]

C. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

The Commission should approve the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's final net true-up for the period January 2001 through December 2001, the estimated true-up amount for the period January – December 2002, and the projected conservation program expenses for the period January – December 2003.

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The Commission should approve the following ECCR factors for the following rate classes for the period January – December 2003:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>ECCR Factor Cents Per Therm</u>
GS-1/TS-1	17.201
GS-2/TS-2	8.540
GS-3/TS-3	5.753
GS-4/TS-4	4.725
GS-5/TS-5	4.057
GS-6/TS-6	3.257
GS-7/TS-7	1.985
GS-8/TS-8	1.656
GS-9/TS-9	1.462

D. QUESTIONS OF FACT

Issue 1: What is the final end-of-the-period true-up amount for the period January 2001 through December 2001?

CUC'S Position: \$221,691 underrecovery. (Price\*)

Issue 2: What are the appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2003 through December 2003?

CUC's Position: The appropriate energy conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2003 through December 2003 are as follows:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>ECCR Factor Cents Per Therm</u>
GS-1/TS-1	17.201
GS-2/TS-2	8.540
GS-3/TS-3	5.753
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(Bilinski)

Issue 3: What should be the effective date of the new conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

CUC's Position: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2003, through December 2003. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2003 and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2003, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

(Bilinski)

e) QUESTIONS OF LAW:

None.

f) POLICY QUESTIONS:

None.

g) STIPULATED ISSUES:

None.

h) MOTIONS

None.

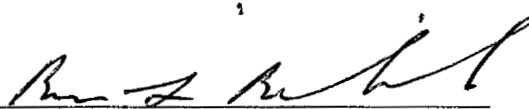
i) OTHER MATTERS:

\*In the event live testimony is required, Mr. Bilinski intends to adopt Ms. Price's prefiled direct testimony and sponsor Exhibit AJP-1.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,  
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