

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment
(PGA) true-up.

DOCKET NO. 020003-GU

FILED: October 25, 2002

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-02-0336-PCO-GU, filed March 14, 2002, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

Staff does not intend to call any witnesses.

b. All Known Exhibits

Staff does not intend to sponsor any exhibits, but reserves the right to use exhibits for the purpose of cross-examination.

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

Generic Purchased Gas Adjustment Issues

ISSUE 1: What are the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2001 through December 2001?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$223,376	Overrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,370,047	Overrecovery

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Florida Public Utilities	\$1,467,999	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$32,134	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$2,948,202	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$25,341	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$40,051	Underrecovery

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2002 through December 2002?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$93,231	Overrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$739,924	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$1,234,930	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$40,126	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$6,783,915	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$10,763	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$10,253	Underrecovery

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2003 through December 2003?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$316,607	Overrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$630,123	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$233,069	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$72,260	Overrecovery

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Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$3,835,711	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$14,799	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$50,304	Underrecovery

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2003 through December 2003?

POSITION:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	87.382 cents per therm
City Gas Company of Florida	79.429 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	82.860 cents per therm
Indiantown Gas Company	84.280 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	97.855 cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	52.751 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	75.400 cents per therm

ISSUE 5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

POSITION: The factor should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2003, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2003 through December 2003.

e. **Pending Motions**

Staff has no pending motions.

f. **Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests**

There are no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

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g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-02-0336-PCO-GU

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

Respectfully Submitted,



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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U.S. Mail this 25th day of October, 2002, to the following:

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