

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 030003-GU

DATED: OCTOBER 14, 2003

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-03-0191-PCO-GU, filed February 7, 2003, and Order No. PSC-03-0448-PCO-GU, filed April 1, 2003, 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 2002 through December 2002?

POSITION:

City Gas Company of Florida

\$319,830

Overrecovery

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Florida Public Utilities	\$479,733	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$7,471,390	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$30,408	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$19,021	Overrecovery

ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2003 through December 2003?

POSITION:

City Gas Company of Florida	\$814,417	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$292,342	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$10,328,132	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$71,509	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$12,336	Underrecovery

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2004 through December 2004?

POSITION:

City Gas Company of Florida	\$494,587	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$187,391	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$2,856,740	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$41,101	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$6,685	Overrecovery

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2004 through December 2004?

POSITION:

City Gas Company of Florida	95.067 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	91.812 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	98.531 cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	88.326 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	76.300 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, 2004, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2004 through December 2004.

e. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

f. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

There are no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

g. Compliance with Order No. PSC-03-0191-PCO-GU and Order No. PSC-03-0448-PCO-GU.

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

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Respectfully submitted this _____ day of _____,
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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 14th day of October 2003, to the following:

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