

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up. | DOCKET NO. 050003-GU

DATED: OCTOBER 17, 2005

STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-05-0268-PCO-GU, filed March 11, 2005, 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 2004 through December 2004?

POSITION:

Florida City Gas	\$117,948	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$772,395	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$12,577,822	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$41,904	Overrecovery

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ISSUE 2: What are the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2005 through December 2005?

POSITION:

Florida City Gas	\$3,439,924	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$2,208,051	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$15,709,214	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$159,782	Overrecovery

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2006 through December 2006?

POSITION:

Florida City Gas	\$3,321,976	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$1,435,656	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$3,131,392	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$201,776	Overrecovery

ISSUE 4: What are the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2006 through December 2006?

POSITION:

Florida City Gas	154.560 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	155.053 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	150.033 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	1.051 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, 2006, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2006 through December 2006.

e. Stipulated Issues

There are no issues that have been stipulated at this time.

f. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions.

g. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests.

h. Compliance with Order No. PSC-05-0268-PCO-GU.

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

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of October, 2005.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of Staff's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by U. S. Mail this 17th day of October 2005, to the following:

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