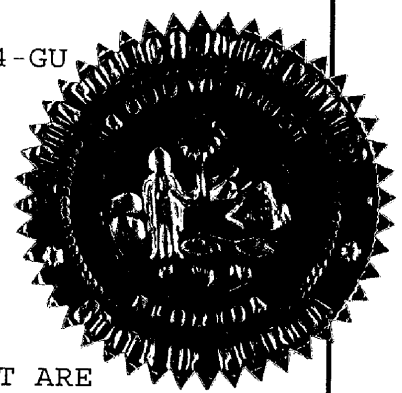


BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 050004-GU

In the Matter of
NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION
COST RECOVERY.



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2 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Okay. Let's move on to the
3 next docket, which is Docket 04. Docket 04 deals with natural
4 gas conservation cost recovery. Are there any preliminary
5 matters by any of the parties?

6 MS. BROWN: I don't think there are, Commissioner.
7 And I would point out even though the draft prehearing order at
8 this point doesn't reflect it, this docket also appears to be
9 stipulated. The parties agree with staff's numbers on all the
10 issues, and in the final draft I'll show those positions as
11 stipulated as well.

12 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Okay. It appears to be so.
13 What I'm going to do is make sure. And what I'm going to do is
14 go through the draft prehearing order and, and you all can
15 respond accordingly.

16 Let's start with Sections I through IV. Stipulated?

17 Section V, posthearing procedures. Stipulated?

18 Section VI, prefiled testimony and exhibits.

19 MS. BROWN: Once again, Commissioner, if the issues
20 are all stipulated, the witnesses can be excused if no
21 Commissioner on the panel has questions. And I'll inform the
22 parties of that by the 2nd of November.

23 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Okay. Thank you. Section
24 VII, order of witnesses.

25 Section VIII, basic positions.

1 Section IX, issues and positions.

2 MR. SCHIEFELBEIN: Pardon me, Commissioner. Over
3 here. Wayne Schiefelbein on behalf of Chesapeake. Just to
4 confirm staff's understanding that Chesapeake agrees with
5 staff's figures for Issues 1 and 2, and thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: But not for 3. Okay.

7 MR. HORTON: Commissioner, here. On behalf of
8 Florida Public Utilities, same thing. Issue 1, the company
9 position and the staff position are different, but we would
10 agree with the staff position.

11 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Okay. That's Issue 1 and 2?

12 MR. HORTON: Issue 1. It's just Issue 1.

13 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Issue 1. Okay.

14 MS. BROWN: And, Commissioner, Issue 3 is a
15 stipulated issue as well. It's the effective date of the cost
16 recovery factors for billing purposes. And it's my
17 understanding that all of the parties agree with that position.

18 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Is, is that true as it relates
19 to the parties and your understanding of Issue 3 as it relates
20 to it being stipulated? Okay.

21 Section X, exhibit list.

22 Section XI, proposed stipulations. Well, we've
23 covered those.

24 Section XII, pending motions.

25 MS. BROWN: No pending motions.

1 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Section XIII, pending
2 confidentiality matters.

3 MS. BROWN: No pending confidentiality matters.

4 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: Section XIV, rulings.

5 MS. BROWN: Once again, Commissioner, we're
6 recommending that the parties have ten minutes for opening
7 statements, but we expect that they won't be needed in this
8 docket.

9 COMMISSIONER BRADLEY: That would be my ruling.

10 Are there any other matters to come before the
11 prehearing officer at this time? Thank you. That concludes
12 Docket 04.

13 (Prehearing Conference in Docket 050004-GU
14 concluded.)

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