

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 120004-GU

DATED: October 8, 2012

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COMMISSION STAFF'S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-12-0059-PCO-GU, filed February 10, 2012, the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission files its Prehearing Statement.

a. All Known Witnesses

There are no known witnesses at this time.

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

ISSUE 1: What are the final conservation cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2011 through December 2011?

POSITION: The appropriate final conservation cost recovery true-up amounts for the period January 2011 through December 2011 are as follows:

Chesapeake (CUC)	\$29,729	Overrecovery
Florida City Gas (FCG)	\$1,076,076	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC)	\$564,286	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company (Indiantown)	\$13,622	Overrecovery
Peoples Gas System (PGS)	\$702,452	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas (SJNG)	\$8,819	Underrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring)	\$15,563	Overrecovery

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ISSUE 2: What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2013 through December 2013?

POSITION: The appropriate total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2013 through December 2013 are as follows:

Chesapeake (CUC)	\$573,792
Florida City Gas (FCG)	\$4,956,394
Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC)	\$2,551,708
Indiantown Gas Company (Indiantown)	\$1,326
Peoples Gas System (PGS)	\$9,463,342
St. Joe Natural Gas (SJNG)	\$109,571
Sebring Gas System, Inc. (Sebring)	\$25,485

ISSUE 3: What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2013 through December 2013?

POSITION: The appropriate conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2013 through December 2013 are as follows:

CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	FTS-A	12.617 cents/therm
	FTS-B	9.919 cents/therm
	FTS-1	8.349 cents/therm
	FTS-2	4.874 cents/therm
	FTS-2.1	3.581 cents/therm
	FTS-3	3.362 cents/therm
	FTS-3.1	2.378 cents/therm
	FTS-4	1.980 cents/therm
	FTS-5	1.540 cents/therm
	FTS-6	1.324 cents/therm
	FTS-7	0.943 cents/therm
	FTS-8	0.836 cents/therm
	FTS-9	0.709 cents/therm
	FTS-10	0.609 cents/therm
	FTS-11	0.546 cents/therm
	FTS-12	0.421 cents/therm

In accordance with Order No. PSC-07-0427-TRF-GU, issued May 15, 2007, in Docket No. 060675-GU, optional fixed rates are available to CUC customers in the following rate schedules:

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CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor (\$ per bill)
	FTS-A	0.82
	FTS-B	1.07
	FTS-1	1.37
	FTS-2	2.64
	FTS-2.1	3.69
	FTS-3	8.80
	FTS-3.1	12.33

FCG	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	GS-1, GS-100, GS-220	14.728 cents/therm
	GS-600	7.814 cents/therm
	GS-1200	4.650 cents/therm
	GS-6000	3.830 cents/therm
	GS-25000	3.796 cents/therm
	GS-60000	3.704 cents/therm
	Gas Lights	7.407 cents/therm
	GS-120000	2.626 cents/therm
	GS-250000	2.535 cents/therm

FPUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	Residential	7.926 cents/therm
	General Service & GS Transportation (GS1)	5.613 cents/therm
	General Service & GS Transportation (GS2)	4.208 cents/therm
	Large Volume Service	3.213 cents/therm
	LV Transportation < 50,000	3.213 cents/therm
	LV Transportation > 50,000	3.213 cents/therm

Indiantown	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	TS-1	0.212 cents/therm
	TS-2	0.035 cents/therm
	TS-3	0.132 cents/therm
	TS-4	0.013 cents/therm

PGS	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	RS	5.973 cents/therm
	RSSG	5.973 cents/therm
	SGS	4.006 cents/therm
	CSG	1.887 cents/therm
	GS-1	1.887 cents/therm
	GS-2	1.376 cents/therm
	GS-3	1.137 cents/therm

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PGS	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	GS-4	0.853 cents/therm
	GS-5	0.627 cents/therm
	NGVS	1.236 cents/therm
	CSLS	0.998 cents/therm

SJNG	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	RS-1	24.830 cents/therm
	RS-2	16.415 cents/therm
	RS-3	12.910 cents/therm
	GS-1	11.250 cents/therm
	GS-2	4.645 cents/therm
	FTS-4	2.180 cents/therm

Sebring	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	TS-1	11.642 cents/therm
	TS-2	5.881 cents/therm
	TS-3	4.215 cents/therm
	TS-4	3.494 cents/therm

ISSUE 4: What should be the effective date of the new conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

POSITION: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2013 through December 2013. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2013, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2013, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

e. Stipulated Issues

Staff knows of no stipulated issues at this time.

f. Pending Motions

Staff has no pending motions at this time.

g. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

Staff has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

h. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

Staff has no objections to witness qualifications as an expert in this proceeding.

i. Compliance with Order No. PSC-12-0059-PCO-GU

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

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of October, 2012.



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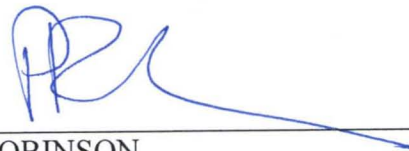
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