

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 120004-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-12-0612-FOF-GU
ISSUED: November 15, 2012

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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FINAL ORDER APPROVING NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY
AMOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR
THE PERIOD JANUARY 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

As part of our continuing natural gas conservation cost recovery proceedings, an administrative hearing was held on November 5, 2012, in this docket. Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (CUC), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC), Florida Public Utilities Company – Indiantown Division (Indiantown), Florida City Gas (FCG), Sebring Gas System, Inc., Peoples Gas System, and St. Joe Natural Gas Company submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their conservation cost recovery factors. Prior to the hearing, the parties reached agreement concerning all issues identified for resolution at the hearing. The Office of the Public Counsel took no position on all the issues. These issues were presented to us as stipulations. We have jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.), including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, F.S.

The parties stipulated to the final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each utility. We accept and approve the stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record, as set forth below.

We find that 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

We find that 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

We find that 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

CUC	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	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:

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

PGS	Rate Class	ECCR Factor
	CSG	1.887 cents/therm
	GS-1	1.887 cents/therm
	GS-2	1.376 cents/therm
	GS-3	1.137 cents/therm
	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	12.791 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

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.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the stipulations, findings, and rulings set forth in the body of this Order are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that each utility that was a party to this docket shall abide by the stipulations, findings, and rulings herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and utilize the factors approved herein for the period 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.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 15th day of November, 2012.



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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request:

- 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or
- 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.