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2           **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Item 4. And I believe  
3 the Office of Public Counsel is here and is  
4 available to speak on this item after staff  
5 introduces it.

6           **MR. ROME:** Good morning. Don Rome with  
7 Commission staff.

8           Item 4 is a petition filed by Florida  
9 Public Utilities Company to amend its gas  
10 transportation service agreement with the City of  
11 Lake Worth. The current agreement prohibits the  
12 City from selling any of the gas transported by FPUC  
13 to the City. The City is now developing a  
14 compressed natural gas, CNG, station and will  
15 require delivery of additional quantities of gas.  
16 The amended agreement would allow resale by the City  
17 only to customers of a CNG station. Under the  
18 current agreement, the City is paying FPUC for the  
19 transport of up to 4,070 thousand cubic feet per  
20 hour. With the proposed amendment, FPUC estimates  
21 that it would be transporting approximately 155  
22 thousand cubic feet per hour. Thus, the City is  
23 paying for a significant amount of unused capacity.

24           Also, the \$30,000 cost to FPUC of  
25 additional facilities to serve the CNG station

1 represents only about 1 percent of the remaining net  
2 plant value of the Lake Worth lateral facilities.

3 Based on staff's review, the proposed  
4 amendment appears to be reasonable. Staff is not  
5 aware of any customer complaints or correspondence  
6 regarding this docket, and staff recommends  
7 approval.

8 The Office of Public Counsel is here today  
9 and would like to offer some remarks regarding this  
10 item.

11 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** And before we get that,  
12 Ms. Keating, would you like the opportunity to speak  
13 in favor?

14 **MS. KEATING:** Good morning, Madam  
15 Chairman, Commissioners. Beth Keating with the  
16 Gunster Law Firm here today for FPUC.

17 We're here to support staff's  
18 recommendation and answer any questions you may  
19 have.

20 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Thank you.

21 Office of Public Counsel.

22 **MS. ROTH:** Good morning, Commissioners.  
23 Danielle Roth with the Office of Public Counsel. I  
24 do just have very quick remarks.

25 The Office of Public Counsel understands

1 that the approval of the proposed amendment and the  
2 \$30,000 cost of adding the additional facilities to  
3 serve the CNG station will have a de minimis impact  
4 on the cost of service in this particular case, and,  
5 thus, we do not have an objection to staff's  
6 recommendation. However, we do want to make sure  
7 that this case does not become precedent for future  
8 cases that do not meet the specific factors of this  
9 case and could cause the general body of ratepayers  
10 to bear the weight of disproportionate costs that  
11 might not be otherwise properly allocated to them.

12 And Mr. Rome did say a lot of this  
13 already. In this present case, the agreement calls  
14 for the City to pay FPUC for the transport of 4,070  
15 MCF per hour. With the additional volume for the  
16 CNG station, FPUC will only be transporting a total  
17 of approximately 155 MCF per hour.

18 In addition, the depreciated value of the  
19 lateral serving the City is roughly 2.4 million,  
20 which makes the \$30,000 additional facility cost  
21 approximately 1 percent of the remaining net planned  
22 value and sufficiently covered by the revenues  
23 received from the City.

24 Based on the very specific facts of this  
25 particular case and the de minimis impact of the

1 additional facilities' costs, there should be no  
2 adverse impact to the general body of FPUC  
3 ratepayers. Thank you.

4 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Thank you, Ms. Roth. And  
5 I appreciate your comments and definitely take them  
6 into consideration in the future.

7 Commissioners, any questions or comments?  
8 If not, can I get a motion?

9 **COMMISSIONER GRAHAM:** Move staff  
10 recommendation.

11 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** Is there a second?

12 **COMMISSIONER PATRONIS:** Second.

13 **CHAIRMAN BROWN:** All those in favor, say  
14 aye.

15 (Vote taken.)

16 The motion passes. And thank you for  
17 coming here today.

18 (Agenda item concluded.)  
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