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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20170190-GU

JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF GAS RELIABILITY
INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (GRIP) COST RECOVERY FACTORS BY
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY, FLORIDA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMPANY-FORT MEADE, AND FLORIDA DIVISION OF
CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION.

PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 14

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK

DATE: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Item 14, which I believe has an
3 oral modification that has been provided to all of
4 the offices.

5 Good morning.

6 MS. OLLILA: Good morning, Commissioner. Sue
7 Ollila for staff.

8 Item 14 is Florida Public Utilities' petition
9 to approve the 2018 cast iron/bare steel
10 replacement surcharges for FPUC, FPUC Fort Meade,
11 and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities
12 Corporation. For 2018, the proposed monthly
13 surcharge for a typical residential customer using
14 20 therms is \$4.88 for FPUC, \$1.64 for Fort Meade,
15 and \$2.37 for Chesapeake.

16 As the Chairman noted, an oral modification
17 corrected two minor numbers, has been approved, and
18 is filed in the docket file.

19 There have been no customer contacts. Staff
20 recommends approval. And staff notes that -- the
21 representatives from Public Counsel and FPUC here.

22 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

23 Ms. Christensen.

24 MS. CHRISTENSEN: Good morning, Commissioners.

25 My name is Patti Christensen.

1 I wanted to make a brief comment regarding the
2 GRIP program from FPUC, Chesapeake, and Fort Meade.
3 We support the safety-related programs, but we have
4 become concerned that the projected costs for the
5 GRIP program have been exceeded by the actual
6 expenditures.

7 My understanding from the petition and the
8 testimony is that the highly-aggressive replacement
9 portion of this program that has taken place in
10 urban areas is finishing and that the rural
11 replacement should be the main focus over the
12 remaining five years.

13 And we would expect, given that, that the
14 projections and the actual expenditures should be
15 coming more into alignment. And we want to make
16 sure that these costs continue to undergo the
17 necessary scrutiny to ensure that only GRIP-
18 appropriate costs are being collected via the GRIP
19 surcharge. And that concludes my comments for
20 FPUC, and Chesapeake, and Fort Meade. Thank you.

21 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

22 Ms. Keating.

23 MS. KEATING: Thank you, Madam Chair. Beth
24 Keating with the Gunster law firm here today for
25 FPUC.

1 And Ms. Christensen is correct. I mean, the
2 company has taken a -- a more-aggressive approach
3 to doing these replacements. This is a safety
4 issue. And the opportunities have presented itself
5 to -- to take care of some of these matters, in a
6 more-expeditious pace and -- but in the foreseeable
7 future, we do project that those costs will be
8 coming down.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Thank you for those
10 comments. And again, this is a very vital part of
11 our regulation and our oversight. And safety is
12 paramount. And it's happening all over the
13 country. So, replacement is -- I appreciate the
14 accelerated approach that the company is taking.

15 Commissioners, any questions or comments?
16 Ready for a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER BRISÉ: Move staff.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Is there a second?

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussions?

21 Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

22 (Chorus of ayes.)

23 THE CHAIRMAN: Motion passes. Thank you --
24 with the oral modification.

25 (Agenda item concluded.)

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COUNTY OF LEON)

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