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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20170179-GU
PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY FLORIDA CITY GAS.

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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER POLMANN
PREHEARING OFFICER

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2018

TIME: Commenced: 1:30 p.m.
Concluded: 1:39 p.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
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the State of Florida at Large

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1 P R O C E E D I N G

2 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Good afternoon. Today
3 is March 12, 2018. And as best we can tell, it's
4 1:30. Some of us are not quite sure about that.

5 I will now call this prehearing conference to
6 order. We are here for Docket Number 2010179-GU,
7 Florida City Gas petition for rate increase.

8 I will look to staff and ask you please read
9 the notice.

10 MR. TRIERWEILER: By notice issued
11 February 5th, 2018, this time and place was set for
12 this prehearing conference in Docket Number
13 20170179-GU. The purpose of this prehearing is set
14 out in the notice.

15 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
16 Mr. Trierweiler.

17 At this point, we will take appearances, and
18 we will start with Florida City Gas.

19 MS. KEATING: Good afternoon, Commissioner.
20 Beth Keating with the Gunster law firm, also here
21 with Greg Munson. We are here on behalf of Florida
22 City Gas.

23 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: And FEA.

24 MR. JERNIGAN: Yes, sir. Thomas Jernigan with
25 the Federal Executive Agencies. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: OPC.

2 MS. PONDER: Yes. Virginia Ponder with the
3 Office of Public Counsel. I would also like to
4 make an appearance for Patty Christensen, Stephanie
5 Morse and J.R. Kelly, the Public Counsel.

6 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you.

7 Okay, Commission staff.

8 MR. TRIERWEILER: Walt Trierweiler. Also with
9 me today are Danijela Janjic, Margo DuVal and
10 Jennifer Crawford.

11 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: And General Counsel's
12 Office.

13 MS. HELTON: Mary Anne Helton here as your
14 advisor today. I would also like to make an
15 appearance for your General Counsel, Keith Hetrick.

16 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you.

17 Staff, I understand we have preliminary
18 matters that need to be addressed before we proceed
19 at this point.

20 MR. TRIERWEILER: Yes, Commissioner.

21 I am glad to say staff has a few items to
22 address on today, March 12, 2018.

23 The parties filed a joint motion for the
24 approval of a settlement agreement that resolves
25 all issues identified in this proceeding. This has

1 been marked on the comprehensive exhibit list as
2 Exhibit No. 107. At the request of the parties,
3 depositions planned for March 6th through 8th were
4 postponed.

5 Staff recommends an amended procedural order
6 be issued to guide the activities of the parties
7 until the technical hearing on March 26, 2018,
8 immediately following the Gulf settlement in Docket
9 Number 20180039-EI at 1:30 p.m.

10 At this time, staff would request that we
11 adjourn the prehearing to provide Commission staff
12 with the opportunity to examine the contents of the
13 settlement agreement.

14 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,
15 Mr. Trierweiler.

16 At this time, I believe it would be -- it
17 would be appropriate to allow staff the necessary
18 time to examine the proposed settlement agreement.
19 And, as Mr. Trierweiler indicated, I will be
20 issuing an amended order that will outline the next
21 steps in this docket.

22 Subsequent to adjournment here, as indicated,
23 the parties will move on down the hall to another
24 meeting room to review the various documents.

25 So, staff, do we have any other matters to

1 address in this prehearing conference at this time?

2 MR. TRIERWEILER: No, Commissioner, other than
3 to point out that the meeting room that you
4 described is the IA room, Room 105. And we will be
5 conducting a brief review of the contents of the
6 settlement agreement and we would like to meet
7 within 10 minutes adjournment of this hearing.

8 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Parties, do we have
9 other comments, other matters?

10 MS. KEATING: If I may, Commissioner.

11 We just want to thank the staff for working
12 with us. This has been a collaborative effort with
13 FEA and OPC, and we think we've reached a good
14 settlement, that it's in the public interest.

15 And we will have our witnesses available to
16 address any staff questions, and we will work
17 diligently to make sure staff has all the
18 information they need to move this forward and to
19 bring this before you with all the information you
20 need for March 26th.

21 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Ms. Keating.
22 Comments by others at this time?

23 MS. PONDER: Yes. I just would like to
24 address if our witnesses may be excused at this
25 time, or is that to be addressed later?

1 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Staff? Ms. Helton.

2 MS. HELTON: I think until we see the
3 procedural order and see what process is expected,
4 I am not comfortable recommending, Commissioner,
5 that we excuse any witnesses.

6 MS. CHRISTENSEN: When will we be getting
7 that?

8 MS. PONDER: I am sorry, when will the new
9 procedural order be out?

10 MS. HELTON: Hopefully -- hopefully soon.

11 MS. PONDER: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: I am sorry, turn your
13 mic on, please.

14 MS. CHRISTENSEN: We would just appreciate any
15 effort that could be made in processing that as
16 quickly as possible so that we don't have to
17 actually bring our witnesses down if the Commission
18 doesn't have any questions of our witnesses. I
19 think it would save the State money if we don't
20 have to have them attending the hearing for no
21 purpose.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. TRIERWEILER: Commissioner, if I may. I
24 would like to address that issue.

25 That's a very important issue. We appreciate

1 wanting to avoid the cost and bother the witnesses
2 who have already participated so robustly in this
3 process, and we will identify as quickly as we can
4 which, if not all witnesses, that can be -- that we
5 recommend be released prior to the technical
6 hearing just as soon as we can.

7 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, sir.

8 Any other comments or concerns at this point?

9 Okay. As staff has indicated, having just
10 received the actual document here, staff will be
11 working diligently reviewing that, and I am
12 available right away to execute the amended
13 procedural order. So we will get that out just as
14 quickly as we can.

15 Any -- if there is no other matters -- let's
16 see, the time is 1:38. If all parties will make
17 their way down to the IA room within 10 minutes by
18 one -- let's say 1:50.

19 If there is no other matters, this prehearing
20 is now adjourned.

21 Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded at
23 1:39 p.m.)

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