

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery
Clause

DOCKET NO. 20180004-GU

FILED: October 15, 2018

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, Order No. PSC-2018-0944-PCO-GU, issued February 20, 2018, and Order No. PSC-2018-0248-PCO-PU issued May 14, 2018, submit this Prehearing Statement.

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A. **WITNESSES:**

None.

B. **EXHIBITS:**

None.

C. **STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION**

The utilities have the burden of proof to justify and support the recovery of costs and their proposal(s) seeking the Commission's adoption of policy statements (whether new or changed) or other affirmative relief sought, regardless of whether the Interveners provide evidence to the

contrary. Regardless of whether the Commission has previously approved a program as meeting the Commission's requirements, the utilities must still meet their burden of demonstrating that the costs submitted for final recovery meet the statutory test(s) and are reasonable in amount and prudently incurred.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS

GENERIC CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY ISSUES

ISSUE 1: What are the final conservation cost recovery adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2017 through December 2017?

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 2: What are the appropriate conservation adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2018 through December 2018? [Current year true-up amount]

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from January 2019 through December 2018?

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 4: What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2019 through December 2019?

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 5: What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2019 through December 2019?

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 6: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing natural gas conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 7: What should be the effective date of the conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

OPC: No position at this time.

ISSUE 8: Should this docket be closed?

OPC: No position at this time.

E. **STIPULATED ISSUES:**

None.

F. **PENDING MOTIONS:**

None.

G. **REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY**

Citizens have no pending requests for claims for confidentiality.

H. **OBJECTIONS TO WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS AS AN EXPERT**

OPC has no objections to any witness' qualifications as an expert in this proceeding.

I. **REQUIREMENTS OF ORDER**

There are no requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure with which the Office of Public Counsel cannot comply.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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