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**DATE:** July 22, 2020

**TO:** Office of Commission Clerk

**FROM:** Lynn M. Deamer, <sup>LD</sup> Chief of Auditing, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis

**RE:** Docket No.: 20200003-GU  
Company Name: St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Company Code: GU610  
Audit Purpose: A3c: Purchased Gas Adjustment  
Audit Control No.: 2020-022-1-2

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Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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## Public Service Commission

Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis  
Bureau of Auditing  
Tallahassee District Office

### Auditor's Report

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause

**Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2019**

Docket No. 20200003-GU  
Audit Control No. 2020-022-1-2  
**July 8, 2020**

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Hymavathi Vedula  
Audit Manager

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Marisa N. Glover  
Reviewer

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## Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Economics in its audit service request dated January 21, 2020. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. in support of its 2019 filing for the Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20200003-GU.

The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

## Objectives and Procedures

### **General**

#### Definition

Utility refers to the St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.  
PGA refers to the Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause.

### **Revenue**

#### Operating Revenues

**Objectives:** The objectives were to determine the actual therms sold for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019, and whether the Utility applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual therm sales for the PGA.

**Procedures:** We traced revenues reported on the 2019 filing to the Utility's general ledger and monthly revenue reports. We selected a random sample of residential and commercial customer bill and recalculated them to verify that the correct tariff rates were used. No exceptions were noted.

### **Expense**

#### Operation and Maintenance Expense

**Objectives:** The objectives were to determine whether the Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Expense listed on Schedule A-2 of the Utility's filing were supported by sufficient documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recoverable through the PGA.

**Procedures:** We traced expenses from the filing to the general ledger. We traced a sample of O&M Expenses to source documentation to ensure the expenses were supported by sufficient documentation and that the expenses were appropriately recoverable through the PGA. No exceptions were noted.

### **True-up**

**Objective:** The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Schedule A-2 was properly calculated.

**Procedures:** We traced the December 31, 2018, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2019, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2018, the Non-financial Commercial Paper rates, and the 2019 PGA revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

## **Analytical Review**

**Objective:** The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's PGA Revenues and Expenses to determine if there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior year.

**Procedures:** We compared 2019 to 2018 revenues and expenses. There were no significant variances. Further follow-up was not required.

Audit Findings

**None**

## Exhibit

### Exhibit 1: True-Up

| COMPANY: ST JOE NATURAL GAS CO    CALCULATION OF TRUE-UP AND INTEREST PROVISION |                |            |            |          |  |            |            | SCHEDULE A-2 |  |
|---|----------------|------------|------------|----------|--|------------|------------|--------------|--|
| FOR THE PERIOD OF:    JANUARY 2019    Through    DECEMBER 2019                  |                |            |            |          |  |            |            |              |  |
|   | CURRENT MONTH: |            |            |          | PERIOD TO DATE   |            |            |              |  |
|   | ACTUAL         | ESTIMATE   | DIFFERENCE |          | ACTUAL   | ESTIMATE   | DIFFERENCE |              |  |
|   |                |            | AMOUNT     | %        |  |            | AMOUNT     | %            |  |
| <b>TRUE-UP CALCULATION</b>  |                |            |            |          |  |            |            |              |  |
| 1 PURCHASED GAS COST    LINE 4, A/1   | \$28,699       | \$19,811   | -8,888     | -0.44865 | \$230,399  | \$210,980  | -19,419    | -0.09204     |  |
| 2 TRANSPORTATION COST (LINE(1+5+6-(7+8+9)))                                     | \$14,369       | \$28,784   | 14,425     | 0.500979 | \$147,545  | \$264,297  | 116,752    | 0.441746     |  |
| 3 TOTAL   | \$43,068       | \$48,605   | 5,537      | 0.113917 | \$377,944  | \$475,277  | 97,334     | 0.204794     |  |
| 4 FUEL REVENUES<br>(NET OF REVENUE TAX)   | \$40,413       | \$48,605   | 8,192      | 0.168538 | \$337,330  | \$475,277  | 137,948    | 0.290247     |  |
| 5 TRUE-UP(COLLECTED) OR REFUNDED  | \$9,947        | \$9,947    | 0          | 0        | \$119,359  | \$119,359  | 0          | 0            |  |
| 6 FUEL REVENUE APPLICABLE TO PERIOD *<br>(LINE 4 (+ or -) LINE 5)               | \$50,360       | \$58,551   | 8,192      | 0.139907 | \$458,889  | \$594,636  | 137,948    | 0.231987     |  |
| 7 TRUE-UP PROVISION - THIS PERIOD<br>(LINE 6 - LINE 3)                          | \$7,292        | \$9,947    | 2,655      | 0.266911 | \$78,745   | \$119,359  | 40,614     | 0.340267     |  |
| 8 INTEREST PROVISION-THIS PERIOD (21)   | \$111          | -\$84      | -194       | 2.317471 | \$2,144  | -\$1,345   | -3,488     | 2.594326     |  |
| 9 BEGINNING OF PERIOD TRUE-UP AND   | \$84,213       | (\$82,913) | -147,126   | 2.338571 | \$120,139  | (\$61,652) | -181,791   | 2.948663     |  |
| 10 TRUE-UP COLLECTED OR (REFUNDED)<br>(REVERSE OF LINE 5)                       | (9,947)        | (9,947)    | 0          | 0        | (119,359)  | (119,359)  | 0          | 0            |  |
| 10a FLEX RATE REFUND (if applicable)  | \$0            | \$0        | 0          | 0        | \$0  | \$0        | 0          | 0            |  |
| 11 TOTAL ESTIMATED/ACTUAL TRUE-UP<br>(7+8+9+10+10a)                             | \$81,669       | -\$82,997  | -144,666   | 2.2964   | \$81,669   | -\$62,997  | -144,666   | 2.2964       |  |
| <b>INTEREST PROVISION</b>   |                |            |            |          |  |            |            |              |  |
| 12 BEGINNING TRUE-UP AND<br>INTEREST PROVISION (9)                              | 84,213         | (82,913)   | (147,126)  | 2.338571 | If line 5 is a refund add to line 4<br>If line 5 is a collection ( )subtract from line 4 |            |            |              |  |
| 13 ENDING TRUE-UP BEFORE<br>INTEREST (12+7-5)                                   | 81,558         | (82,913)   | (144,471)  | 2.296372 |  |            |            |              |  |
| 14 TOTAL (12+13)  | 165,772        | (125,826)  | (291,597)  | 2.317471 |  |            |            |              |  |
| 15 AVERAGE (50% OF 14)  | 82,886         | (62,913)   | (145,799)  | 2.317471 |  |            |            |              |  |
| 16 INTEREST RATE - FIRST<br>DAY OF MONTH  | 1.61           | 1.61       | 0          | 0        |  |            |            |              |  |
| 17 INTEREST RATE - FIRST<br>DAY OF SUBSEQUENT MONTH                             | 1.59           | 1.59       | 0          | 0        |  |            |            |              |  |
| 18 TOTAL (16+17)  | 3.20           | 3.20       | 0          | 0        |  |            |            |              |  |
| 19 AVERAGE (50% OF 18)  | 1.60           | 1.60       | 0          | 0        |  |            |            |              |  |
| 20 MONTHLY AVERAGE (19/12 Months)   | 0.13333        | 0.13333    | 0          | 0        |  |            |            |              |  |
| 21 INTEREST PROVISION (15x20)   | 111            | -84        | -194       | 2.317471 |  |            |            |              |  |