



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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Moving to Item  
3 No. 9. Mr. Futrell.

4 MR. FUTRELL: Item 9 is a petition from  
5 Florida City Gas requesting Commission approval of  
6 its proposed 2021 safety access and facility  
7 enhancement surcharges, also known as the safe  
8 factors. These factors allow the company to  
9 relocate existing gas mains and associated  
10 facilities from rear easements to the street-front.  
11 For 2021, the proposed monthly safe surcharge for  
12 residential customer will be \$1.84. For large  
13 commercial customers, the proposed surcharge will  
14 be \$3.43. Company plans to replace approximately  
15 24 miles of mains across six projects in 2021.  
16 Staff recommends approval of the petition. Staff's  
17 available for questions.

18 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you very much, Mr.  
19 Futrell. Members of the Commission, do we have any  
20 questions for staff on this item? Commissioner  
21 Polmann.

22 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, Mr.  
23 Chairman. Just a general question, is there a  
24 trend, is there a particular aspect of this effort  
25 that is significantly different? Is there

1 something is that we see in this effort or going  
2 forward? And not -- I'm not asking is there  
3 something of particular concern here, but that we  
4 anticipate a largely different effort or a need for  
5 a particularly different effort or level of  
6 expenditure? Because, as we all know, the safety  
7 issues around this type of infrastructure is  
8 ultimately a great concern and great importance.  
9 So, a general question. I just want to take the  
10 opportunity to ask that at this point. So, thank  
11 you.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Mr. Futrell.

13 MR. FUTRELL: Perhaps that's something that  
14 either Mr. Coston or someone in his group could  
15 answer.

16 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Mr. Coston, are you on the  
17 line?

18 MR. COSTON: I am, Chairman. Thank you. And,  
19 yes, Mr. Polmann -- Commissioner Polmann, in this  
20 particular case, in this particular docket, there  
21 is not any kind of additional efforts or something  
22 that has been identified under the parameters of  
23 this particular endeavor that has come up and  
24 highlighted as shifting the intentional or the  
25 original purpose of the focus of this particular

1 construction project or replacement projects under  
2 the safe program. Certainly, as additional  
3 concerns may be addressed on a federal level or in  
4 another venue where there is some concerns with the  
5 infrastructure, additional efforts may be needed to  
6 be undertaken by the utility, but as far as this  
7 particular focus goes, nothing has changed in their  
8 current process of completing the -- you know, and  
9 the intended construction or placements.

10 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you, sir. I  
11 appreciate that.

12 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Mr. Futrell, do you want to  
13 add something to that?

14 MR. FUTRELL: Let me just add briefly  
15 something to that, Commissioner Polmann. This is a  
16 ten-year project that was contemplated originally.  
17 So it was scheduled to end by 2025. As with any  
18 engineering project, it's going to be driven -- the  
19 timing of that is going to be driven by results on  
20 the ground and the experiences the utility deals  
21 with in implementing this. So there could be  
22 increases, decreases, ramping up, ramping down,  
23 depending on how circumstances on the ground occur.  
24 But, again, the idea is to -- this would be a  
25 ten-year project.

1           CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Futrell.

2           Other questions?

3           (No comments made.)

4           CHAIRMAN CLARK: I'll entertain a motion to  
5           approve the item.

6           COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Mr. Chairman, I would  
7           move staff recommendation on all issues.

8           COMMISSIONER FAY: Second.

9           CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second.  
10          Is there any discussion?

11          (No comments made.)

12          CHAIRMAN CLARK: On the motion, all in favor  
13          say, aye.

14          (Chorus of ayes.)

15          CHAIRMAN CLARK: All opposed?

16          (No comments made.)

17          CHAIRMAN CLARK: Motion carries.

18          All right. That concludes our agenda items  
19          for the day. For everyone who came just for the  
20          agenda conference, thank you very much for your  
21          participation. We will take a short recess and  
22          we're going to reconvene for the clause docket  
23          hearings at 10:20 a.m. At 10:20 a.m. for clause  
24          dockets. Any questions, comments from the  
25          Commission?

1 (No comments made.)

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Seeing none, we stand  
3 adjourned -- Commissioner Brown, I'm sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Just thank you for your  
5 leadership.

6 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Thank you very much. We  
7 stand adjourned.

8 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded.)

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