

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Item 8

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August 2, 2022

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**Docket No. 20220067-GU** – Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Florida Public Utilities Company - Fort Meade, and Florida Public Utilities Company - Indiantown Division.

**Issue 1:** Are FPUC’s, Chesapeake’s, Indiantown’s, and Ft. Meade’s proposed interim rate bases appropriate?  
**Recommendation:** Yes. The appropriate interim rate base for FPUC, Chesapeake, Indiantown, and Ft. Meade should be \$319,224,069, \$111,929,536, \$1,998,095, and \$1,294,682, respectively.

**APPROVED**

COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED: Clark, Fay, Passidomo

COMMISSIONERS’ SIGNATURES

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DISSENTING

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**REMARKS/DISSENTING COMMENTS:** Oral Modification, assigned DN 05014-2022, is attached.

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**Issue 2:** Are FPUC's, Chesapeake's, Indiantown's, and Ft. Meade's proposed interim returns on equity and overall rates of return appropriate?

**Recommendation:** Yes, in part, and no, in part. The appropriate return on equity for FPUC, Chesapeake, Indiantown, and Ft. Meade should be 9.85 percent, 9.80 percent, 10.50 percent, and 9.85 percent, respectively, and the overall cost of capital should be 5.50 percent, 5.33 percent, 6.86 percent, and 4.28 percent, respectively, for purposes of determining interim rates.

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**Issue 3:** Are FPUC's, Chesapeake's, Indiantown's, and Ft. Meade's proposed interim test year net operating incomes appropriate?

**Recommendation:** No. The appropriate historical base year ended December 31, 2021 net operating income for FPUC, Chesapeake, Indiantown, and Ft. Meade should be \$17,555,780, \$5,961,365, \$137,069, and \$55,412, respectively.

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**Issue 4:** Are FPUC's, Chesapeake's, Indiantown's, and Ft. Meade's proposed interim net operating income multipliers appropriate?

**Recommendation:** No. FPUC, Chesapeake, Indiantown, and Ft. Meade should be granted interim net operating income (NOI) multipliers of 1.3599, 1.3506, 1.3652, and 1.3807, respectively.

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**Issue 5:** Should FPUC, Chesapeake, Indiantown, and Ft. Meade's requested interim revenue increases be granted?

**Recommendation:** Yes, in part, and no, in part. Indiantown and Ft. Meade's requested interim revenue increases of \$31,095 and \$35,138, respectively, should be granted. However, the appropriate interim revenue increase for FPUC and Chesapeake should be \$5,284,334 and \$2,329,697, respectively.

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**Issue 6:** Should FPUC, Chesapeake, Indiantown, and Ft. Meade's proposed interim rates and associated tariffs be approved?

**Recommendation:** Yes, in part, and no, in part. Indiantown and Ft. Meade's proposed interim rates and associated tariffs should be approved. However, the interim rates for FPUC and Chesapeake should be adjusted to recover the staff-recommended interim revenue increase, as discussed in Issue 5. If the staff-recommended adjustments are approved by the Commission, the Company should file revised interim tariffs for FPUC and Chesapeake for administrative approval by staff. The interim rates should be made effective for all meter readings occurring on or after thirty days from the date of the Commission vote. In addition, pursuant to Rule 25-22.0406(8), F.A.C., the Company should provide notice to customers of the revised rates with the first bill containing the new rates.

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**Issue 7:** What is the appropriate security to guarantee the amount subject to refund?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate security to guarantee the funds collected subject to refund is a corporate undertaking.

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**Issue 8:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No. This docket should remain open to process the revenue increase request of the Company.

**APPROVED**

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**Subject:** APPROVED: Request for Oral Modification - Item 8 - Docket No. 20220067-GU  
**Attachments:** Docket 20220067 Consolidated Interim Recommendation ALT.pdf

Please see the approved oral modification for Item 8: Docket No. 20220067-GU.

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Staff requests approval for an oral modification to Item 8, Docket No. 20220067-GU -- Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company, the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade, and Florida Public Utilities Company-Indiantown Division, currently scheduled for the August 2, 2022 Agenda.

Staff's modification replaces pages 2 of 5 and 3 of 5 of Attachment D with the attached revised pages. Attachment D shows the present and recommended interim rates for the four utilities. For Chesapeake only, the recommendation as filed shows the recommended interim transportation charges for all rate classes with two decimals. However, Chesapeake's tariff shows transportation charges with three decimals. Attached are the revised pages 2 of 5 and 3 of 5 of Attachment D showing the staff-recommended interim rates for Chesapeake with three decimals. The rates have been calculated correctly; showing the rates with three decimals ensures the Commission's decision will match Chesapeake's tariff. For the other three utilities, the recommendation correctly shows all recommended interim transportation charges with three decimals.

These changes do not alter staff's recommendation or calculations.

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Rate Code	Rate Schedule	Present Rate	Interim Increase	Interim Rate
FTS-A (Closed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - A</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$13.00	N/A	\$13.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	46.358	38.17	84.533
FTS-A (Fixed) (Closed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - A (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$17.00	\$2.72	19.72
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0
FTS-B (Closed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - B</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$15.50	N/A	\$15.50
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	49.286	31.08	80.367
FTS-B (Fixed) (Closed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - B (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$23.00	\$3.68	\$26.68
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0
FTS-1	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 1</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$19.00	N/A	\$19.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	46.31	26.88	73.194
FTS-1 (Fixed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 1 (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$29.00	\$4.64	\$33.64
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0
FTS-2	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 2</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$34.00	N/A	\$34.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	31.960	15.55	47.507
FTS-2 (Fixed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 2 (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$48.00	\$7.69	\$55.69
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0
FTS-2.1	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 2.1</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$40.00	N/A	\$40.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	30.827	11.08	41.912
FTS-2.1 (Fixed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 2.1 (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$87.00	\$13.93	\$100.93
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0
FTS-3	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 3</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$108.00	N/A	\$108.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	24.102	9.45	33.554
FTS-3 (Fixed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 3 (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$162.00	\$25.94	\$187.94
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0

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FTS-3.1	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 3.1</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$134.00	N/A	\$134.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	20.383	6.88	27.258
FTS-3.1 (Fixed)	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 3.1 (Fixed)</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$263.00	\$42.11	\$305.11
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	0	N/A	0
FTS-4	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 4</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$210.00	N/A	\$210.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	18.900	5.86	24.759
FTS-5	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 5</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$380.00	N/A	\$380.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	16.580	5.17	21.747
FTS-6	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 6</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$600.00	N/A	\$600.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	15.137	3.82	18.955
FTS-7	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 7</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$700.00	N/A	\$700.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	12.300	2.78	15.084
FTS-8	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 8</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$1,200.00	N/A	\$1,200.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	11.024	2.55	13.576
FTS-9	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 9</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$2,000.00	N/A	\$2,000.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	9.133	2.20	11.331
FTS-10	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 10</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$3,000.00	N/A	\$3,000.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	8.318	1.81	10.126
FTS-11	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 11</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$5,500.00	N/A	\$5,500.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	6.977	1.98	8.955
FTS-12	<u>Firm Transportation Service - 12</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$9,000.00	N/A	\$9,000.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	6.124	1.49	7.612
FTS-NGV	<u>Firm Transportation Service - Natural Gas Vehicle</u>			
	Customer Charge	\$100.00	N/A	\$100.00
	Transportation Charge (cents/therm)	17.111	2.74	19.855