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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU

In re: Natural gas conservation
cost recovery.

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2 CHAIRMAN FAY: Next we will move to Mr. Jones
3 in the 04 docket.

4 MR. JONES: I would like to note for the
5 record that St. Joe Natural Gas has been excused
6 from participating in this proceeding.

7 Furthermore, I will note that all witnesses
8 have been excused, and all parties have waived
9 opening statements.

10 Finally, there are proposed Type 2
11 stipulations on all issues, with OPC taking no
12 position. OPC does not object to, but does not
13 join in, the proposed stipulations.

14 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great.

15 Any other preliminary matters from the
16 parties?

17 With that, we will move into prefiled
18 testimony.

19 MR. JONES: Staff will ask that the prefiled
20 testimony of all witnesses identified in Section VI
21 of the prehearing order on page four be inserted
22 into the record as though read.

23 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great.

24 Without objection, show that testimony into
25 the record as though read.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
2 Miguel L. Bustos was inserted.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU

FLORIDA CITY GAS
NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY NET TRUE-UP AMOUNT
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MIGUEL BUSTOS

May 2, 2022

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2 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

3 A. My name is Miguel Bustos. My business address is 4045 NW 97 Avenue, Doral,
4 Florida 33178.

5 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

6 A. I am employed by Florida City Gas (“FCG” or “Company”) as Manager of
7 Governmental & Community Affairs.

8 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Manager of Governmental & Community
9 Affairs?**

10 A. I am responsible for managing FCG’s Purchased Gas Adjustment clause, the overall
11 strategic design and management of the Company’s energy efficiency programs, as
12 well as development of strategies of new business channels and emerging technologies.
13 I am also responsible for providing direction and oversight for the Company’s
14 implementation of governmental and community affairs. I have held these
15 responsibilities since 2013.

16 **Q. Please describe your prior work experience and responsibilities.**

17 A. I began my career at FCG in 2003. I progressed through roles in operations, budgeting,
18 accounting and business operations. Prior to joining FCG, I was a corporate lead
19 auditor in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

20 **Q. What is your educational background?**

21 A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the National Polytechnic
22 Institute (Mexico City) and completed MBA coursework from the University of
23 Americas.

1 **Q. Please explain the purpose of your testimony.**

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present FCG's final Natural Gas Conservation Cost
3 Recovery ("NGCCR") true-up amount for the period of January 1, 2021 through
4 December 31, 2021.

5 **Q. Has the Company prepared the schedules prescribed by this Commission for this
6 purpose?**

7 A. Yes. Attached to my testimony as Exhibit MB-1 are the Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-3,
8 and CT-6 supplied by Commission Staff. These schedules provide the information and
9 data required by Rule 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C.").

10 **Q. Are you familiar with FCG's energy conservation programs?**

11 A. Yes. A description of each program is provided in Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-6.

12 **Q. What was the total actual cost incurred by FCG for its energy conservation
13 programs during the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021?**

14 A. During this period, FCG incurred a total of \$6,421,893 for its energy conservation
15 programs, including common costs, as shown in Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-2, Page 2
16 of 4. The costs incurred for each energy conservation program are provided in Exhibit
17 MB-1, Schedule CT-6.

18 **Q. What was the total amount of revenues recovered through the NGCCR during the
19 period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021?**

20 A. During this period, the Company recovered a total amount of \$5,664,324 through the
21 NGCCR as shown on Line 6 of FCG Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, Page 4 of 5.

22 **Q. What is the Company's actual end of period over/under recovery amount for the
23 period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021?**

24 A. The actual over/under recovery amount for this period is an under-recovery of \$757,974
25 as shown on Line 8 plus Line 9 of Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, page 4 of 5.

1 **Q. Can you explain how you calculated that amount?**

2 A. Yes. As shown on Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, Page 4 of 5, total energy conservation
3 costs incurred for the period were \$6,421,893 (Line 7) and the total revenues recovered
4 through the NGCCR for the period were \$5,664,324 (Line 6), which results in an under-
5 recovery of \$757,568 (Line 8). As calculated on Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, Page 5
6 of 5, the interest on this under-recovery is \$406. The sum of these amounts is an under-
7 recovery of \$757,974 for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021
8 (Lines 8+9).

9 **Q. Did you also provide a comparison of the actual over/under recovery and the**
10 **projected over/under recovery reported in the Company's actual/estimated filing**
11 **for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 as required by Rule 25-**
12 **17.015(1)(a), F.A.C.?**

13 A. Yes. A summary of this comparison is provided in Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-2, Page
14 1 of 4. Based on six months of actual data and six months of projected data, FCG
15 projected an end of period under-recovery amount for 2021 of \$288,868 as compared to
16 an actual under-recovery of \$757,974 (based on 12 months of actual data). This results
17 in a net under-recovery amount of \$469,106 for the period January 1, 2021 through
18 December 31, 2021. This amount is calculated on Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-1.

19 **Q. What true-up amount for the period January through December 2021 should be**
20 **included in the Company's NGCCR Factor for the period of January 1, 2023**
21 **through December 31, 2023 ("2023 NGCCR Factor")?**

22 A. The final net true-up for 2021 that should be included in the Company's 2023 NGCCR
23 Factor is an under-recovery of \$469,106.

24 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

25 A. Yes, it does.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **FLORIDA CITY GAS**

3 **TESTIMONY OF MIGUEL BUSTOS**

4 **DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU**

5 **AUGUST 5, 2022**

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7 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

8 A. My name is Miguel Bustos. My business address is 4045 NW 97 Avenue, Doral,
9 Florida 33178.

10 **Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position?**

11 A. I am employed by Florida City Gas (“FCG” or “Company”) as Manager of
12 Governmental & Community Affairs.

13 **Q. Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that position.**

14 A. I am responsible for managing FCG’s Purchased Gas Adjustment clause, the overall
15 strategic design and management of the Company’s energy efficiency programs, as
16 well as development of strategies of new business channels and emerging technologies.
17 I am also responsible for providing direction and oversight for the Company’s
18 implementation of governmental and community affairs. I have held these
19 responsibilities since 2013.

20 **Q. Please describe your educational background and professional experience.**

21 A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the National Polytechnic
22 Institute (Mexico City) and completed MBA coursework from the University of
23 Americas. I began my career at FCG in 2003. I progressed through roles in operations,

1 budgeting, accounting, and business operations. Prior to joining FCG, I was a corporate
2 lead auditor in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

3 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits?**

4 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following exhibit:

- 5 • Exhibit MB-2 - Schedules C-1 through C-5

6 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

7 A. My testimony supports FCG's request for Florida Public Service Commission
8 ("Commission") approval of the Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery ("NGCCR")
9 Factors to be applied during the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023
10 (the "Projection Period"). My testimony will present the revised projected true-up for
11 the current period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, based on actual data for
12 six months and projected data for six months (the "Actual/Estimated True-Up"). I will
13 then present the development of the proposed NGCCR Factors to be charged during the
14 Projection Period.

15 **Q. Has the Company prepared the schedules prescribed by this Commission for this
16 purpose?**

17 A. Yes. Exhibit MB-2 includes Schedules C-1 through C-5, which are the forms prescribed
18 by Commission Staff. These schedules provide the information and data required by
19 Rule 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code, and are used to calculate FCG's
20 Actual/Estimated True-Up for the current period and the proposed NGCCR Factors for
21 the Projection Period.

22 **Q. Are you familiar with FCG's energy conservation programs?**

23 A. Yes. A description of each program is provided in Exhibit MB-2, Schedule C-5.

1 Q. Is FCG proposing any new or modified energy conservation programs for
2 NGCCR cost recovery during the Projection Period?

3 A. No.

4 Q. What are FCG's total projected energy conservation program costs for the
5 Projection Period?

6 A. The total projected cost for the period January 2023 through December 2023 is
7 \$7,012,004 as shown on Schedule C-1. This represents the projected costs of
8 \$6,607,492 to be incurred during the Projection Period as shown on Schedule C-2 page
9 2, plus the estimated net true-up under-recovery of \$404,512 for 2021 as shown on
10 Schedule C-3, page 7.

11 Q Please explain how the estimated true-up was calculated.

12 A. The calculation of the estimated net true-up amount to be included in the 2023 NGCCR
13 Factors is provided in Schedule C-3, page 7. I previously submitted direct testimony and
14 Exhibit MB-1 in support of the final NGCCR true-up amount for the period January 2021
15 through December 2021. As shown therein, the actual over/under recovery amount for
16 the period January 2021 through December 2021, inclusive of interest, was an under-
17 recovery of \$757,974. Included in the NGCCR Factors for the current period January
18 2022 through December 2022 was an estimated under-recovery of \$822,560. Thus, the
19 final NGCCR true-up amount for the period January 2021 through December 2021, net
20 of interest, adjustments, and the estimated under-recovery included in the 2022 NGCCR
21 Factors, was an under-recovery of \$469,106. See Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-1 filed
22 on May 2, 2022.

1 The Actual/Estimated True-Up amount for the current period January 2022 through
 2 December 2022, based on six months of actual data and six months of projected data, is
 3 an over-recovery of \$67,504 (Schedule C-3, page 7, line 8). The interest on this under-
 4 recovery is \$2,909 (Schedule C-3, page 8 line 10).

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 6 The total estimated net true-up to be included in the 2023 NGCCR Factors, inclusive of
 7 the final true-up for 2021, the Actual/Estimated True-Up for the current period, and
 8 interest,) is an under-recovery of \$404,512 (Schedule C-3, page 7, line 12). This
 9 estimated true-up amount is included in the total \$7,012,004 of energy conservation
 10 program costs projected for the period January 2023 through December 2023 as shown
 11 on Schedule C-1, page 1.

12 **Q. What are the NGCCR Factors that FCG is proposing to recover the total projected**
 13 **energy conservation program costs during the Projection Period?**

14 **A.** Utilizing the rate design and cost allocation methodology approved by the Commission,
 15 FCG proposes the following 2023 NGCCR Factors:

16	RS-1	\$0.25615
17	RS-100	\$0.16795
18	RS-600	\$0.09486
19	GS-1	\$0.05986
20	GS-6K	\$0.04463
21	GS-25K	\$0.04452
22	Gas Lights	\$0.07066
23	GS-120K	\$0.02987

1	GS-1250K	\$0.01939
2	GS-11M – GS-25M	\$0.00000

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4 Exhibit MB-2, Schedule C-1, page 1 contains the Commission prescribed form that
5 details these NGCCR Factors proposed for the period January 1, 2023 through December
6 31, 2023.

7 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

8 **A. Yes.**

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
2 Derrick M. Craig was inserted.)

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1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU: NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION

3 **COST RECOVERY CLAUSE**

4 Direct Testimony of

5 DERRICK M. CRAIG (Final True-Up)

6 On Behalf of

7 FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY

8 **Q.** Please state your name and business address.

9 **A.** My name is Derrick M. Craig, and my business address is 208 Wildlight Avenue,
10 Yulee, Florida 32097.

11 **Q.** By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

12 **A.** I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company as the Energy Conservation
13 Manager.

14 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?

15 **A.** To advise the Commission of the actual over/under recovery of the Conservation
16 costs for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 as compared to the
17 amount previously reported for that period which was based on Six months actual
18 and Six months estimated data.

19 **Q.** Please state the actual amount of over/under recovery of Conservation Program costs
20 for the gas divisions of Florida Public Utilities Company for January 1, 2021 through
21 December 31, 2021.

11 **A.** The Company over-recovered \$ 749,339 during that period. This amount is
12 substantiated on Schedule CT-3, page 2 of 3, Calculation of True-up and Interest
13 Provision.

14 **Q.** How does this amount compare with the estimated true-up amount which was
15 allowed by the Commission?

16 **A.** We had estimated that we would over-recover \$326,412 as of December 31, 2021.

17 **Q.** Have you prepared any exhibits at this time?

18 **A.** We have prepared and pre-filled Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, CT-4, CT-5 and CT-6
19 (Composite Exhibit DMC-1).

20 **Q.** Does this conclude your testimony?

21 **A.** Yes.

1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU: Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

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4 Direct Testimony of Derrick M. Craig

5 On Behalf of

6 FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANIES
7

8 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

9 A. My name is Derrick M. Craig. My business address is 208 Wildlight Avenue,
10 Yulee, FL 32097.

11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) as the Manager
13 of Energy Conservation.

14 **Q. Can you please provide a brief overview of your educational and
15 employment background?**

16 A. I graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1991 with a
17 Bachelor's of Electrical Engineering, and I obtained a Masters of Business
18 Administration from the Darden Graduate School of Business in 1997. I have
19 been employed with Florida Public Utilities Company since 2019, starting as
20 a Regulatory Analyst before reaching my current position as the Energy
21 Conservation Manager.

22 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?**

23 A. To describe generally the expenditures made and projected to be made in
24 implementing, promoting, and operating the Company's energy conservation
25 programs. This will include recoverable costs incurred in January through
26 June 2022 and projections of program costs to be incurred July through

1 December 2022. It will also include projected conservation costs, for the
2 period January through December 2023, with a calculation of the Energy
3 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment and Energy Conservation Cost
4 Recovery Adjustment (Experimental) factors to be applied to the customers'
5 bills during the collection period of January 1, 2023 through December 31,
6 2023.

7 **Q. Are there any exhibits that you wish to sponsor in this proceeding?**

8 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit DMC-2, which consists of Schedules C-1, C-2,
9 C-3, and C-5, which have been filed with this testimony.

10 **Q. Have there been any changes in the Conservation filing compared to the**
11 **prior year?**

12 A. As done in previous projections, the Company has consolidated the natural
13 gas conservation programs and costs for the 2023 projection period. The
14 schedules were prepared this period using consolidated costs and revenues for
15 Florida Public Utilities Gas Division (FPUC), the Florida Division of
16 Chesapeake Utilities, the FPUC Ft. Meade Division, and the FPUC
17 Indiantown Division.

18 **Q. Has the Company included descriptions and summary information on the**
19 **Conservation Programs currently approved and available to your**
20 **customers for Florida Public Utilities Company?**

21 A. Yes, the Company has included summaries of the approved conservation
22 programs currently available to our customers in all divisions in C-5 of
23 Exhibit DMC-2.

24 **Q. What are the total projected costs for the period January 2023 through**
25 **December 2023 for Florida Public Utilities Company?**

26 A. The total projected Consolidated Conservation Program Costs are \$4,720,400.

1 Please see Schedule C-2, page 2, for the programmatic and functional
2 breakdown of these total costs.

3 **Q. What is the true-up for the period January 2022 through December**
4 **2022?**

5 A. As reflected in the Schedule C-3, Page 4 of 5, the True-up amount for the
6 Consolidated Natural Gas Divisions is an under-recovery of \$7,910.

7 **Q. The beginning true-up balance from your Schedule CT-3, Page 4 of 5,**
8 **line 9 differs from the amount that appeared in your Final True-Up**
9 **Amount for 2021, please explain?**

10 A. In response to the 2021 audit, it was determined that an error was made in the
11 interest rate for December 2021 within the Final 2021 True-up filing. We have
12 prepared revised DMC-1, which includes the revised Final 2021 True-up
13 schedules as an exhibit in this filing.

14 **Q. What are the resulting total projected conservation costs to be recovered**
15 **during this projection period?**

16 A. The total costs to be recovered are \$4,728,310.

17 **Q. Has the Company prepared a schedule that shows the calculation of its**
18 **proposed Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment factors to be**
19 **applied during billing periods from January 1, 2023 through December**
20 **31, 2023?**

21 A. Yes. Schedule C-1 of Exhibit DMC-2 shows these calculations. Net program
22 cost estimates for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 are
23 used. The estimated true-up amount from Schedule C-3, page 4 of 5, of
24 Exhibit DMC-2, being an under-recovery, was added to the total of the
25 projected costs for the 12-month period. The total amount was then divided
26 among the Company's rate classes, excluding customers who are on market-

1 based rates that fall under Special Contract Services and Flexible Gas Service
2 and tariff rate class FTS-13 for the same division, based on total projected
3 contribution. In addition, the customer classes for Outdoor Lights,
4 Interruptible and Interruptible Transportation have always been exempt from
5 the Conservation Adjustment Factor due to the distinctive service provided by
6 the Company.

7 The results were then divided by the projected gas throughput for each rate
8 class for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023. The resulting
9 Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment factors are shown on
10 Schedule C-1 of Exhibit DMC-2.

11 **Q. Why has the Company excluded market-based rate customers from the**
12 **Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment factors?**

13 A. These customers are served either under the Special Contract Service or
14 Flexible Gas Service, because they have alternative fuel or physical bypass
15 options and are considered by Chesapeake to be “market-based rate”
16 customers. Each of these customers has viable alternatives for service;
17 therefore the negotiated and Commission-approved (in the case of Special
18 Contract Service) rates reflect the fact that only a certain level of revenues can
19 be charged to these customers. In fact, the Company has always excluded the
20 Special Contract Service and tariff rate class FTS-13 customers from the
21 ECCR recovery factors. The Commission has not taken issue with the
22 Company’s expressed application of the factors either in the ECCR Clause
23 proceedings or in the context of any Special Contract approval.

24 **Q. Has the Company prepared a schedule that shows the calculation of the**
25 **Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities proposed Energy Conservation**
26 **Cost Recovery Adjustment (Experimental) factors for certain rate classes**

1 **on an experimental basis to be applied during billing periods from**
2 **January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023?**

3 A. Yes, experimental per bill rates were approved for rate classes FTS-A, FTS-B,
4 FTS-1, FTS-2, FTS-2.1, FTS-3 and FTS-3.1. A similar calculation was made
5 as described above for the experimental rates; however, the projected number
6 of bills for each rate class for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2023
7 was utilized. The resulting Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment
8 (Experimental) factors are shown on Schedule C-1, page 3 of 3 of Exhibit
9 DMC-2.

10 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

1A. A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of Karen
2 L. Bramley was inserted.)

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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 20210004-GU
IN RE: NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION
COST RECOVERY CLAUSE

TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT
OF
KAREN L. BRAMLEY

FILED: MAY 2, 2022

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3 **OF**

4 **KAREN L. BRAMLEY**

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6 **Q.** Please state your name, business address, by whom you are
7 employed, and in what capacity?

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9 **A.** My name is Karen L. Bramley. My business address is 702
10 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed
11 by Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") as Manager, Regulatory
12 Affairs, in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

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14 **Q.** Please describe your educational and employment
15 background.

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17 **A.** I graduated from the University of South Florida in 1990
18 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and
19 from University of South Florida in 1993 with a Master's
20 degree in Public Administration. My work experience
21 includes twenty-four years of gas and electric utility
22 experience. My utility work has included various positions
23 in Legal, Customer Service, Fuels Management, and
24 Regulatory. In my current position, I am responsible for
25 Peoples Gas System's Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

1 ("NGCCR") Clause and Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") Clause
2 as well as various activities at Peoples.

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4 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?

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6 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to present and support for
7 Commission review and approval the company's actual DSM
8 program-related true-up costs incurred during the January
9 through December 2021 period.

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11 **Q.** Did you prepare any exhibits in support of your testimony?

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13 **A.** Yes. Exhibit No. KLB-1, entitled "Peoples Gas System,
14 Schedules Supporting Conservation Cost Recovery Factor,
15 Actual, January 2021-December 2021" was prepared under my
16 direction and supervision. This Exhibit includes Schedules
17 CT-1 through CT-3, and CT-6 which support the company's
18 actual and prudent DSM program-related true-up costs
19 incurred during the January through December 2021 period.

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21 **Q.** What were Peoples Gas System's actual January through
22 December 2021 conservation costs?

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24 **A.** For the period, January through December 2021, Peoples Gas
25 System incurred actual net conservation costs of

1 \$16,999,771.
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3 **Q.** What is the final end of period true-up amount for the
4 conservation clause for January through December 2021?

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6 **A.** The final conservation clause end of period true-up for
7 January through December 2021 is an under-recovery,
8 including interest, of \$601,758. This calculation is
9 detailed on Schedule CT-1, page 1 of 1.

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11 **Q.** Should Peoples Gas System's costs incurred during the
12 January through December 2021 period for energy
13 conservation be approved by the Commission?

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15 **A.** Yes, the costs incurred were prudent and directly related
16 to the Commission's approved DSM programs and should be
17 approved.

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19 **Q.** Does that conclude your testimony?

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21 **A.** Yes, it does.
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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU
IN RE: NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION
COST RECOVERY CLAUSE

TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT
OF
KAREN L. BRAMLEY

FILED: AUGUST 5, 2022

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3 **OF**

4 **KAREN L. BRAMLEY**

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6 **Q.** Please state your name, business address, by whom you are
7 employed, and in what capacity?

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9 **A.** My name is Karen L. Bramley. My business address is 702
10 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am
11 employed by Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") as Gas
12 Regulatory Manager, in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

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14 **Q.** Please describe your educational and employment
15 background.

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17 **A.** I graduated from the University of South Florida in 1990
18 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and
19 from University of South Florida in 1993 with a Master's
20 degree in Public Administration. My work experience
21 includes twenty-four years of gas and electric utility
22 experience. My utility work has included various positions
23 in Legal, Customer Service, Fuels Management, and
24 Regulatory. In my current position, I am responsible for
25 Peoples Gas System's Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

1 ("NGCCR") Clause and Purchased Gas Adjustment("PGA") Clause
2 as well as various other regulatory activities for Peoples.
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4 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?

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6 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to support Peoples' actual
7 conservation costs incurred during the period January
8 through December 2021, the actual/estimated period
9 January to December 2022, and the projected period January
10 through December 2023. The projected 2023 ECCR factors
11 have been calculated based on the current approved
12 allocation methodology.
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14 **Q.** Are you sponsoring any exhibits with your testimony?

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16 **A.** Yes, I am sponsoring Exhibit No. KLB-2 prepared under my
17 direction and supervision. This document consists of
18 Schedules C-1 through C-5 and associated data which
19 contain information which support the development of the
20 natural gas conservation cost recovery factors to be
21 applied to customer bills during the period January 2023
22 through December 2023.
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24 **Q.** Does the Exhibit No. KLB-2 meet the requirements of Rule
25 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code, which requires the

1 projection filing to include the annual estimated/actual
2 true-up filing showing actual and projected common costs,
3 individual program costs, and any revenues collected?
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5 **A.** Yes, it does.
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7 **Q.** What timeframe did Peoples Gas System develop its 2022
8 annual estimated/actual true-up filing?
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10 **A.** Peoples Gas System developed its 2022 annual
11 estimated/actual true-up filing showing actual and
12 projected common costs, individual program costs, and any
13 revenues collected based upon six months of actuals and six
14 months of estimates.
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16 **Q.** Please describe the conservation program costs projected by
17 Peoples during the period January through December 2021.
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19 **A.** For the period January through December 2021, Peoples
20 projected conservation program costs to be \$19,277,040.
21 The Commission authorized collections to recover these
22 expenses in Docket No. 20210004-GU, Order No. PSC-2021-
23 0422-FOF-GU, issued November 9, 2021.
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25 **Q.** For the period January through December 2021, what were

1 Peoples' conservation costs and what was recovered through
2 the ECCR clause?

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4 **A.** For the period January through December 2021, Peoples
5 incurred actual net conservation costs of \$16,999,771. The
6 amount collected in the ECCR clause was \$18,190,266, and
7 with the addition of regulatory assessment fees of \$91,408,
8 totals \$18,281,674. The prior period true-up under-recovery
9 of \$1,150,698 is deducted from \$18,281,674 to calculate the
10 conservation revenue applicable to the period, which was
11 \$17,130,976.

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13 **Q.** What is the true-up amount for Peoples for the period
14 January through December 2021?

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16 **A.** Peoples' true-up amount for the period January through
17 December 2021 was an under-recovery of \$601,758,
18 including interest as detailed on Schedule CT-1 of Exhibit
19 No. KLB-1.

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21 **Q.** Please describe the conservation program costs projected
22 to be incurred by Peoples during the period January
23 through December 2022?

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25 **A.** The actual costs incurred by Peoples through June 2022

1 and projected for July through December 2022 are
2 \$21,192,680. For the period, Peoples anticipates an over-
3 recovery in the ECCR Clause of \$3,542,588 which includes
4 the 2021 true-up and interest. A summary of these costs
5 and estimates are fully detailed in Exhibit No. KLB-2,
6 Estimated Conservation Program Costs Per Program, pages
7 12 through 15.

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9 **Q.** Please describe Peoples' progress in implementing the
10 Commercial Walkthrough Audit, as approved by the
11 Commission in Order No. 2019-0361-PAA-GU, issued on
12 August 26, 2019, in Docket No. 20180186-GU.

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14 **A.** In December 2021, Peoples began a nationwide search to
15 increase the distribution list for a request for proposal
16 ("RFP") to be issued in 2022. Peoples held a pre-bid
17 meeting with prospective vendors in May 2022. Later that
18 month, the RFP was issued to nine contractors, and Peoples
19 received four proposals to provide the audit. Peoples has
20 developed a shortlist and is expecting to select a vendor
21 shortly. Peoples plans to begin offering the audit in the
22 4th quarter of 2022.

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24 **Q.** Has Peoples initiated any projects in its Conservation
25 Research and Development Program?

1 **A.** Peoples has not begun any Research and Development
 2 projects. However, the Company is currently exploring
 3 research and development opportunities to implement in
 4 2023.

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6 **Q.** Please summarize the proposed conservation costs for the
 7 period January through December 2023 and the annualized
 8 recovery factors applicable for the period January through
 9 December 2023?

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11 **A.** Peoples has estimated that the total conservation costs
 12 (less program revenues) during the period will be
 13 \$21,880,913, plus true-up. Including true-up estimates,
 14 the January through December 2023 conservation cost
 15 recovery factors for retail rate classes are as follows:

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Cost Recovery Factors

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Rate Schedule

(Dollars per Therm)

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RS & RS-SG & RS-GHP

\$0.09056

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GS-1 & CS-SG & CS-GHP

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Exhibit No. KLB-2, Schedule C-1, Page 1 of 1, Energy Conservation Adjustment, Summary of Cost Recovery Clause Calculation, contains the Commission-prescribed form which details these estimates.

Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes, it does.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of Jerry
2 H. Melendy was inserted.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET 20220004-GU

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

JERRY H. MELENDY

ON BEHALF OF SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.

MAY 2, 2022

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

2 A. My name is Jerry H. Melendy. My business address is Sebring Gas System, Inc., 3515
3 U.S. Highway 27 South, Sebring FL 33870

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

5 A. I am President of Sebring Gas System, Inc. (the "Company").

6 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY'S CURRENT ENERGY
7 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

10 A. My testimony presents data and summaries that describe the planned and actual
11 activities and expenses for the Company's energy conservation programs incurred
12 during the period January 2021 through December 2021. I will also identify the final
13 conservation true-up amount for the above referenced period.

14 Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SUMMARY OF THE COMPANY'S
15 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH
16 THESE PROGRAMS?

17 A. Yes. Summaries of the Company's six approved programs for which costs were
18 incurred during the period January 2021 through December 2021 are included in
19 Schedule CT-6 of Exhibit JHM-1. Included are the Residential New Construction

1 Program, the Residential Appliance Replacement Program, the Residential Appliance
2 Retention Program, Commercial New Construction, Commercial Replacement, and
3 Commercial Retention.

4 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED SCHEDULES WHICH SHOW THE**
5 **EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY'S ENERGY**
6 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR THE APPLICABLE PERIOD?**

7 **A.** Yes. Exhibit JHM-1 includes schedules CT-1, CT-2 and CT-3 detail the Company's
8 actual conservation related expenditures for the period, along with a comparison of the
9 actual program costs and true-up to the projected costs and true-up for the period.

10 **Q. WHAT WAS THE TOTAL COST INCURRED BY THE COMPANY TO**
11 **ADMINISTER ITS SIX CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR THE**
12 **TWELVEMONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2020?**

13 **A.** As indicated on Schedule CT-2, page 2, of Exhibit JHM-1, the Company's total 2021
14 programs costs were \$40,411.

15 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SCHEDULE WHICH SHOWS THE VARIANCE**
16 **OF ACTUAL FROM PROJECTED COSTS BY CATEGORIES OF**
17 **EXPENSES?**

18 **A.** Yes. Schedule CT-2, page 3, of Exhibit JHM-1, displays these variances.

19 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S FINAL TRUE-UP FOR THE TWELVE**
20 **MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 2020?**

21 **A.** The final true-up amount as shown on Schedule CT-1, of Exhibit JHM-1 is an over
22 recovery of \$7,104.

23 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

24 **A.** Yes.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **In Re: Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Factors**

3 **Direct Testimony of Jerry H. Melendy, Jr.**

4 **On Behalf of**

5 **Sebring Gas System, Inc.**

6 **Docket No.20220004-GU**

7 **August 5, 2022**

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9 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

10 A. My name is Jerry H. Melendy, Jr. My business address is Sebring Gas
11 System, Inc., US Highway 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

12 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

13 A. I am President of Sebring Gas Company, Inc. (the "Company").

14 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY'S APPROVED ENERGY
15 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND THE REVENUES AND COSTS
16 THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROGRAMS?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?**

19 A. My testimony will present actual and projected expenditures and
20 revenues related to promoting and administering the Company's energy
21 conservation programs in 2022 and 2023. I will provide the adjusted net
22 true-up amount associated with program administration for the January
23 2022 through December 2022 period. Projected program costs are

1 provided for the period January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022, as well
2 as the costs the Company expects to incur from July 1, 2022, through
3 December 31, 2022. I will also indicate the total costs the Company
4 seeks to recover through its conservation factors during the period
5 January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Finally, I will also
6 propose the energy conservation cost recovery factors which, when
7 applied to consumer bills during the period January 1, 2023 through
8 December 31, 2023, will permit recovery of the Company's total
9 conservation costs.

10 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SUMMARY OF THE COMPANY'S**
11 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED**
12 **WITH THESE PROGRAMS?**

13 A. Yes. Summaries of the Company's six approved programs are included
14 in Schedule C-4 of Exhibit JHM-2. Included are the Residential New
15 Construction Program, the Residential Appliance Replacement
16 Program, the Residential Appliance Retention Program, the
17 Commercial New Construction Program, the Commercial Appliance
18 Replacement Program and the Commercial Retention Program.

19 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED SCHEDULES THAT INCLUDE THE**
20 **COMPANY'S CONSERVATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FOR**
21 **THE CURRENT (2022) AND PROJECTED (2023) PERIODS?**

22 A. Yes. Schedule C-3, Exhibit JHM-2 provides actual conservation
23 expenses for the January 2022 through June 2022 period and projected

1 expenses for the January 2023 through December 2023 period, and
2 are included in Schedule C-2, Exhibit JHM-2.

3 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SCHEDULE THAT INCLUDES THE**
4 **COMPANY'S CONSERVATION RELATED REVENUES FOR 2021?**

5 A. Yes. Schedule C-3 (page 4 of 5), Exhibit JHM-2, provides actual
6 conservation revenue for the January 2022 through June 2022 period,
7 and projected conservation revenues for the July 2022 through
8 December 2022 period.

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S ESTIMATED TRUE-UP FOR THE**
10 **PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022?**

11 A. The Company is under-recovered by \$6,479, as calculated on Schedule
12 C-3, Page 4, Line 11, Exhibit JHM-2.

13 **Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST THE COMPANY SEEKS TO RECOVER**
14 **DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER**
15 **31, 2023?**

16 A. As indicated on Schedule C-1, Exhibit JHM-2, the Company seeks to
17 recover \$35,944 during the referenced period. This amount represents
18 the projected costs of \$29,465 to be incurred during 2023, plus the
19 estimated true-up of \$6,479 for calendar year 2022.

20 **Q. WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED ENERGY**
21 **CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR EACH RATE**
22 **CLASS FOR THE JANUARY 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 2023**
23 **PERIOD?**

1 A. Schedule C-1, Exhibit JHM-2, provides the calculation of the
2 Company's proposed ECCR factors for 2023.

3 The Conservation Adjustment Factors per therm for Sebring Gas
4 System are:

5 TS-1 \$.12192

6 TS-2 \$.05051

7 TS-3 \$.03418

8 TS-4 \$.02981

9 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

10 A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
2 Debbie Stitt was inserted.)

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1. **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2. In Re: Conservation Cost
3. Recovery Clause

Docket No. 20220004-GU
Filing Date: May 2, 2022

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6. **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DEBBIE STITT ON**
7. **BEHALF OF ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.**

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9. Q. Please state your name, business address, by whom you are
10. employed and in what capacity.

11. A. Debbie Stitt, 301 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456
12. St. Joe Natural Gas Company in the capacity of Energy
13. Conservation Analyst.

14. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

15. A. My purpose is to submit the expenses and revenues
16. associated with the Company's conservation programs
17. during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2021
18. and to identify the final true-up amount related to that
19. period.

20. Q. Have you prepared any exhibits in conjunction with your
21. testimony?

22. A. Yes, I have prepared and filed together with this testimony
23. this 2nd day of May, 2022 Schedules CT-1 through
24. CT-5 prescribed by the Commission Staff which have
25. collectively been entitled "Adjusted Net True-up for
26. twelve months ending December 31, 2021" for identi-
27. fication

1. Q. What amount did St. Joe Natural Gas spend on conser-
2. vation programs during the period?

3. A. \$179,450.00

4. Q. What is the final true-up amount associated with this
5. twelve-month period ending December 31, 2021?

6. A. The final true-up amount for December 31, 2021 is
7. an over-recovery of \$23,184.

8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 **In Re: Conservation Cost)**
3 **Recovery Clause)**
4 _____)Docket No.20220004-GU
Submitted for Filing
August 9, 20225 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DEBBIE STITT ON BEHALF OF**
6 **ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.**
7 _____8 Q. Please state your name, business address, by whom you
9 are employed and in what capacity.10 A. Debbie Stitt, 301 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida
11 32456, St Joe Natural Gas Company in the capacity of
12 Energy Conservation Analyst.

13 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

14 A. My purpose is to submit the known and projected expenses and
15 revenues associated with SJNG's conservation programs incurred
16 in January thru June 2022 and projection costs to be incurred
17 from July 2022 through December 2022. It will also include
18 projected conservation costs for the period January 1, 2023
19 through December 31, 2023 with a calculation of the conservation
20 adjustment factors to be applied to the customers' bills during
21 the January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 period.

22 Q. Have you prepared any exhibits in conjunction with your testimony?

23 A. Yes, I have prepared and filed to the Commission the 9th day of
24 **August 2022** Schedule C-1 prescribed by the Commission Staff
25 which has collectively been titled Energy Conservation Adjustment
 Summary of Cost Recovery Clause Calculation for months January

1 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for identification.

2 Q. What Conservation Adjustment Factor does St. Joe Natural Gas
3 seek approval through its petition for the twelve-month period
4 ending December 31, 2023?

5 A. \$.27254 per therm for RS-1, \$.19097 per therm for RS-2, and
6 \$.14851 per therm for RS-3, \$0.09512 per therm for GS-1, \$0.05337
7 per therm for GS-2, and \$0.04049 per therm for GS-4/FTS-4

8 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

9 A. Yes.

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1 MR. JONES: Staff has compiled a stipulated
2 comprehensive exhibit list, which included --
3 includes the prefiled exhibits attached to the
4 witnesses' testimony in this case. The list has
5 been provided to the parties, the Commissioners and
6 the court reporter. Staff requests that the list
7 be marked as the first hearing exhibit, and the
8 other exhibits marked as set forth in the
9 comprehensive exhibit list.

10 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. The exhibits are so
11 marked.

12 (Whereupon, Exhibit Nos. 1-26 were marked for
13 identification.)

14 MR. JONES: Staff requests that the
15 comprehensive exhibit list, marked as Exhibit 1, be
16 entered into the record. Also, staff requests that
17 Exhibits 2 through 20 be moved into the record as
18 set forth in the comprehensive exhibit list.

19 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Without objection, we
20 will show Exhibits 1 through 20 entered into the
21 record.

22 (Whereupon, Exhibit Nos. 1-26 were received
23 into evidence.)

24 MR. JONES: If the parties are willing to
25 waive briefs and the Commission decides that a

1 bench decision is appropriate, staff recommends
2 that the proposed stipulations of Issues 1 through
3 8, on pages seven through 14 of the Prehearing
4 Order, be voted on by the Commission.

5 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Presuming parties are
6 also willing to waive briefs in the 04 docket.

7 With that, Commissioners, we will take
8 questions or discussion on the 04 docket, or I will
9 take a motion on the Type 2 stipulations for Issues
10 1 through 8.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Move to approve
12 stipulations, Mr. Chairman.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. We have a motion and a
15 second for approval of Issues 1 through 8.

16 All in support say aye.

17 (Chorus of ayes.)

18 CHAIRMAN FAY: None opposed.

19 With that, Type 2 stipulations for Issues 1
20 through 8 on the 04 docket are approved.

21 Let's make sure, Mr. Jones, we don't have
22 anything else on this docket, correct?

23 MR. JONES: Yes, sir. Since the Commission
24 has made a bench decision, post-hearing filings are
25 not necessary.

1 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great, with that, the 04
2 docketed is adjourned.

3 (Whereupon, Docket No. 20220007 matters were
4 taken up by the Commission during which the following
5 statement was made by Chairman Fay to correct the record
6 for Docket No. 20220002:)

7 CHAIRMAN FAY: And so with that, we did want
8 to make one correction on the 04 record, that the
9 exhibits included 2 through 26, and not 2 through
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11 (Proceedings concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF LEON)

I, DEBRA KRICK, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the time and place herein stated.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed under my direct supervision; and that this transcript constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED this 2nd day of December, 2022.



DEBRA R. KRICK
NOTARY PUBLIC
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