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**VIA E-PORTAL**

Mr. Adam Teitzman  
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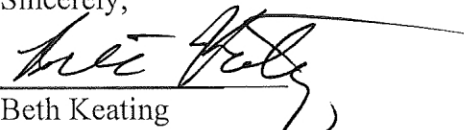
**Re: Docket No. 20230004-GU – Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery**

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find Florida Public Utilities Company's Preliminary Statement of Issues and Positions.

Should you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

  
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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Natural Gas )  
Conservation Cost Recovery )  
Clause )  
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Docket No. 20230004-GU

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**CONSOLIDATED PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS FOR  
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY**

Pursuant to Order No. PSC-2023-0087-PCO-GU, issued February 15, 2023, establishing the hearing procedures and controlling dates in this docket, Florida Public Utilities Company (“FPUC”) hereby submits its Preliminary Statement of Issues:

**ISSUE 1. What are the final conservation cost recovery adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2022 through December 2022?**

FPUC: The actual adjusted end of period total true up amount was an over-recovery of \$956,051.

**ISSUE 2: What are the appropriate conservation adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023?**

FPUC: The projected true-up for the period January 2023 through December 2023 is an over-recovery of \$555,104.

**ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from January 2024 through December 2024?**

FPUC: The projected net true-up is an over-recovery of \$1,511,155 to be refunded.

**ISSUE 4. What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2024 through December 2024?**

FPUC: A total of \$3,304,245 remains to be recovered during the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

**ISSUE 5. What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024?**

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>Adjustment Factor (dollars per therm)</u>
Residential - 1; Residential Transportation - 1 ( $\leq 100$ Therms)	0.13035
Residential - 2; Residential Transportation - 2 ( $100 < \leq 250$ Therms)	0.06657
Residential - 3; Residential Transportation - 3 ( $> 250$ Therms)	0.03655
Residential Standby Generator	0.14743
General Service - 1; GS Transportation - 1 ( $\leq 1,000$ Therms)	0.06735
General Service - 2; GS Transportation - 2 ( $1,000 < \leq 5,000$ Therms)	0.03100
General Service - 3; GS Transportation - 3 ( $5,000 < \leq 10,000$ Therms)	0.02701
General Service - 4; GS Transportation - 4 ( $10,000 < \leq 50,000$ Therms)	0.02392
General Service - 5; GS Transportation - 5 ( $50,000 < \leq 250,000$ Therms)	0.01808
General Service - 6; GS Transportation - 6 ( $250,000 < \leq 500,000$ Therms)	0.01680
General Service - 7; GS Transportation - 7 ( $500,000 < \leq 1,000,000$ Therms)	0.01377
General Service - 8 - A; GS Transportation - 8 - A ( $1,000,000 < \leq 1,500,000$ Therms)	0.01304
General Service - 8 - B; GS Transportation - 8 - B ( $1,500,000 < \leq 2,000,000$ Therms)	0.01215

General Service - 8 - C; GS Transportation - 8 - C ( <i>&gt; 2,000,000 &lt; = 4,000,000 Therms</i> )	0.00690
General Service - 8 - D; GS Transportation - 8 - D ( <i>&gt; 4,000,000 Therms</i> )	0.00568
Commercial - NGV; Comm - NGV Transportation	0.01590
Commercial Standby Generator	0.16326

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

FPUC: Yes. The Commission should approve revised tariffs reflecting the natural gas conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing gas conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding. The Commission should direct staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision

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

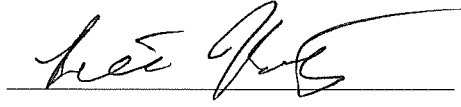
FPUC: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2024 through December 2024. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2024 and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2024, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

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

FPUC: Recognizing that this is an ongoing cost recovery docket, this docket should remain open with a new docket number assigned for the following year.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 25th day of August, 2023.

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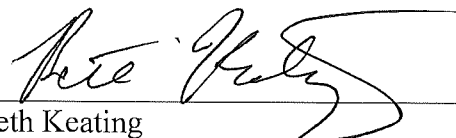
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing, has been furnished by Electronic Mail to the following parties of record this 25th day of August, 2023:

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