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VIA E-PORTAL

Mr. Adam Teitzman
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
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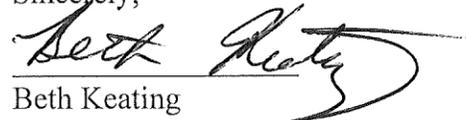
Re: Docket No. 20230003-GU – Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True Up.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing, please find Florida Public Utilities Company's Prehearing Statement.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions whatsoever.

Sincerely,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased Gas Adjustment)
(PGA) True-up)
_____)

Docket No. 20230003-GU

Filed: October 6, 2023

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY’S PREHEARING STATEMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure, Order Nos. PSC-2023-0089-PCO-GU, issued on February 15, 2023, Florida Public Utilities Company (“FPUC”) hereby submits its Prehearing Statement.

A. Appearances

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B. Known Witnesses

FPUC intends to offer the direct testimony of Robert Chester Waruszewski, as filed on May 2, 2023, and Witness Waruszewski’s and Jeffrey B. Bates’s direct testimonies, filed on August 4, 2023.

Robert C. Waruszewski	Issue 1 and 2
Robert C. Waruszewski	Issues 3 – 6, 7
Jeffrey B. Bates	Issues 3 and 4

C. Known Exhibits

FPUC intends to sponsor the following exhibits:

Waruszewski RCW-1 (Final Fuel Over/Under Recovery (Schedule A-7)	Issue 1
Waruszewski RCW-2 (Schedules E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5)	Issues 3-6

D. Basic Position

FPUC has appropriately calculated its true-up amounts and purchased gas adjustment factor as shown in the Company's positions on Issues 1-6 and asks that the Commission approve the Company's proposed PGA Factor for 2024.

E. –G Issues

FPUC's positions on the issues identified for hearing are as follows:

Issue 1: What are the final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2022 through December 2022?

FPUC: The final true-up amount for the period January 2022 through December 2022, including interest, net of estimated true-up for the same period, is an under-recovery of \$3,376,449.

Issue 2: What are the actual/estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023?

FPUC: FPUC estimates an over-recovery of \$1,880,594 inclusive of interest.

Issue 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected (refunded) during the period January 2024 through December 2024?

FPUC: In total, FPUC under-recovery of \$1,495,855 to be collected during the projected period.

Issue 4: What are the levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

FPUC: The appropriate PGA factor is 130.92¢ per therm.

Issue 5: What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?

FPUC: The factors should be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2024 and should apply for bills rendered for meter readings taken between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

Issue 6: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

FPUC: Yes. The Commission should approve revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges 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: Should this docket be closed?

FPUC: This is a continuing cost recovery docket and should remain an active and ongoing proceeding. As such, a new docket number should be established annually to reflect the new calendar year.

G. Stipulated Issues

While not a party to stipulations at this time, FPUC believes that it should be possible to reach a stipulation on each of the issues as they pertain to FPUC.

H. Pending Motions

None at this time.

I. Pending Confidentiality Requests

None.

J. Compliance With Order on Procedure

Florida Public Utilities Company has fully complied with the requirements of Order Nos. PSC-2023-0089-PCO-GU.

K. Objections to Witness Qualifications

Florida Public Utilities Company has no objection to the qualifications of any expert witness.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 6th day of October, 2023.

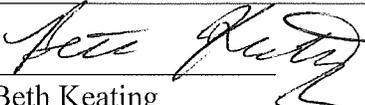
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 6th day of October, 2023:

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