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STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST VIA EMAIL

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Re: Docket No. 20230135-GU: Petition for Approval of Transportation Service Agreements for the Boynton Beach and New Smyrna Beach projects with the Florida Public Utilities Company by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Keating and Mr. Everngam:

By this letter, Commission staff requests that Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. (PPC) provide responses regarding the petition for approval of transportation service agreements for the Boynton Beach and New Smyrna Beach projects.

1. Regarding the proposed Boynton Beach pipeline project:
 - a. What is the cost to FPUC to construct/install 3 miles of new, 4-inch coated steel pipeline (including any necessary appurtenances) from the upgraded gate station with Florida Gas Transmission (FGT), to an existing district regulator station that will connect to FPU's system? Please include a general description of the types of costs that will be incurred (e.g., materials, labor, permitting, secure right-of-way, etc.). Also, please confirm that the pipeline material will not consist of "bare steel" construction.
 - b. What is the cost to FPUC to construct/install 2 miles of new, 4-inch coated steel pipeline (including any necessary appurtenances) from an existing district regulator, to the new district regulator station? Please include a general description of the types of costs that will be incurred (e.g., materials, labor, permitting, secure right-of-way, etc.). Also, please confirm that the pipeline material will not consist of "bare steel" construction.

2. Regarding the proposed New Smyrna Beach pipeline project:
 - a. What is the cost to FPUC to construct/ install 14.8 miles of new, 4-inch coated steel pipeline (including any necessary appurtenances) following public right of way and the four new district regulator stations built along the route of the project? Please include a general description of the types of costs that will be incurred (e.g., materials, labor, permitting, secure right-of-way, etc.). Also, please confirm that the pipeline material will not consist of “bare steel” construction.
3. Please explain how FPUC plans to recover the costs of constructing the East Coast Expansion projects.
4. Please provide a brief description of the approval required by PPC or FPUC from any other state or local agencies to complete the proposed projects.
5. Did FPUC issue a formal request for proposals or initiate discussions with other parties to obtain construction cost estimates for the proposed pipeline? If so, please identify all respondents and provide an explanation regarding why their proposals were rejected. If not, please justify why FPUC did not solicit competitive bid from other parties.
6. Please discuss approximately how many residential, commercial, and industrial customers are expected to take service from this expansion project.
7. In pervious firm transportation service agreements, the parties have agreed to charge 2.0 times the rate of the Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity per Dekatherm for unauthorized usage, as described in Article 2.2.¹ Please explain why the parties have agreed to the rate identified in Exhibit A for unauthorized usage in both of the proposed transportation service agreements.

Please file all responses electronically no later than February 7, 2024 via the Commission’s website at www.floridapsc.com by selecting the Clerk’s Office tab and Electronic Filing Web Form. Please contact me at pkelley@psc.state.fl.us or at 850.413.6495 if you have any questions.

Thank you,

/S/Patrick Kelley
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Public Utility Analyst I

cc: Office of Commission Clerk (Docket No. 20230135)

¹ See Order Nos. PSC-2022-0351-PAA-GU and PSC-2021-0372-PAA-GU.