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SJNG Response to Staff's Third Data Request

Re: Docket No. 20240046-GU – Petition for rate increase by SJNG

1. Please refer to MFR Schedule C-17. Please clarify the source of the depreciation rates found in the “% Rate” Column of this schedule.
 - A. Should have been PSC-2018-0368-PAA-GU. Rates are correct.

2. Please refer to MFR Sch. G-2, page 23 of 31. Please state the source of the depreciation rates found on this schedule.
 - A. Docket No. 20230022-GU, Order No PSC-2023-0215-PAA-GU. All of the rates are correct except for Acct 390 – Structures & Improvements. It should have been 2.2.

3. Please refer to MFR Sch. B-4 and St. Joe's 2022 Annual Depreciation Status Report. Please explain why the ADSR reflects a 2022 closing balance of \$3,149 for Acct#301 and \$0 for Account #303, while MFR Sch. B-4 reflects balances of \$0 and \$13,149 for Accts 301 and 303, respectively.
 - A. Acct 301 - \$3149.10, and 302 - \$10000. The ADSR – I combined the plant balances and named it Intangible Plant since they do not have a depreciation accrual.

4. Please refer to MFR Sch. B-9. Please explain why the Co. booked a negative reserve accrual for Acct#397 – Communication Equipment beginning in December 2021 through December 2022.
 - A. Equipment was retired April 2018 before it was fully depreciated, and new equipment was purchased May 2018. In the Order No. PSC-2023-0249-CO-GU, 2022 study, the Accumulated Depreciation was a negative then. I thought maybe it would've been addressed then, but it was not.

5. Please refer to MFR Sch. G-1, pages 9 and 10 of 28. Please explain why the December 2023 balances for Accts 376-Mains (Steel) and Acct 376 – Mains (Plastic) on page 9 of 28, do not match the Beginning Balances on page 10 of 28.

- A. It looks like the links did not populate correctly, but the total for the year does not change and is correct.
6. Please refer to witness Andy Shoaf's direct testimony, page 9. Please elaborate on the "discussions with Company employees" which were the basis for St. Joe's forecasted residential customer additions. Please also explain the methodology for how those discussions were converted into a numerical forecast of additional customers for the projected test year.
- A. Andy and Debbie looked at previous therm sales and data to determine a forecast for residential customer additions.
7. Please explain the process for how St. Joe arrived at the monthly projected therm sales (for each customer class) for the projected test year, as shown on MFR Sch G-2, pages 8-9 of 31.
- A. Examined previous therm sales and number of customers, especially the growth in the past year and determined 14% for therm sales and 5% for customer increase.
8. Please provide the Company's actual monthly customer and therm sales totals (by customer class) for 2024 year-to-date.
- A. Please see attachment
9. Please refer to witness Stuart Shoaf's direct testimony, Exhibit SLS-1. Please explain the projected decrease of approximately 31.7 percent in therm sales for the GS-4 rate class for the 2024 test year compared to the 2023 historical base year (159,131 therm sales in 2023 decreasing to 108,755 projected therm sales in 2024).
- A. When I projected therms for GS-4. I did not project Gas South for GS-4 therms, only transport therms (FTS-4).
10. Referring to Staff Data Requests Nos. 6 and 7, please provide all documents in the Company's possession that were utilized to provide guidance to the company employees in the development of St Joe's customer and therm sales projections for the 2024 test year.
- A. Only document in Company's possession used is the Therm sales & customer data report which provides historical therms sold and number of bills. This document plus public knowledge of proposed residential and non-residential projects is taken into account in estimating future therm sales and number of customers by class.

Sincerely,



Debbie Stitt, Bookkeeper

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THERM SALES & CUSTOMER DATA
St Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Peak + Average
2024

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
RS-1	13,454	13,630	14,889	9,657	7,990	9,013	6,661	7,212	0	0	0	0	82,506
RS-2	25,153	25,055	25,130	17,650	13,236	12,271	9,142	10,332	0	0	0	0	137,969
RS-3	26,517	25,978	24,753	15,298	10,927	10,584	7,826	8,666	0	0	0	0	130,549
GS-1	14,996	16,206	17,887	14,587	11,815	12,451	9,724	11,149	0	0	0	0	108,816
GS-2	23,890	23,492	29,797	19,430	14,979	18,911	13,080	16,737	0	0	0	0	160,316
GS-4 SHH	9,835	9,533	11,045	8,520	8,133	9,320	7,888	8,151	0	0	0	0	72,425
FTS-4	9,134	18,516	15,224	8,840	9,135	8,782	8,456	0	0	0	0	0	78,087
GS-4	23,824	6,663	5,711	7,372	633	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44,203
	42,793	34,712	31,980	24,732	17,901	18,102	16,344	8,151	0	0	0	0	194,715
TOTAL	146,803	139,073	144,436	101,354	76,848	81,332	62,777	62,247	0	0	0	0	814,871