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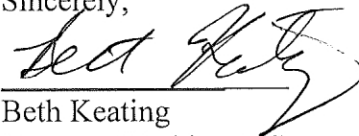
Re: Docket No. 20240004-GU – Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find the Joint Prehearing Statement of Florida City Gas and Florida Public Utilities Company.

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)
_____)

Docket No. 20240004-GU
Filed: October 14, 2024

**JOINT PREHEARING STATEMENT OF FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY
AND FLORIDA CITY GAS**

In accordance with Order No. PSC-2024-0030-PCO-GU, issued February 6, 2024, as amended by Order No. 2024-0214-PCO-GU, issued June 20, 2024, Florida Public Utilities Company (“FPUC”) and Florida City Gas (“FCG”) (jointly herein “Companies”) hereby submit this Joint Prehearing Statement:

a. All Known Witnesses

<u>Witness</u>	<u>Subject Matter</u>	<u>Issues</u>
Derrick M. Craig	True Up for 2023 (FPUC only) and	Issues 1-9
	Actual/Estimated True-Up for 2024; cost recovery factors for 2025; effective date (FPUC and FCG)	
Miguel Bustos	True Up for 2023 (FCG only)	Issue 1

b. All Known Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Witness</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Issues</u>
DMC-1	Derrick M. Craig	True-Up Variance Analysis [Schedules CT1-CT6] (FPUC only)	1
MB-1	Miguel Bustos	True-Up Variance Analysis [Schedules CT1-CT6] (FCG only)	1
DMC-2	Derrick M. Craig	Projections: Estimated ECCR charges by rate class [Schedules C-1 through C-4] Consolidated: FPUC/FCG	2-7, 9
DMC-3	Derrick M. Craig	Projections: Estimated ECCR charges by rate class [Schedules C-1 through C-4] (Separate: FPUC and FCG)	2-7, 9

c. Statement of Basic Position

The Commission should approve FPUC’s and FCG’s final net true-ups for the period January through December, 2023, the estimated true-up for the period January through December, 2024, and the projected conservation program expenses and recovery factors for each for the period January through December, 2025.

d. Position on the Issues

ISSUE 1. What are the final conservation cost recovery adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023?

FPUC: The actual adjusted end of period total true up amount was an under-recovery of \$239,390.

FCG: The actual adjusted end of period total true up amount was an under-recovery of \$161,423.

ISSUE 2: What are the appropriate conservation adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

COMPANIES: The projected true-up for the period January 2024 through December 2024 is an over-recovery of \$512,828.

ISSUE 3: What are the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be collected/refunded from January 2025 through December 2025?

COMPANIES: The projected net true-up is an over-recovery of \$112,015 to be refunded.

ISSUE 4. What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the period January 2025 through December 2025?

COMPANIES:: A total of \$11,435,110 remains to be recovered during the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

ISSUE 5. What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2025 through December 2025?

FPUC:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>Adjustment Factor (dollars per them)</u>
Residential - 1; Residential Transportation -	0.23352 (<= 100 Therms)
Residential - 2; Residential Transportation -	0.12933 (> 100<=250 Therms)

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Residential - 3; Residential Transportation -	0.07241 (>250 Therms)
Residential Standby Generator	0.26598
General Service - 1; GS Transportation -	0.11003 (<=1,000 Therms)
General Service - 2; GS Transportation -	0.05653 (> 1,000<=5,000 Therms)
General Service - 3; GS Transportation -	0.04941 (> 5,000 < = 10, 000 Therms)
General Service - 4; GS Transportation -	0.04376 (> 10,000 < 50,000 Therm)
General Service - 5; GS Transportation -	0.03305 (> 50,000 < = 250,000 Therms)
General Service - 6; GS Transportation -	0.03080 (> 250, 000 < = 500, 000Therm)
General Service - 7; GS Transportation -	0.02520 (> 500,000 < = 1,000,000 Therm)
General Service - 8 - A; GS Transportation -	0.02415 (> 1,000,000 < = 1,500,000 Therm)
General Service - 8 - B; GS Transportation -	0.02218 (> 1,500,000 < = 2,000,000
General Service - 8 - C; GS Transportation -	0.01262 (> 2,000,000 < = 4,000,000 Therm)
General Service - 8 - D; GS Transportation -	0.01035 (> 4,000,000 Therms)
Commercial - NGV; Comm - NGV Transportation -	0.02907
Commercial Standby Generator -	0.31940

FCG:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>Adjustment Factor (dollars per therm)</u>
RS-1	\$0.25141
RS-100	\$0.11554
RS-600	\$0.06816
GS-1	\$0.04592
GS-6K	\$0.03291

GS-25K	\$0.03059
Gas Lights	\$0.03615
GS-120K	\$0.02165
GS-1250K	\$0.01252
GS-11M – GS-25M	\$0.00000

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?

COMPANIES 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?

COMPANIES: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2025 through December 2025. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2025 and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2025, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment factor became effective.

ISSUE 8: Should this docket be closed?

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

Company-specific Issue (FCG and FPUC)

ISSUE A: Should FPUC and FCG be authorized to consolidate their natural gas conservation costs and recovery amounts?

COMPANIES: Yes. The Companies should be allowed to consolidate their gas conservation functions, as well as the costs incurred by each entity, to then be allocated across each company's separate rate schedules based on the share of base revenues each rate provides to the Companies.

e. Stipulated Issues

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

f. Pending Motions

None.

g. Pending Confidentiality Claims or Requests

None.

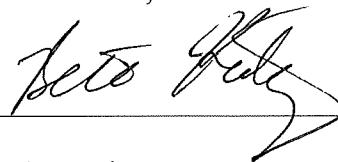
h. Objections to Witness Qualifications as an Expert

None.

i. Compliance with Order No. 2024-0030-PCO-GU

The Companies believe that this Joint Prehearing Statement fully complies with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of October, 2024.



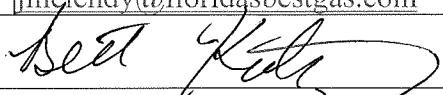
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 14th day of October, 2024:

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