

0BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint petition by Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida City Gas for approval of tariff changes to standardize and align Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida City Gas's transportation service tariffs and to implement a flexible gas service tariff for Florida City Gas.

DOCKET NO. 20240159-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2025-0030-PCO-GU
ISSUED: January 27, 2025

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MIKE LA ROSA, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
GARY F. CLARK
ANDREW GILES FAY
GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On November 20, 2024, Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Florida City Gas (FCG) (jointly, the Parties) filed a joint petition for approval of standardization and alignment of the Parties' tariffs. The Parties are not proposing any rate changes in their schedules at this time. The Parties filed this petition as an ongoing effort to eliminate inconsistencies across the Parties' platform, and to standardize their individual transportation service programs for purposes to achieve consistency with providing natural gas services.

In September 2023, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake) purchased FCG from NextEra Energy; therefore, Chesapeake is the parent company of both FCG and FPUC. Since the acquisition, Chesapeake has taken steps to standardize and align FPUC and FCG as shown in the purchased gas adjustment and energy conservation cost recovery clause dockets shown in the petition. We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.03, 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

The proposed revisions to the Parties' tariffs shall be suspended to allow our staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on the proposed tariff revisions.

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change, a reason, or written statement of a good cause for doing so within 60 days. We find that the reason stated above is a good cause consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the proposed revisions to the Parties' tariffs shall be suspended to allow our staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on the proposed tariff revisions. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our decision on the proposed tariff revision.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 27th day of January, 2025.



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The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.