



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

August 2022

Petition for increase in gas rates by

Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation d/b/a Central Florida Gas, Florida Public Utilities Company - Fort Meade, and Florida Public Utilities Company - Indiantown Division

DOCKET NO. 20220067 - GU

On May 24, 2022, Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade, and Florida Public Utilities Company-Indiantown Division (collectively Company) filed a petition seeking Commission approval to increase rates and charges, and to consolidate the four natural gas utilities into one utility operating under the name Florida Public Utilities Company. The four natural gas utilities provide sales and transportation of natural gas, and are public utilities subject to the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction under Chapter 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Questions & Answers

1 Why is the Company requesting a rate increase?

The Company is requesting a rate increase to recover the cost of operating the utility and allow the company an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its investment.

2 When was the Company's last approved rate increase?

- FPUC - 2008
- Chesapeake/CFG - 2010
- Indiantown - 2004
- Fort Meade - No prior Commission-approved rate cases.

3 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?

Yes. As part of the evaluation process of the Company's rate request, the Commission will conduct virtual and in-person service hearings to allow feedback about the Company's quality of service and the proposed rate changes. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. Commissioners will attend and participate during the service hearings.

VIRTUAL SERVICE HEARINGS

**Tuesday, August 30, 2022
6:00 p.m. EDT**

**Spanish Interpreter Available
Traductor al español disponible**

**Wednesday, August 31, 2022
10:00 a.m. EDT and 2:00 p.m. EDT**

IN PERSON SERVICE HEARINGS

**Tuesday, September 20, 2022
4:00 p.m. EDT
Solid Waste Authority Conference Room
7501 N Jog Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33412**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2022
6:00 p.m. EDT
Garden Center of Winter Haven
715 3rd Street NW
Winter Haven, FL 33881**

If cancelled, notice of service hearing cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website, (www.FloridaPSC.com), under Hot Topics found on the home page.

Cancellation can also be confirmed by contacting the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6199.

Customers may register to speak at the service hearings in one of the following ways: (1) register using the PSC's online registration form, which will be available at www.FloridaPSC.com, under the "Hot Topics" heading, (2) call the PSC at (850) 413-7080 or email speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us, (3) register when you arrive at the venue.

Electronic and telephonic registration will be available beginning August 16, 2022 at 9 a.m. EDT, and the deadline to register, electronically or telephonically, is noon EDT two business days prior to each service hearing. Please note that the order in which customers will speak is based on the order in which they register. If you have questions about the sign-up process, please call (850) 413-7080.

4 What if I cannot attend the virtual or in-person service hearings or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any interested person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at one of the service hearings or in writing.* Written comments should be mailed to:

Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Commission Clerk
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

The PSC will also accept emailed comments at: clerk@psc.state.fl.us

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20220067-GU**.

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider the Company's quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at (800) 342-3552.

* Any email or other correspondence sent to a Florida Public Service Commissioner, or any other public official and/or employee of the PSC, in the transaction of public business is considered a public record and is subject to Florida's Public Records Law. This means that Florida law generally requires the PSC to provide a copy of any such email or correspondence, upon request, for inspection and copying to any Florida citizen or to any member of the media.

5 How much is the current and proposed monthly bill (including fuel charge) for an FPUC residential customer using 20 therms?

The current monthly bill (including fuel charge) for a customer using 20 therms is \$48.30. The proposed monthly bill under the RES-2 class would be \$53.56.

6 How much is the current and proposed monthly bill for a Chesapeake residential customer using 20 therms?

The current monthly bill for a customer using 20 therms is \$30.54. The proposed monthly bill under the REST-2 class would be \$32.55.

7 How much is the current and proposed monthly bill for an Indiantown residential customer using 20 therms?

The current monthly bill for a customer using 20 therms is \$16.57. The proposed monthly bill under the REST-2 class would be \$20.07.

8 How much is the current and proposed monthly bill (including fuel charge) for a Fort Meade residential customer using 20 therms?

The current monthly bill (including fuel charge) for a customer using 20 therms is \$43.70. The proposed monthly bill under the RES-2 class would be \$45.11.

9 Can I obtain more information online?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Click on Clerk's Office then Dockets. Type in the docket number 20220067.

10 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Orlando Wooten
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413 – 6686

Amber Norris
Accounting
(850) 413 – 6984

Corey Hampson
Rates and Charges
(850) 413 – 6676

For legal questions, contact:

Ryan Sandy
(850) 413 - 6856

11 Who provides legal representation for customers in utility related matters before the Public Service Commission?

The Office of Public Counsel was established by the Florida Legislature to advocate on behalf of you and the other utility customers before the Commission and other state and federal regulatory authorities. The Office of Public Counsel is independent from the Commission, and accountable only to the people of the State of Florida through the Florida Legislature. You can reach the Office of Public Counsel at (800) 342-0222 or www.floridaopc.gov.

12 When will the PSC make a decision?

After the technical hearing is completed, the PSC staff will file a recommendation with the Commission that addresses the Company's proposed revenue increase. The Commissioners will then vote on this matter at a future Commission Conference.

Based on the Commission's decision on the Company's proposed revenue increase, staff will prepare another recommendation that addresses the specific rates to be charged to each class of customers. The Commission will then vote on the Company's rates at a future Commission Conference.

13 How can I follow the customer service hearings and Commission Conference?

You can watch the customer service hearings and Commission Conference live from the PSC website at www.FloridaPSC.com. Look for the "Watch Live Broadcast" icon on the left side of the webpage. An audio only option is available by dialing (850) 413-7999. If you are hearing or speech impaired, you may contact the PSC by using the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

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Florida Public Utilities Company Monthly Gas Bills

RESIDENTIAL BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

PRESENT RATES

Customer Charge

\$11.00 RS

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

Includes GRIP charge ⁽¹⁾

81.470 RS

Gas Cost (Cents per Therm): 105.04

PROPOSED RATES

Customer Charge

\$16.50 RES-1 ⁽²⁾
\$19.50 RES-2 ⁽²⁾
\$26.50 RES-3

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

65.229 RES-1 ⁽²⁾
65.272 RES-2 ⁽²⁾
65.386 RES-3

Monthly Therm Usage	Present Rate Schedule	Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Rate Schedule	Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Dollar Increase with Gas Cost
5	RS	\$15.07	\$20.33	RES-1	\$19.76	\$25.01	\$4.69
10	RS	\$19.15	\$29.65	RES-2	\$26.03	\$36.53	\$6.88
20	RS	\$27.29	\$48.30	RES-2	\$32.55	\$53.56	\$5.26
30	RS	\$35.44	\$66.95	RES-3	\$46.12	\$77.63	\$10.67
40	RS	\$43.59	\$85.60	RES-3	\$52.65	\$94.67	\$9.07

Bills do not include conservation costs, utility taxes, franchise fees, or gross receipts taxes.

(1) Costs for the Gas Replacement Infrastructure Program (GRIP) are currently recovered through a separate surcharge. GRIP costs are proposed to be recovered as part of the energy charge.

(2) Proposed RES-1 and RES-2 rate schedules will be closed to new customers and only available to current residential customers.

Chesapeake Monthly Gas Bills

RESIDENTIAL BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

PRESENT RATES

Customer Charge

\$13.00	FTS-A ⁽¹⁾
\$19.00	FTS-1
\$15.50	FTS-B ⁽¹⁾
\$34.00	FTS-2

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

Includes GRIP charge ⁽²⁾

117.665	FTS-A ⁽¹⁾
57.715	FTS-1
70.794	FTS-B ⁽¹⁾
47.496	FTS-2

PROPOSED RATES

Customer Charge

\$16.50	REST-1 ⁽³⁾
\$19.50	REST-2 ⁽³⁾
\$26.50	REST-3

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

65.229	REST-1 ⁽³⁾
65.272	REST-2 ⁽³⁾
65.386	REST-3

Gas Cost: Customers purchase natural gas from unregulated third-party marketers.

Monthly Therm Usage	Present Rate Schedule	Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Rate Schedule	Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Dollar Increase w/o Gas Cost
5	FTS-A ⁽¹⁾	\$18.88	N/A	REST-1	\$19.76	N/A	\$0.88
5	FTS-1	\$21.89	N/A	REST-1	\$19.76	N/A	-\$2.12
10	FTS-B ⁽¹⁾	\$22.58	N/A	REST-2	\$26.03	N/A	\$3.45
10	FTS-1	\$24.77	N/A	REST-2	\$26.03	N/A	\$1.26
20	FTS-1	\$30.54	N/A	REST-2	\$32.55	N/A	\$2.01
30	FTS-1	\$36.31	N/A	REST-3	\$46.12	N/A	\$9.80
40	FTS-1	\$42.09	N/A	REST-3	\$52.65	N/A	\$10.57
50	FTS-2	\$57.75	N/A	REST-3	\$59.19	N/A	\$1.44

Bills do not include conservation costs, utility taxes, franchise fees, or gross receipts taxes.

(1) FTS-A and FTS-B have been closed to new customers since 2009.

(2) Costs for the Gas Replacement Infrastructure Program (GRIP) are currently recovered through a separate surcharge. GRIP costs are proposed to be recovered as part of the energy charge.

(3) Proposed REST-1 and REST-2 rate schedules will be closed to new customers and only available to current residential customers.

Indiantown Monthly Gas Bills

RESIDENTIAL BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

PRESENT RATES

Customer Charge

\$9.00 TS-1

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

37.835 TS-1

PROPOSED RATES

Customer Charge

\$11.50 REST-1 ⁽¹⁾

\$12.50 REST-2 ⁽¹⁾

\$16.50 REST-3

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

37.835 REST-1 ⁽¹⁾

37.835 REST-2 ⁽¹⁾

25.220 REST-3

Gas Cost: Customers purchase natural gas from unregulated third-party marketers.

Monthly Therm Usage	Present Rate Schedule	Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Rate Schedule	Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Dollar Increase w/o Gas Cost
5	TS-1	\$10.89	N/A	REST-1	\$13.39	N/A	\$2.50
10	TS-1	\$12.78	N/A	REST-2	\$16.28	N/A	\$3.50
20	TS-1	\$16.57	N/A	REST-2	\$20.07	N/A	\$3.50
30	TS-1	\$20.35	N/A	REST-3	\$24.07	N/A	\$3.72
40	TS-1	\$24.13	N/A	REST-3	\$26.59	N/A	\$2.45

Bills do not include conservation costs, utility taxes, franchise fees, or gross receipts taxes.

(1) Proposed REST-1 and REST-2 rate schedules will be closed to new customers and only available to current residential customers.

Fort Meade Monthly Gas Bills

RESIDENTIAL BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

PRESENT RATES

Customer Charge

\$8.50 RS

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

Includes GRIP charge ⁽¹⁾

70.945 RS

PROPOSED RATES

Customer Charge

\$11.50 RES-1 ⁽²⁾

\$12.50 RES-2 ⁽²⁾

\$16.50 RES-3

Energy Charge (cents per therm)

58.026 RES-1 ⁽²⁾

58.026 RES-2 ⁽²⁾

58.026 RES-3

Gas Cost (Cents per Therm): 105.04

Monthly Therm Usage	Present Rate Schedule	Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Proposed Rate Schedule	Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost	Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost	Dollar Increase with Gas Cost
5	RS	\$12.05	\$17.30	RES-1	\$14.40	\$19.65	\$2.35
10	RS	\$15.59	\$26.10	RES-2	\$18.30	\$28.81	\$2.71
20	RS	\$22.69	\$43.70	RES-2	\$24.11	\$45.11	\$1.42
30	RS	\$29.78	\$61.30	RES-3	\$33.91	\$65.42	\$4.12
40	RS	\$36.88	\$78.89	RES-3	\$39.71	\$81.73	\$2.83

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