



Florida Public Service Commission RATE CASE OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2024

Petition for rate increase by
St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20240046-GU

On May 29, 2024, St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG or Utility) filed a petition seeking the Florida Public Service Commission's (Commission or PSC) approval to increase rates and charges. SJNG provides sales and transportation of natural gas and is a public utility subject to the Commission's regulatory jurisdiction under Chapter 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.). SJNG currently serves 3,186 residential and commercial customers in Gulf and Bay Counties.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Why is SJNG requesting a rate increase?

SJNG 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 SJNG's last approved rate increase?

SJNG's last rate case was in 2008.

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

Yes. As part of the evaluation process of SJNG's rate request, Commission staff will conduct a virtual customer meeting to allow feedback about SJNG's quality of service and the rate setting process. Comments will be reviewed before the Commission reaches a decision. One or more Commissioners may attend and participate during the customer meeting.

Customers may register to speak at the virtual customer meeting 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 (3) email speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us. Online registration will open on August 21, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., and close on September 02, 2024 at noon. 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.

One day prior to the meeting, customers who signed up to speak at the virtual customer meeting will be provided further instructions from PSC staff on how to participate.

4. 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 20240046.

VIRTUAL CUSTOMER MEETING

**Wednesday, September 04, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

5. What if I cannot participate in the virtual customer meeting 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 the virtual customer meeting 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, **20240046-GU**

Comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider SJNG'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.

6. How much is the current monthly bill (including fuel charge) for a residential customer of SJNG using 20 therms?

The Utility's current monthly bill (including fuel charge) for a residential customer of SJNG using 20 therms is \$54.21.

7. Using the Utility's proposed rates, how much would the monthly bill (including fuel charge) be for a residential customer of SJNG using 20 therms?

Using the Utility's proposed rates, the monthly bill (including fuel charge) for a residential customer of SJNG using 20 therms would be \$68.99.

8. Who can answer technical or legal questions?

For technical questions, contact:

Clayton Lewis
Quality of Service and Engineering
(850) 413-6578

Corey Hampson
Rates and Charges
(850) 413-6676

Matthew Vogel
Accounting
(850) 413-6453

For legal questions, contact:

Daniel Dose
(850) 413-6846

9. Who provides legal representation for customers in utility related matters before the Florida 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.

10. When will the PSC make a decision?

PSC Staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on October 24, 2024. The Commissioners are expected to vote at the November 5, 2024 Commission Conference.

If cancelled, notice of customer meeting 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.

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St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc., Monthly Gas Bills

Residential Bill Comparison - Present VS. Company Proposed Rates

| Present Rates | Proposed Rates |
|--|--|
| Customer Charge | Customer Charge |
| \$ 13.00 RS-1 ⁽¹⁾ | N/A RS-1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| \$ 16.00 RS-2 | \$ 20.00 RS-2 |
| \$ 20.00 RS-3 | \$ 25.00 RS-3 |
| Energy Charge (Dollars per therm) | Energy Charge (Dollars per therm) |
| \$ 1.29614 RS-1 ⁽¹⁾ | N/A RS-1 ⁽¹⁾ |
| \$ 0.87058 RS-2 | \$ 1.40959 RS-2 |
| \$ 0.72859 RS-3 | \$ 1.24119 RS-3 |

Fuel Cost (Dollars per Therm): \$1.04

| Monthly Therm Usage | Present Rate Schedule | Present Monthly Bill w/o Fuel Cost | Present Monthly Bill w/ Fuel Cost | Proposed Rate Schedule | Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Fuel Cost | Proposed Monthly Bill w/ Fuel Cost | Dollar Increase w/ Fuel Cost |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| 5 | RS-1 | \$19.48 | \$24.68 | RS-2 | \$27.05 | \$32.25 | \$7.57 |
| 10 | RS-1 | \$25.96 | \$36.36 | RS-2 | \$34.10 | \$44.50 | \$8.13 |
| 20 | RS-2 | \$33.41 | \$54.21 | RS-2 | \$48.19 | \$68.99 | \$14.78 |
| 30 | RS-3 | \$41.86 | \$73.06 | RS-3 | \$62.24 | \$93.44 | \$20.38 |
| 40 | RS-3 | \$49.14 | \$90.74 | RS-3 | \$74.65 | \$116.25 | \$25.50 |

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

(1) The RS-1 rate schedule would be closed and all current RS-1 customers would be transferred to RS-2.

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