



# Florida Public Service Commission **RATE CASE OVERVIEW**

**JANUARY 2018**

Petition for rate increase by  
**Florida City Gas**

DOCKET NO. 20170179-GU

*On August 23, 2017, Florida City Gas filed a petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC or Commission) for a rate increase. Florida City Gas currently provides natural gas to approximately 108,000 residential, commercial, and industrial natural gas customers in Florida's Miami-Dade, Brevard, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Glades, Hendry, Broward, and Indian River Counties.*

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **1 Is there an opportunity for public input on this rate case?**

Yes. As part of the evaluation process for Florida City Gas' rate request, the Commission staff will conduct service hearings to allow customer feedback about Florida City Gas and the process by which the company's petition is being evaluated. Customer comments, written and oral, will be taken into consideration when the Commission reaches a decision. Commissioners will attend and participate during the hearings.

### **2 Why is Florida City Gas requesting a rate increase?**

Florida City Gas has been earning at or below its authorized range. Florida City Gas identified three factors that led to its requested rate increase: increased capital spending due to increased state and federal safety regulations, need for additional pipeline capacity, and development and training of a new work force.

### **3 When was Florida City Gas' last approved rate increase?**

Florida City Gas' last rate case was in 2003.

#### **SERVICE HEARINGS**

**Tuesday, January 23, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

Coral Gables City Hall  
405 Biltmore Way  
Coral Gables, FL 33134

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
9:00 A.M.**

Port St. Lucie Civic Center  
9221 S.E. Civic Center Place  
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

**Wednesday, January 24, 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

Brevard County Governmental Center  
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Melbourne (Viera), FL 32940

If cancelled, notice of meeting cancellation will be provided on the Commission's website ([www.floridapsc.com](http://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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#### 4 What are the proposed rate impacts to residential customers?

For the current and proposed rates for residential customers, please refer to the rate schedules that follow.

#### 5 What if I cannot attend the customer meeting or prefer not to speak? Are there other ways to comment on this case?

Any person who wants to comment or provide information to the Commission regarding this matter may do so orally at the 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](mailto:clerk@psc.state.fl.us)

Please be sure to include the docket number, **20170179-GU**.

Customer comments are placed on the correspondence side of the docket file and are taken into consideration by the Commissioners in reaching their decision. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the PSC will also consider Florida City Gas' quality of service and other matters. If you have questions, contact the PSC's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

#### 6 Who can answer technical or legal questions?

##### For technical questions, contact:

Elisabeth Draper  
(850) 413-6706

Cheryl Bulecza-Banks  
(850) 413- 6642

Laura King  
(850) 413-6588

##### For legal questions, contact:

Walter Trierweiler  
(850) 413- 6584

#### 7 Where on the Internet can I obtain more detailed information?

Detailed docket information is available on the PSC website at [www.FloridaPSC.com](http://www.FloridaPSC.com). Click on **Clerk's Office** then **Dockets**. Type in the docket number, **20170179**.

#### 8 When will the PSC make a decision?

The PSC staff is scheduled to file a recommendation with the Commission on May 23, 2018 and June 14, 2018. The Commissioners are expected to vote on this matter at the June 5, 2018 and June 19, 2018 Commission Conferences.

*\* 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.*

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## Florida City Gas Monthly Gas Bills

### BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

#### RESIDENTIAL

Residential Usage between 0 and 99 therms per year

Average Usage: 5 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**  
GS-1

Customer Charge  
\$8.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
56.213

Gas Cost Cents/Therm  
54.000

**PROPOSED RATES**  
RS-1

Customer Charge  
\$12.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
55.220

Therm Usage Increment  
2

<b>Therm Usage</b>	<b>Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</b>	<b>Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</b>	<b>Dollar Increase with Gas Cost</b>
0	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$4.00
2	\$9.12	\$10.20	\$13.10	\$14.18	\$3.98
4	\$10.25	\$12.41	\$14.21	\$16.37	\$3.96
6	\$11.37	\$14.61	\$15.31	\$18.55	\$3.94
8	\$12.50	\$16.82	\$16.42	\$20.74	\$3.92
10	\$13.62	\$19.02	\$17.52	\$22.92	\$3.90
12	\$14.75	\$21.23	\$18.63	\$25.11	\$3.88
14	\$15.87	\$23.43	\$19.73	\$27.29	\$3.86
16	\$16.99	\$25.63	\$20.84	\$29.48	\$3.84
18	\$18.12	\$27.84	\$21.94	\$31.66	\$3.82
20	\$19.24	\$30.04	\$23.04	\$33.84	\$3.80

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## Florida City Gas Monthly Gas Bills

### BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

#### RESIDENTIAL

Residential Usage between 100 and 219 therms per year

Average Usage: 14 therms per month

<b>PRESENT RATES</b> <b>GS-100</b>
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<b>PROPOSED RATES</b> <b>RS-100</b>
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Customer Charge  
\$9.50

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
52.248

Gas Cost Cents/Therm  
54.000

Customer Charge  
\$15.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
43.120

Therm Usage Increment  
4

<u>Therm Usage</u>	<b>Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</b>	<b>Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</b>	<b>Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</b>	<b>Dollar Increase with Gas Cost</b>
8	\$13.68	\$18.00	\$18.45	\$22.77	\$4.77
12	\$15.77	\$22.25	\$20.17	\$26.65	\$4.40
16	\$17.86	\$26.50	\$21.90	\$30.54	\$4.04
20	\$19.95	\$30.75	\$23.62	\$34.42	\$3.67
24	\$22.04	\$35.00	\$25.35	\$38.31	\$3.31
28	\$24.13	\$39.25	\$27.07	\$42.19	\$2.94
32	\$26.22	\$43.50	\$28.80	\$46.08	\$2.58
36	\$28.31	\$47.75	\$30.52	\$49.96	\$2.21

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# Florida City Gas Company Monthly Gas Bills

## BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

### RESIDENTIAL

Residential Usage between 220 and 599 therms per year

Average Usage: 26 therms per month

<b>PRESENT RATES</b> <b>GS-220</b>
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Customer Charge  
\$11.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
49.531

Gas Cost Cents/Therm  
54.000

<b>PROPOSED RATES</b> <b>RS-100</b>
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Customer Charge  
\$15.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
43.120

Therm Usage Increment  
10

<u>Therm Usage</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</u>	<u>Dollar Increase with Gas Cost</u>
0	\$11.00	\$11.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$4.00
10	\$15.95	\$21.35	\$19.31	\$24.71	\$3.36
20	\$20.91	\$31.71	\$23.62	\$34.42	\$2.72
30	\$25.86	\$42.06	\$27.94	\$44.14	\$2.08
40	\$30.81	\$52.41	\$32.25	\$53.85	\$1.44
50	\$35.77	\$62.77	\$36.56	\$63.56	\$0.79
60	\$40.72	\$73.12	\$40.87	\$73.27	\$0.15

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## Florida City Gas Company Monthly Gas Bills

### BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

#### RESIDENTIAL

Residential Usage equal to or greater than 600 therms per year

Average Usage: 70 therms per month

<b>PRESENT RATES</b> <b>GS-600</b>
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Customer Charge  
\$12.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
43.663

Gas Cost Cents/Therm  
54.000

<b>PROPOSED RATES</b> <b>RS-600</b>
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Customer Charge  
\$20.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
37.559

Therm Usage Increment  
30

<u>Therm Usage</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</u>	<u>Dollar Increase with Gas Cost</u>
0	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$8.00
30	\$25.10	\$41.30	\$31.27	\$47.47	\$6.17
60	\$38.20	\$70.60	\$42.54	\$74.94	\$4.34
90	\$51.30	\$99.90	\$53.80	\$102.40	\$2.51
120	\$64.40	\$129.20	\$65.07	\$129.87	\$0.68
150	\$77.49	\$158.49	\$76.34	\$157.34	(\$1.16)
180	\$90.59	\$187.79	\$87.61	\$184.81	(\$2.99)
210	\$103.69	\$217.09	\$98.87	\$212.27	(\$4.82)
240	\$116.79	\$246.39	\$110.14	\$239.74	(\$6.65)
270	\$129.89	\$275.69	\$121.41	\$267.21	(\$8.48)
300	\$142.99	\$304.99	\$132.68	\$294.68	(\$10.31)

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# Florida City Gas Company Monthly Gas Bills

## BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. COMPANY PROPOSED RATES

### RESIDENTIAL

Residential Usage equal to or greater than 600 therms per year

Average Usage: 167 therms per month

<b>PRESENT RATES</b> GS-1.2k
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Customer Charge  
\$15.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
31.715

Gas Cost Cents/Therm  
54.000

<b>PROPOSED RATES</b> RS-600
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Customer Charge  
\$20.00

Energy Charge  
(Cents per Therm)  
37.559

Therm Usage Increment  
40

<u>Therm Usage</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</u>	<u>Present Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill w/o Gas Cost</u>	<u>Proposed Monthly Bill with Gas Cost</u>	<u>Dollar Increase with Gas Cost</u>
0	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00
40	\$27.69	\$49.29	\$35.02	\$46.62	\$7.34
80	\$40.37	\$83.57	\$50.05	\$93.25	\$9.68
120	\$53.06	\$117.86	\$65.07	\$129.87	\$12.01
160	\$65.74	\$152.14	\$80.09	\$166.49	\$14.35
200	\$78.43	\$186.43	\$95.12	\$203.12	\$16.69
240	\$91.12	\$220.72	\$110.14	\$239.74	\$19.03
280	\$103.80	\$255.00	\$125.17	\$276.37	\$21.36
320	\$116.49	\$289.29	\$140.19	\$312.99	\$23.70
360	\$129.17	\$323.57	\$155.21	\$349.61	\$26.04
400	\$141.86	\$357.86	\$170.24	\$386.24	\$28.38

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