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Division of Elections
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RE: PSC Docket No. 960169-GU, Rule 25-7.085

Dear Ms. Musgrove:

Enclosed are replacement pages 10, 11, and 12, for Rule 25-7.085. This rule was filed on June 12, 1996 and was effective July 3, 1996. Thank you for bringing to our attention the inadvertent "reordering" of several paragraphs that were not intended to be changed.

Sincerely,

Christiana T. Moore
Division of Appeals

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cc: Sandy Simmons, Division of
Records and Reporting

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1 (c) below.

2 (c) The heating-value factor for gas utilities receiving and
3 distributing natural gas shall be the average thermal value of the
4 natural gas received and distributed during the preceding month.
5 ~~For manufactured gas utilities the heating value factor shall be~~
6 ~~the heating value standard which the utility has on file with the~~
7 ~~Commission, divided by 100,000, provided that during the calendar~~
8 ~~month nearest coinciding with the billing period the average~~
9 ~~heating value as determined under Rule 25-7.068(4) is at or above~~
10 ~~that standard.~~ In case the average heating value during the
11 calendar month has been below the standard, then the value to be
12 used in determining the factor shall be the heating value standard
13 minus a deduction of one percent (1%) for each one percent (1%) or
14 fraction thereof that the average heating value has been below the
15 standard.

16 (d) The consumer shall be billed to the nearest one-tenth of
17 a therm.

18 (3) Whenever the period of service for which an initial or
19 opening bill would be rendered is less than the normal billing
20 period, no bill for that period need be rendered if the volume
21 amount consumed is carried over and included in the next regular
22 monthly billing. If, however, a bill for such period is rendered,
23 the applicable charges, including minimum charges, shall be
24 prorated.

25 (4) When there is sufficient cause, estimated billings may be

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1 | used by a utility provided that with the customer's third
2 | consecutive estimated billing the customer is informed of the
3 | reason for the estimation and whom to contact to obtain an actual
4 | meter reading if one is desired. An actual meter reading must be
5 | taken at least once every six months. If an estimated bill appears
6 | to be abnormal once an actual meter reading is obtained, the bill
7 | for the entire estimation period shall be computed at a rate based
8 | on use of service during the entire period and the estimated bill
9 | shall be deducted. If there is substantial evidence that such use
10 | occurred during only one billing period, the bill shall be
11 | computed.

12 | (5) Regular meter reading dates may be advanced or postponed
13 | not more than five days without a proration of the billing for the
14 | period.

15 | (6) The practices employed by each utility regarding customer
16 | billing shall have uniform application to all customers on the same
17 | rate schedule.

18 | (7) Franchise Fees.

19 | (a) When a municipality charges a utility any franchise fee,
20 | the utility may collect that fee only from its customers receiving
21 | service within that municipality. When a county charges a utility
22 | any franchise fee, the county may collect that fee only from its
23 | customers receiving service within that county.

24 | (b) A company may not incorporate any franchise fee into its
25 | other rates for service.

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1 (c) This subsection shall not be construed as granting a
2 municipality or county the authority to charge a franchise fee.
3 This subsection only specifies the method of collection of a
4 franchise fee, if a municipality or county, having authority to do
5 so, charges a franchise fee.

6 Specific Authority 366.05(1) FS.

7 Law Implemented 366.05(1), 366.06(1) FS.

8 History--Amended 12-15-73, Repromulgated 1-8-75, Amended 5-4-75,
9 11-21-82, 12-26-82, Formerly 25-7.85, Amended 10-10-95, 7/3/96.

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