

business. Two of the small business utilities have transferred their pipeline capacity to another entity and the other two reported minimal costs to comply with the rule. All of the utilities affected reported divergent implementation costs. The impact on small cities and small counties is unknown, and depends on the governmental entity's status as a gas purchaser.

Any person who wishes to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.03, F.S.

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW (IF NOT REQUESTED, THIS HEARING WILL NOT BE HELD):

TIME AND DATE: 9:30 A.M., Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

PLACE: Room 152, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0862, (850) 413-

6245.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-7.0335 Transportation Service

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(a) The utility is responsible for the transportation of natural gas purchased by the customer. The utility is not responsible for providing natural gas to a customer that elects service under the transportation service tariff. If the customer's marketer, broker, or agent fails to provide the customer with natural gas, the utility may disconnect service to the customer or provide natural gas under its otherwise applicable tariff provision.

(b) For customers that engage a marketer, broker, or agent to arrange and oversee the customer's gas purchase, the utility must obtain from that customer a statement that identifies the

legal name, street address, mailing address if different from street address, and phone number of the marketer, broker, or agent.

(c) At the customer's request, the utility must provide an historical monthly usage summary with sufficient detail so that the customer can calculate its Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity (MDTQ). The utility may charge a cost-based fee for this summary.

(3) The utility must apply its transportation service tariff provisions in the same manner to all similarly situated affiliated and non-affiliated marketers, brokers, and agents.

Specific Authority: 350.127(2), 366.05(1), FS

Law Implemented: 366.03, FS

History: New

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: Wayne Makin, Division of Electric and Gas.

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSONS WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE: Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED: February 15, 2000

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: Volume 25, Number 8, February 26, 1999, and Volume 25, Number 39, October 1, 1999.

If any person decides to appeal any decision of the Commission with respect to any matter considered at the rulemaking hearing, if held, a record of the hearing is necessary. The appellant

evidence forming the basis of the appeal is made. The Commission usually makes a verbatim record of rulemaking hearings.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this hearing because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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