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**DATE:** July 24, 2000

TO:

Division of Competitive Services (CMP) - Shevie, Brown

FROM: Division of Regulatory Oversight (Vandiver) St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.

RE:

Audit Report; Conservation - Nine Months Ended December 31, 1999

Audit Control No. 00-082-1-1

Attached is the final audit report for the utility stated above. I am sending the utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the utility desires to file a response to the audit report, they should send it to the Division of Records and Reporting. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit. '

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### Attachment

CC:

Division of Regulatory Oversight (Hoppe/Harvey/File Folder)

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# FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# DIVISION OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT BUREAU OF AUDITING SERVICES

Tallahassee District Office

ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.

ENERGY CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY AUDIT

NINE MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999

DOCKET NO. 000002-GU AUDIT CONTROL NO. 00-082-1-1

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### DIVISION OF REGULATORY OVERSIGHT AUDITOR'S REPORT

July 12, 2000

### TO: FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

We have applied the procedures described later in this report and have recalculated the true-up and interest exhibits filed by St. Joe Natural Gas Company in support of Docket No. 000002-GU for the nine months ended December 31, 1999, to determine that the exhibits represent the utility's books and records and that those books and records are maintained in compliance with Commission directives and that facts which may influence the Commission's decision process are disclosed. There is no confidential information associated with this audit.

This is an internal accounting report prepared after performing a limited scope audit. Accordingly, this report should not be relied upon for any purpose except to assist the Commission staff in the performance of their duties. Substantial additional work would have to be performed to satisfy generally accepted auditing standards and produce audited financial statements for public use.

### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT PROCEDURES

Our audit was performed by examining, on a test basis, certain transactions and account balances which we believe are sufficient to base our opinion. Our examination did not entail a complete review of all financial transactions of the company. Our more important audit procedures are summarized below. The following definitions apply when used in this report:

Compiled - The exhibit amounts were reconciled with the general ledger, and accounts were scanned for error or inconsistency.

Verify - The item was tested for accuracy, and substantiating documentation was examined.

Conservation Revenues: Compiled the conservation revenues and determined that the company has used the approved ECCR factors as set forth in the appropriate Commission Order; selectively traced: revenue data to customer bills; therms to billing register data; therms to monthly Recap Accounts Receivables Reconciliation; therms to monthly Gas Accounts Receivable Reconciliation; and revenues to Journal Entry data.

Conservation Expenses: Compiled conservation program expenses; verified that conservation rebate programs have been excluded from conservation cost.

Other: Recalculated Company true-up and interest provision; verified the correct beginning true-up; verified that the interest rates applied to under/over recovery amounts for the nine months ended December 31, 1999 were correct.

St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc.

Audit of ECCR

For April99-Mar00

Schedule of True-Up and Interest Provision

Prepared by: Mark Caruth

TRUE-UP CALCULATION	April 1999	May 1999	June 1999	July 1999	August 1999	September 1999	October 1999	November 1999	December 1999	January 2000	February 2000	March 2000	Total	
1. RCS Audit Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<ol><li>Other Program Revs.</li></ol>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<ol><li>Conservation Adjusted Revs.</li></ol>	(128)	(90)	(79)	(79)	(68)	(86)	(83)	(143)	(208)				(964.00)	Calculated
4. Total Revenues	(128)	(90)	(79)	(79)	(68)	(86)	(83)	(143)	(208)	0	0	0	(\$966.00)	Filed
5. Prior True-Up Collected/(Refunded)	(1,173)	(1,173)	(1,173)	(1,173)	(1,173)	(1,173)	(1,173)		(1,173)				(10,557)	
6. Conservation Revs Applicable to the Period	(1,301)	(1,263)	(1,252)	(1,252)	(1,241)	(1,259)	(1,256)	(1,316)	(1,381)	0	0	0	(11,523)	
7. Conservation Expenses	2,125	1,025	675	3,950	1,425	675	1,725	2,250	3,400				17,250	
8. True-Up- This Period (L6 + L7)	824	(238)	(577)	2,698	184	(584)	469	934	2,019	0	0	0	5,727	
Interest Provision- This Period (L22)	(39)	(33)	(31)	(22)	(11)	(7)	(2)	6	19	0	0	0	(120)	
10. True-Up & Interest Prov Beginning of Month	(10,555)	(8,597)	(7,695)	(7,129)	(3,280)	(1,934)	(1,353)	286	2,399	5,609	5,609	5,609	(21,031)	
11. True-Up Collected/(Refunded) (reverse of L5)	1,173	1,173	1,173	1,173	1,173	1,173	1,173	1,173	1,173	0	0	0	10,557	
12. Total Net True-Up (Sum lines 8+9+10+11)	(8,597)	(7,695)	(7,130)	(3,280)	(1,934)	(1,352)	287	2,399	5,610	5,609	5,609	5,609	(4,865)	
INTEREST PROVISION														
13. Beginning True-Up & Interest Provision (L10)	(10,555)	(8,597)	(7,695)	(7,129)	(3,280)	(1,934)	(1,353)	286	2,399	5,609	5,609	5,609	(21,031)	
14. Ending True-up Before Interest (L13 +L8- L5)	(8,558)	(7,662)	(7,099)	(3,258)	(1,923)	(1,345)	289	2,393	5,591	5,609	5,609	5,609	(4,747)	
15. Total (L13 + L14)	(19,113)	(16,259)	(14,794)	(10,387)	(5,203)	(3,279)	(1,064)	2,679	7,990	11,218	11,218	11,218	(25,778)	
16. Average (50% of L15)	(9,557)	(8,130)	(7,397)	(5,194)	(2,602)	(1,640)	(532)	1,340	3,995	5,609	5,609	5,609	(12,889)	
17. Interest Rate 1st. Day of Month	0.04880	0.04800	0.04850	0.05050	0.05100	0.05320	0.05300	0.05300	0.05550	N/A	N/A	N/A		
18. Interest Rate 1st. Day of Subsequent Month		0.04850	0.05050	0.05100	0.05320	0.05300	0.05300	0.05550	0.05600	N/A	N/A	N/A		
19. Total (L17 + L18)	0.09680	0.09650	0.09900	0.10150	0.10420	0.10620	0.10600	0.10850	0.11150	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000		
20. Average (50% of L19)	0.04840	0.04825	0.04950	0.05075	0.05210	0.05310	0.05300	0.05425	0.05575	N/A	N/A	N/A		
21. Monthly Average (L20/12)	0.00403	0.00402	0.00413	0.00423	0.00434	0.00443	0.00442	0.00452	0.00465	N/A	N/A	N/A		
22. Interest Provision (L16 x L21)	(39)	(33)	(31)	(22)	(11)	(7)	(2)	6	19	0	O	· 0	(120)	

PY = Researched per Prior Year Audit

### Recalculated by Auditor

Source: Company's filing

Source: FPSC Interest Rate Schedule in 5-3

### Auditor's Note:

There was an immaterial difference in Dec1999 regarding Interest Rate Filed vs. FPSC Interest Rate
Interest Rate per utility .055

Interest Rate per FPSC .0555