

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Request for Rate Increase) Docket No. 000768-GU by City Gas Company of Florida

AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE

STATE OF NEW JERSEY COUNTY OF UNION

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Ronald H. Reisman who, first being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- That he is Manager, Marketing Communications of NUI Corporation, of which City Gas Company of Florida is an operating division.
- That on October 11 and October 13, 2000, he caused the 2. Notice to Customers attached as Exhibit A to be sent by U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, to all customers of City Gas Company of Florida.
- That certifications from the U.S. Postal Service reflecting the mailing of these 101,841 notices are attached as Exhibit B.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me, by Ronald H. Reisman who (λ) is personally known to me, or

() produced ______ as identification,

this 18th day of October, 2000.

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CITY GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

On August 25, 2000, City Gas Company of Florida ("the Company"), an operating division of NUI Corporation, filed a request for a rate increase with the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") in its Docket No. 000768-GU for approval to increase annual revenues by \$7,181,988. The Company also requested an interim rate increase of \$1,386,605 be put into effect pending final action on the permanent rate increase.

The general reasons for the request for an increase in rates are:

- 1) The Company's natural gas throughput from residential and industrial customers has not grown at the rate projected in its last rate case.
- 2) The Company has incurred significant capital additions that need to be recognized in rate base so that an adequate return on this investment can be obtained.
- 3) The Company's operating expenses have increased due, among other things, to inflation and ordinary customer growth.

A comparison of the proposed final rates with the rates in effect prior to the Company's request is attached.

Service hearings have been scheduled in Miami-Dade, St. Lucie and Brevard Counties to allow customers to express their views regarding the quality of service they receive from the Company and other matters pertaining to the requested rate increase. Dates, times and locations of the service hearings are as follows:

Tuesday, October 24, 2000 Monday, October 23, 2000 Wednesday, October 25, 2000 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Miami-Dade County St. Lucie County School Board of Brevard County Embassy Suites Hotel-Miami International Airport Holiday Inn-Port St. Lucie Board Room 3974 S. River Drive 10120 South Federal Highway 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Miami, FL 33142 Port St. Lucie, FL 34952 Viera, FL 32940-6699

Any person requiring some accommodation at the service hearings because of a physical impairment should call the Commission's Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days 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).

The Commission is currently scheduled to consider the Company's request for interim rate relief on October 17, 2000, and its request for permanent rate relief on January 16, 2001, in Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, Florida, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

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The following is the current rate case schedule established by the Commission that contains all the critical events and dates. This schedule is subject to change by the Commission.

Staff Recommendation on Interim Rates	10/5/00	Audit Report Due	10/31/00
Order Establishing Procedure	10/16/00	Standard Order on Interim Rates	11/9/00
Agenda Conference on Interim Rates	10/17/00	Staff Recommendation on Final Rates	1/04/01
Service Hearing - Miami-Dade County	10/23/00	Agenda Conference on Final Rates	1/16/01
Service Hearing - St. Lucie County	10/24/00	Proposed Agency Action Order on Final Rates	2/5/01
Service Hearing - Brevard County	10/25/00		

More detailed information on the Company's proposed rate increase is contained in the complete minimum filing requirements, located at the following Company offices:

City Gas Company of Florida	City Gas Company of Florida	City Gas Company of Florida
933 East 25th Street	1304 S.W. Bayshore Boulevard	4180 South U.S. Highway No. 1
Hialeah, Florida 33013-3498	Port St. Lucie, Florida 34983-2297	Rockledge, Florida 32955-5309

Martin County Public Library

Inspection of the filing at any of these offices may be conducted during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday).

A Synopsis of the rate case can be reviewed at the above locations and at the following Public Libraries:

Port St. Lucie Branch	Jensen Beach Branch	1600 21st Street	
180 SW Prima Vista	1900 NE Ricou Terrace	Vero Beach, FL 32960	
Port St. Lucie, FL 34983	Jensen Beach, FL 34957	(561) 770-5060	
(561) 871-5450	(561) 334-4488		
Central Brevard Library	Hialeah John F. Kennedy Memorial Library	Miami Dade Main Library	Broward County Main Library
Attention: Director	Attention: Director	Attention: Director	Attention: Director
308 Forest Avenue	190 W. 49 Street	101 West Flagler Street	100 S. Andrews Avenue
Cocoa EL 32922	Hialeah EL 33017	Miami FI 33128	Et Laudardala EL 22201

Indian River County Public Library

For your information, we are also providing the address and telephone number

of the Florida Public Service Commission's Consumer Affairs Division:

Any customer comments regarding the Company's service or the proposed rate increase should be addressed to:

St. Lucie County Public Library

Director, Records and Reporting Division of Consumer Affairs Florida Public Service Commission Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 1-800-342-3552 (Toll Free Number)

Such comments should refer to Docket No. 000768-GU, which is the docket number that has been assigned to this proceeding.

Company personnel may be contacted to answer questions concerning the rate request at the address shown on your gas service bill, or by calling the following telephone number: 1-800-347-4427 Extension 5222

COMPARISON	OF PRESENT.	AND PROPO	SED RATES

	Present Rate	Proposed Rate		Present Rate	Proposed Rate		
RESIDENTIAL:			COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION:		-		
Customer charge	\$7.00	\$7.50	Customer charge	\$50.00	\$55.00		
Energy charge per therm	\$046349	\$0.54709	Transportation charge per therm	\$0.16336	\$0.19839		
GAS LIGHTING:			INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION:				
Customer charge	\$	\$	Customer charge	\$175.00	\$175.00		
Energy charge per therm	\$0.46349	\$0.54709	Transportation charge per therm	\$0.12757	\$0.16500		
COMMERCIAL AND IN	DUSTRIAL FIR	M:	CONTRACT - INTERRUPTIBLE TRANS	SPORTATION:			
Customer charge	\$17.00	\$20.00	Customer charge	\$175.00	\$175.00		
Energy charge per therm	\$0.20259	\$0.26549	Transportation charge per therm	\$0.12757	\$0.16500		
LARGE COMMERCIAL FIRM:			INTERRUPTIBLE LARGE VOLUME - TRANSPORTATION:				
Customer charge	\$35.00	\$50.00	Customer charge	\$400.00	\$400.00		
Energy charge per therm	\$0.16336	\$0.19839	Transportation charge per therm	\$0.08252	\$0.12000		
INTERRUPTIBLE PREFERRED:		CONTRACT INTERRUPTIBLE LARGE VOLUME - TRANSPORTATION:					
Customer charge	\$50.00	\$100.00	Customer charge	\$400.00	\$400.00		
Energy charge per therm	\$0.12757	\$0.16500	Transportation charge per therm	\$0.08252	\$0.12000		
NATURAL GAS VEHICLES:		CONNECT AND DISCONNECT CHARGES:					
Customer charge	\$12.00	\$15.00	Residential	\$20.00	\$30.00		
Energy charge per therm	\$0.14119	\$0.17500	Non-residential	\$45.00	\$60.00		
SMALL COMMERCIAL	. TRANSPORTA	ΓΙΟΝ:	OTHER CHARGES:				
Customer charge	\$17.00 \$	25.00	Change of Account Number:	\$15.00	\$20.00		
Transp. charge per therm	\$0.20259	\$0.26549	Collection Charge:	\$15.00	\$15.00		
			Returned Check Charge:	\$15.00 or 5%	\$25.00 or 5%		

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