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# Hublic Service Commission

June 20, 2002

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RE:

**Docket No. 020470-GU** - Request for limited proceeding by Indiantown Gas Company for approval of Natural Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, implementing restructured rates; and **Docket No. 020471-GU** - Petition for authority to convert all remaining sales customers to transportation service and to terminate merchant function by Indiantown Gas Company.

Dear Mr. Wright:

This will confirm that Commission Staff will hold a customer meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2002. The location of the meeting will be Indiantown Middle School Auditorium, 16303 S.W. Farm Road, Indiantown, Florida. We ask that, if at all possible, you or another knowledgeable representative of the utility attend the meeting in order to answer customer questions.

The original customer meeting notice is enclosed. Please note that the date has been left blank so that you can fill in the date that the notice is sent to the customers. The customers must have at least fourteen days' notice of the meeting, calculated from the day that they receive the notice. Please furnish me with a copy of the notice, as reproduced at the time it is distributed to your customers, together with a cover letter indicating the exact date(s) on which the notice was mailed or otherwise delivered to the customers.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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Jennifer S. Brubaker

Senior Attorney

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Enclosure

cc:

Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

Division of Consumer Affairs (DeMello, Raspberry)

Court Reporter

Office of Public Counsel

Division of Economic Regulation (Wheeler, Baxter, D. Draper,

E. Draper, Hewitt, Slemkewicz, Springer, Stallcup)

Division of Competitive Markets and Enforcement (Makin, Bulecza-Banks)

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## **NOTICE OF CUSTOMER MEETING**

TO THE CUSTOMERS OF

INDIANTOWN GAS COMPANY

AND

ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

RE: DOCKET NO. 020470-GU

Request for Limited Proceeding by Indiantown Gas Company for Approval of Natural Gas Tariff, Original Volume No. 2, Implementing Restructured Rates

#### AND

### **DOCKET NO. 020471-GU**

Petition for Authority to Convert All Remaining Sales Customers to Transportation Service and to Terminate Merchant Function by Indiantown Gas Company

DATED:	

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a customer meeting will be held by the Staff of the Florida Public Service Commission regarding two separate petitions of Indiantown Gas Company (Indiantown or utility). In Docket No. 020470-GU, the utility is requesting a limited proceeding to implement restructured rates. In Docket 020471-GU, the utility is requesting to transfer its customers who are currently taking service under its sales tariff to its transportation tariff, and exit the merchant function. The meeting will be held at the following time and place:

## July 11, 2002

6:00 p.m. Indiantown Middle School Auditorium 16303 S.W. Farm Road Indiantown, Florida 34956

All persons who wish to comment are urged to be present at the beginning of the meeting, since the meeting may be adjourned early if no customers are present. The meeting will begin as scheduled and will continue until all of the customers have been heard.

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Any person requiring some accommodation at the customer meeting because of a physical impairment should call the Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. 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).

One or more of the Commissioners of the Florida Public Service Commission may attend and participate in the meeting.

## PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to the customers, and to give the customers and other interested persons an opportunity to offer comments to the Public Service Commission Staff regarding the utility and the above-referenced dockets. Staff members will answer questions to the extent possible. A representative from the utility has also been invited to respond to questions.

At the beginning of the meeting, procedures will be established for the order of comments. The Public Service Commission Staff will have sign-up sheets, and customers will be called in the order that they sign-up to speak. Public Service Commission Staff will be available to coordinate customers' comments and to assist members of the public. Post-meeting procedures will be discussed at the July 11, 2002 customer meeting.

Any person who wishes to comment or provide information to Staff may do so at the meetings, orally or in writing. Written comments may also be sent to the Commission at the address given at the end of this notice. Your letter will be placed in the correspondence file of this docket. You may also submit comments through the Public Service Commission's toll-free facsimile line at 1-800-511-0809 or e-mail the Commission at contact@psc.state.fl.us.

## **BACKGROUND**

In **Docket No. 020470-GU**, Indiantown has petitioned the Commission for approval of revised base rates for natural gas. The rates Indiantown has requested are not intended to result in an increase in the amount of revenues collected from its customers as a whole. However, the requested rates would result in rate increases to some customer classes, and decreases to others. Specifically, the requested rates would increase charges to residential and small commercial users, and decrease charges to large industrial users. A comparison of the utility's current and proposed rates follows:

Rate Schedule	Current Rates	Requested Rates
Residential & Small Commercial (0 - 1,000 therms annually)		
Customer Charge (per month) Non-Fuel Energy Charge (cents per therm)	\$5.00 6.632	\$10.75 6.754
Commercial (1,000 - 25,000 therms annually)		
Customer Charge (per month) Non-Fuel Energy Charge (cents per therm)	\$10.00 6.166	\$21.00 6.252
Commercial (25,000 - 100,000 therms annually)		
Customer Charge (per month) Non-Fuel Energy Charge (cents per therm)	\$10.00 6.166	\$50.00 5.590
Commercial (100,000 - 3,000,000 therms annually)		
Customer Charge (per month) Non-Fuel Energy Charge (cents per therm)	\$1,200.00 4.520	\$1,500.00 3.779
Commercial (Above 3,000,000 therms annually)		
Customer Charge (per month) Non-Fuel Energy Charge (cents per therm)	\$4,500.00 4.520	\$5,500.00 3.212

In **Docket No. 020471-GU**, Indiantown filed a request with the Florida Public Service Commission to convert its remaining retail sales customers to transportation service. Under Indiantown's proposal, the non-fuel base rates will continue to be paid for by customers at Indiantown's tariffed rates. Charges for the natural gas itself (purchased gas adjustment) will be paid for at the rates of the selected supplier. Indiantown will serve as the billing agent for the customer's natural gas supplier and will continue to issue customers a single bill for both its transportation service and the natural gas itself.

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## HOW TO CONTACT THE COMMISSION

Written comments regarding the utility and its petitions may be directed to this address:

Director, Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

All correspondence should clarify whether the customer is referring to Docket No. 020470-GU, Docket No. 020471-GU, or both, for Indiantown Gas Company.

If you wish to contact the Commission regarding complaints about service, you may call the Commission's Division of Consumer Affairs at the following toll-free number: 1-800-342-3552. The Commission's Internet home page address is www.floridapsc.com.

This notice was prepared by Commission Staff for distribution by the utility to its customers.