

State of Florida



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**-M-E-M-O-R-A-N-D-U-M-**

**DATE:** January 29, 2009

**TO:** Office of Commission Clerk (Cole)

**FROM:** Division of Economic Regulation (Slemkewicz, Draper, Livingston)  
Office of the General Counsel (Brubaker)

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**RE:** Docket No. 080366-GU – Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

**AGENDA:** 02/10/09 – Regular Agenda – Tariff Suspension and Decision on Interim Rates – Interested Persons May Participate

**COMMISSIONERS ASSIGNED:** All Commissioners

**PREHEARING OFFICER:** Skop

**CRITICAL DATES:** 02/16/09 (60-Day Suspension Date)  
05/18/09 (5-Month Effective Date (PAA Rate Case))

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** None

**FILE NAME AND LOCATION:** S:\PSC\ECR\WP\080366.RCM.DOC

## Case Background

This proceeding commenced on December 17, 2008, with the filing of a petition for a permanent rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC or Company). The Company is engaged in business as a public utility providing distribution and transportation of gas as defined in Section 366.02, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. FPUC serves gas customers through two divisions: the Central Florida Division consisting of portions of Seminole, Marion and Volusia Counties and the South Florida Division consisting of portions of Palm Beach, Broward and Martin Counties. Together, FPUC provides service to over 51,000 residential and commercial customers.

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FPUC requested an increase in its retail rates and charges to generate \$9,917,690 in additional gross annual revenues. This increase would allow the Company to earn an overall rate of return of 8.74 percent or an 11.75 percent return on equity (range 10.75 percent to 12.75 percent). The Company based its request on a projected test year ending December 31, 2009. In its petition, FPUC stated that this test year is the appropriate period to be utilized because it best represents expected future operations for use in analyzing the request for rate relief. FPUC has elected to have its petition for rate relief processed under the PAA procedure authorized by Section 366.06(4), F.S.

FPUC has also requested an interim rate increase in its retail rates and charges to generate \$984,054 in additional gross annual revenues. This increase would allow the Company to earn an overall rate of return of 7.66 percent or a 10.25 percent return on equity, which is the minimum of the currently authorized return on equity range of 10.25 percent to 12.25 percent. The Company based its interim request on a historical test year ended December 31, 2007.

The Commission last granted FPUC a \$5,865,903 rate increase by Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU.<sup>1</sup> In that order, the Commission found the Company's jurisdictional rate base to be \$59,171,674 for the projected test year ended December 31, 2005. The allowed rate of return was found to be 7.62 percent for the test year using an 11.25 percent return on equity.

This recommendation addresses the suspension of the requested permanent rate increase and the consideration of the requested interim rate increase. The Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 366.06(2) and (4), and 366.071, F.S.

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<sup>1</sup> Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU, issued November 8, 2004, in Docket No. 040216-GU, In re: Application for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

**Discussion of Issues**

**Issue 1:** Should the \$9,917,690 permanent base rate increase and its associated tariff revisions requested by Florida Public Utilities Company be suspended pending a final decision in this docket?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The \$9,917,690 permanent base rate increase and its associated tariff revisions requested by Florida Public Utilities Company should be suspended pending a final decision in this docket. (Slemkewicz, Draper)

**Staff Analysis:** FPUC filed its petition, testimony, and minimum filing requirements (MFR) on December 17, 2008. The Company has requested a total permanent base rate increase of \$9,917,690 based on a projected test year ending December 31, 2009.

Historically, especially when a projected test year has been involved, the Commission has suspended the requested permanent rate schedules in order to adequately and thoroughly examine the basis for the new rates. The suspension of the rate increase is authorized by Section 366.06(3), F. S., which provides:

Pending a final order by the commission in any rate proceeding under this section, the commission may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of the new rate schedules, delivering to the utility requesting such increase, within 60 days, a reason or written statement of good cause for withholding its consent.

Because FPUC's requested permanent rate relief is based on a projected test year, staff recommends that the Commission suspend the requested permanent rate schedules to allow staff and any intervenors sufficient time to adequately investigate whether the request for permanent rate relief is appropriate.

**Issue 2:** Is FPUC's proposed 2007 interim test year rate base of \$59,518,973 appropriate?

**Recommendation:** Yes. FPUC's proposed 2006 interim test year rate base of \$59,518,973 is appropriate. (Slemkewicz)

**Staff Analysis:** The proposed interim test year rate base of \$59,518,973 is the thirteen month average amount for the period ended December 31, 2007 (MFR Schedule F-1). Staff has reviewed the rate base adjustments made in the current interim filing for consistency with the findings made in the Company's last rate case order. Based on the staff's review, it appears that FPUC has made the applicable and appropriate adjustments that are consistent with the previous rate case. Therefore, staff recommends that \$59,518,973 is the appropriate amount of rate base for the 2007 interim test year. The calculation is shown on Attachment A.

It should be noted that 2007 is also the historical base year that was used to develop the 2009 projected test year for the requested permanent base rate increase. The 2007 historical test year data is currently being audited as part of the normal ratemaking review process in this docket.

**Issue 3:** Are FPUC's proposed return on equity of 10.25 percent and overall cost of capital of 7.66 percent appropriate for the purpose of determining interim rates?

**Recommendation:** Yes. FPUC's proposed return on equity of 10.25 percent and its overall cost of capital of 7.66 percent for purposes of determining interim rates are appropriate. (Livingston)

**Staff Analysis:** Pursuant to Section 366.071(2)(a), F.S., the appropriate return on equity (ROE) for purposes of determining an interim rate increase is the minimum of the Company's currently authorized ROE range. FPUC's authorized ROE is 11.25 percent with a range of plus or minus 100 basis points. The Commission set the return and range by Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU.<sup>2</sup> For its interim request, FPUC used an ROE of 10.25 percent. Staff agrees that the resulting overall cost of capital is appropriate for calculating interim rates. Attachment B details the calculation of the Company's overall cost of capital.

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<sup>2</sup> Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU, issued November 8, 2004, in Docket No. 040216-GU, In re: Application for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company.

**Issue 4:** Is FPUC's proposed 2007 interim test year net operating income of \$3,950,447 appropriate?

**Recommendation:** Yes. FPUC's proposed 2006 interim test year net operating income of \$3,950,447 is appropriate. (Slemkewicz)

**Staff Analysis:** The proposed interim test year net operating income of \$3,950,447 is the twelve month amount for the year ended December 31, 2007 (MFR Schedule F-4). Staff has reviewed the net operating income adjustments made in the current interim filing for consistency with the findings made in the Company's last rate case. Based on the staff's preliminary review, it appears that FPUC has not made all of the applicable and appropriate adjustments that are consistent with the previous rate case. Staff recommends that the following adjustments be made.

**Adjustment 1: Franchise Fees** – Franchise fees are billed as a separate line item on the customers' bills. Franchise fees are not considered a general expense applicable to all of the Company's customers. The appropriate franchise fee rate is applied to only those customers' bills that reside within the franchising entity's boundaries. Therefore, neither the revenues nor the expenses related to franchise fees should be included in the income statement for ratemaking purposes. Both operating revenues and taxes other than income should be reduced by \$1,553,487. Since these amounts offset each other, there is no effect on the amount of net operating income.

**Adjustment 2: Gross Receipts Tax** – Although the gross receipts tax is applicable to all of the Company's customers, it is billed as a separate line item on the customers' bills. Therefore, neither the revenues nor the expenses related to the gross receipts tax should be included in the income statement for ratemaking purposes. Both operating revenues and taxes other than income should be reduced by \$2,106,338. Since these amounts offset each other, there is no effect on the amount of net operating income.

After considering these two adjustments, staff recommends that \$3,950,447 is the appropriate amount of net operating income for the 2006 interim test year. The calculation is shown on Attachment A.

It should be noted that 2007 is also the historical base year that was utilized to develop the 2009 projected test year for the requested permanent base rate increase. The 2007 historical test year data is currently being audited as part of the normal ratemaking review process in this docket.

**Issue 5:** Is FPUC's proposed net operating income multiplier of 1.61757 appropriate?

**Recommendation:** Yes. The appropriate net operating income multiplier for interim rate purposes is 1.61757. (Slemkewicz)

**Staff Analysis:** On MFR Schedule F-6, the Company calculated a net operating income multiplier of 1.61757 using a 34 percent federal income tax rate and a 5.5 percent state income tax rate. Additionally, the Company applied a .50 percent factor for regulatory assessment fees and a .38 percent bad debt rate. Staff has reviewed the Company's calculation of the net operating income multiplier and is not proposing any adjustments. Therefore, staff recommends that 1.61757 is the appropriate net operating income multiplier. The calculation is shown below.

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	
1	Revenue Requirement	100.000%
2	Gross Receipts Tax	0.000%
3	Regulatory Assessment Fee	(0.500)%
4	Bad Debt Rate	<u>(0.380)%</u>
5	Net Before Income Taxes	99.120%
6	Combined State/Federal Income Tax @ 37.63%	<u>(37.299)%</u>
7	Revenue Expansion Factor	<u>61.821%</u>
8	Net Operating Income Multiplier (100%/Line 7)	<u>1.61757</u>

**Issue 6:** Should FPUC's requested interim rate increase of \$984,054 and percentage increase factor of 4.18 percent be granted?

**Recommendation:** Yes. FPUC's requested interim rate increase of \$984,054 and percentage increase factor of 4.18 percent should be granted. (Slemkewicz, Draper)

**Staff Analysis:** FPUC requested interim rate relief of \$984,054 for the historical test year ended December 31, 2007. This would allow the Company to earn an overall rate of return of 7.66 percent and the minimum of the range on return on equity of 10.25 percent. After a determination of the permanent rate increase has been made, the interim rate increase will be reviewed to determine if any portion should be refunded to the ratepayers.

The calculation of the \$984,054 of interim rate relief and the percentage increase factor is shown below.

Jurisdictional Adjusted Rate Base	\$59,518,973
Overall Rate of Return Requested	x <u>7.66%</u>
Jurisdictional Net Operating Income Requested	\$4,558,800
Jurisdictional Adjusted Net Operating Income	<u>(3,950,447)</u>
Income Deficiency/(Excess)	\$608,353
Net Operating Income Multiplier	x <u>1.61757</u>
Interim Revenue Increase/(Decrease)	\$984,054
Base Rate Revenues	-:- <u>23,516,593</u>
Percentage Increase Factor	<u>4.18%</u>



**Issue 7:** How should the interim revenue increase for FPUC be distributed among the rate classes?

**Recommendation:** Any interim revenue increase approved should be applied evenly across the board to all rate classes based on their base rate revenues, as required by Rule 25-7.040, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and should be recovered on a cents-per-therm basis. The interim rates should be made effective for all meter readings made on or after 30 days from the date of the vote approving any interim increase. The Company should give notice to customers of the interim increase commencing with the first bill for service that reflects the increase. (Draper)

**Staff Analysis:** As shown on Attachments C and D, staff has determined the cents-per-therm increases to be applied to each rate class based on staff's recommended interim increase of \$984,054. The increases were calculated using the methodology contained in Rule 25-7.040, F.A.C., which requires that any increase be applied evenly across the board to all rate classes based on their base rate revenues. A residential customer using 20 therms will see the bill increase from \$33.67 to \$34.39 or by \$0.72. The bill includes purchased gas costs of 80 cents per therm. For additional bill comparisons, see Attachment E.

The interim rates should be made effective for all meter readings made on or after 30 days from the date of the Commission vote approving any interim increase. FPUC should be required to give appropriate notice to customers commencing with the first bill for service that reflects the approved interim increase that explains the nature, purpose, and effect of the increase. A copy of the notice should be submitted to staff for approval prior to distribution to the customers.

**Issue 8:** What is the appropriate security to guarantee the amount collected subject to refund?

**Recommendation:** The appropriate security to guarantee the funds collected subject to refund is a corporate undertaking. (Livingston)

**Staff Analysis:** FPUC has requested that all funds collected subject to refund be secured by a corporate undertaking. The criteria for a corporate undertaking include sufficient liquidity, ownership equity, profitability, and interest coverage to guarantee any potential refund. Staff reviewed the financial statements to determine if FPUC can support a corporate undertaking for the amount of its interim rate increase of \$984,054. FPUC's 2005, 2006 and 2007 financial statements were used to determine the financial condition of the Company. This analysis shows FPUC has experienced a decline in liquidity that has remained at insufficient levels during the three-year review period. Additionally, the 2007 interest coverage ratio has declined to an insufficient level. However, FPUC's average equity ratio over the three-year period has been relatively stable at an average of 47 percent, which is sufficient in this instance based on FPUC's overall financial condition. Finally, net income has been on average four times greater than the requested corporate undertaking amount. FPUC's financial performance has demonstrated adequate levels of profitability and equity capitalization to offset the decline in liquidity and interest coverage.

Staff believes FPUC has adequate resources to support a corporate undertaking in the amount requested. Based on this analysis, staff recommends that a corporate undertaking of \$984,054 is acceptable. This brief financial analysis is only appropriate for deciding if the Company can support a corporate undertaking in the amount proposed and should not be considered a finding regarding staff's position on other issues in this proceeding.

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**Issue 9:** Should this docket be closed?

**Recommendation:** No, this docket should remain open to process the Company's revenue increase request. (Brubaker)

**Staff Analysis:** This docket should remain open pending the Commission's final resolution of the Company's requested rate increase.

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY  
 DOCKET NO. 080366-GU  
 INTERIM TEST YEAR  
 DECEMBER 31, 2007

	As Filed by Company	<u>Adjustment 1</u> Franchise Fees	<u>Adjustment 2</u> Gross Receipts Tax	Interest Synch	Total Adjustments	Total Adjusted Rate Base
<b><u>RATE BASE</u></b>						
Plant in Service	\$93,672,272				\$0	\$93,672,272
Common Plant Allocated	2,888,025				0	2,888,025
Customer Advances	(1,615,122)					(1,615,122)
Acquisition Adjustment	1,263,776				0	1,263,776
Accumulated Depreciation	(32,997,439)				0	(32,997,439)
Net Plant in Service	63,211,512	0	0	0	0	63,211,512
Property Held for Future Use	0				0	0
Construction Work in Progress	2,956,693				0	2,956,693
Net Utility Plant	66,168,205	0	0	0	0	66,168,205
Working Capital	(6,649,232)				0	(6,649,232)
<b>Total Rate Base</b>	<b>\$59,518,973</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$59,518,973</b>
<b><u>INCOME STATEMENT</u></b>						
Operating Revenues	\$29,731,612	(1,533,487)	(2,106,338)	\$0	(3,639,825)	\$26,091,787
Operating Expenses:						
Operation & Maintenance - Gas	0				0	0
Operation & Maintenance - Other	15,331,084				0	15,331,084
Depreciation & Amortization	3,944,658				0	3,944,658
Taxes Other Than Income	5,572,422	(1,533,487)	(2,106,338)		(3,639,825)	1,932,597
Income Taxes - Current	1,467,360			0	0	1,467,360
Deferred Income Taxes (Net)	(494,988)				0	(494,988)
Investment Tax Credit (Net)	(39,372)				0	(39,372)
(Gain)/Loss on Disposition	0				0	0
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>25,781,164</b>	<b>(1,533,487)</b>	<b>(2,106,338)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(3,639,825)</b>	<b>22,141,339</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$3,950,448</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,950,448</b>
<b>OVERALL RATE OF RETURN</b>	<b>6.64%</b>				<b>0.00%</b>	<b>6.64%</b>
<b>RETURN ON EQUITY</b>	<b>7.47%</b>				<b>0.00%</b>	<b>7.47%</b>

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Florida Public Utilities Company- Natural Gas Division  
 FPSC Adjusted Capital Structure  
 Interim Test Year 12/31/07  
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 13-Month Average

Attachment B

CAPITAL STRUCTURE

	COMPANY ADJUSTMENTS			STAFF ADJUSTMENTS						
	PER BOOKS	PRO SPECIFIC	ADJUSTED PER BOOKS	PRO SPECIFIC	RATA	STAFF ADJUSTED	RATIO	COST RATE	WEIGHTED COST	
Common Equity	\$21,915,362	\$0	\$0	\$21,915,362	\$0	\$0	\$21,915,362	36.82%	10.25%	3.77%
Long-term Debt	\$23,161,901	0	0	\$23,161,901	0	0	\$23,161,901	38.92%	8.01%	3.12%
Short-term Debt	\$2,062,534	0	0	\$2,062,534	0	0	\$2,062,534	3.47%	4.15%	0.14%
Preferred Stock	\$274,995	0	0	\$274,995	0	0	\$274,995	0.46%	4.75%	0.02%
Customer Deposits	\$5,627,676	0	0	\$5,627,676	0	0	\$5,627,676	9.46%	6.09%	0.58%
Deferred Taxes	\$6,286,004	0	0	\$6,286,004	0	0	\$6,286,004	10.56%	0.00%	0.00%
ITC at Zero Cost	\$0	0	0	\$0	0	0	\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
ITC at Overall Cost	\$190,499	0	0	\$190,499	0	0	\$190,499	0.32%	8.86%	0.03%
	\$59,518,971	\$0	\$0	\$59,518,971	\$0	\$0	\$59,518,971	100.00%		7.66%

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY  
 ALLOCATION OF INTERIM RATE INCREASE  
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		PRESENT BASE RATE REVENUE					INTERIM INCREASE				
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	
								(4) + (5) + (6)	(7)X(8)	(8) / (7)	(8) / (3) * 100
RATE CODE	RATE SCHEDULE	CUSTOMERS	THERM SALES	CUSTOMER CHARGE	ENERGY CHARGE	TRANSPORT. ADMIN. CHARGE	TOTAL BASE REVENUE		\$ INCREASE	% INCREASE	INCREASE IN CENTS PER THERM
RS	RESIDENTIAL	46,714	11,912,655	\$4,484,496	\$5,758,577		\$10,243,073		\$428,622	4.18%	3.598
GS	GENERAL SERVICE	3,396	11,757,532	\$611,220	\$3,774,991		\$4,386,211		\$183,541	4.18%	1.561
GSTS	GENERAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION	138	975,299	\$32,175	\$313,139		\$345,314		\$14,450	4.18%	1.482
LV	LARGE VOLUME	921	17,957,754	\$497,295	\$4,275,562		\$4,772,857		\$199,721	4.18%	1.112
LVTS	LARGE VOLUME TRANSPORTATION	346	12,023,034	\$205,326	\$2,862,564	\$16,560	\$3,084,450		\$129,069	4.18%	1.074
IS	INTERRUPTIBLE	1	156,030	\$3,240	\$15,664		\$18,904		\$791	4.18%	0.507
ITS	INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION	13	5,549,360	\$42,120	\$557,100	\$3,198	\$602,418		\$25,208	4.18%	0.454
GLS	GAS LIGHTING	45	358,219	\$0	\$63,365		\$63,365		\$2,652	4.18%	0.740
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>51,574</b>	<b>60,689,883</b>	<b>\$5,875,872</b>	<b>\$17,620,963</b>	<b>\$19,758</b>	<b>\$23,516,593</b>		<b>\$984,054</b>	<b>4.18%</b>	

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY  
 PRESENT AND STAFF RECOMMENDED INTERIM RATES  
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RATE CODE	RATE SCHEDULE	PRESENT RATE	STAFF RECOMMENDED INTERIM INCREASE	STAFF RECOMMENDED INTERIM RATE
RS	<u>RESIDENTIAL</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$8	N/A	\$8
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	48.340	3.598	51.938
GS	<u>GENERAL SERVICE</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$15	N/A	\$15
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	32.107	1.561	33.668
GSTS	<u>GENERAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$15	N/A	\$15
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	32.107	1.482	33.589
LVS	<u>LARGE VOLUME</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$45	N/A	\$45
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	23.809	1.112	24.921
LVTS	<u>LARGE VOLUME TRANSPORTATION</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE*	\$49.50	N/A	\$49.50
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	23.809	1.074	24.883
IS	<u>INTERRUPTIBLE</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE**	\$270	N/A	\$270
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	10.039	0.507	10.546
ITS	<u>INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE* *	\$270	N/A	\$270
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	10.039	0.454	10.493
GLS	<u>GAS LIGHTING</u>			
	CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$0	N/A	\$0
	ENERGY CHARGE (cents/therm)	17.689	0.740	18.429

\*Includes \$4.50 Transportation Administration Charge

\*\*Includes \$30 Telemetry Maintenance Charge

**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY**  
**BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. RECOMMENDED INTERIM RATES**  
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**RESIDENTIAL**  
 (Residential Usage)  
 Average Usage: 20 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$8.00**

**Energy Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm)**  
**48.34**

**Gas Cost Cents/Therm: 80.000**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$8.00**

**Energy Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm)**  
**51.938**

**Therm Usage Increment: 2**

Therm Usage	Present	Present	Recommended	Recommended	Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
0	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	0.00%	0.00%	\$0.00
2	\$8.97	\$10.57	\$9.04	\$10.64	0.80%	0.68%	\$0.07
4	\$9.93	\$13.13	\$10.08	\$13.28	1.45%	1.10%	\$0.14
6	\$10.90	\$15.70	\$11.12	\$15.92	1.98%	1.37%	\$0.22
8	\$11.87	\$18.27	\$12.16	\$18.56	2.43%	1.58%	\$0.29
10	\$12.83	\$20.83	\$13.19	\$21.19	2.80%	1.73%	\$0.36
12	\$13.80	\$23.40	\$14.23	\$23.83	3.13%	1.85%	\$0.43
14	\$14.77	\$25.97	\$15.27	\$26.47	3.41%	1.94%	\$0.50
16	\$15.73	\$28.53	\$16.31	\$29.11	3.66%	2.02%	\$0.58
18	\$16.70	\$31.10	\$17.35	\$31.75	3.88%	2.08%	\$0.65
<b>20</b>	<b>\$17.67</b>	<b>\$33.67</b>	<b>\$18.39</b>	<b>\$34.39</b>	<b>4.07%</b>	<b>2.14%</b>	<b>\$0.72</b>
22	\$18.63	\$36.23	\$19.43	\$37.03	4.25%	2.18%	\$0.79

- Bills do not include conservation cost recovery charges, local taxes, franchise fees, or gross receipts taxes.
- Gas cost effective January 2009.



**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY**  
**BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. RECOMMENDED INTERIM RATES**  
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**GENERAL SERVICE**  
 (small commercial usage - sales service)  
 Average Usage: 210 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**

**\$15.00**

**Energy Charge**

**(Cents**

**per Therm)**

**32.107**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**

**\$15.00**

**Energy Charge**

**(Cents**

**per Therm)**

**33.668**

**Gas Cost Cents/Therm: 80.000**

**Therm Usage Increment: 50**

Therm Usage	Present	Present	Recommended	Recommended	Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
0	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	0.00%	0.00%	\$0.00
50	\$31.05	\$71.05	\$31.83	\$71.83	2.51%	1.10%	\$0.78
100	\$47.11	\$127.11	\$48.67	\$128.67	3.31%	1.23%	\$1.56
150	\$63.16	\$183.16	\$65.50	\$185.50	3.71%	1.28%	\$2.34
200	\$79.21	\$239.21	\$82.34	\$242.34	3.94%	1.31%	\$3.12
250	\$95.27	\$295.27	\$99.17	\$299.17	4.10%	1.32%	\$3.90
300	\$111.32	\$351.32	\$116.00	\$356.00	4.21%	1.33%	\$4.68
350	\$127.37	\$407.37	\$132.84	\$412.84	4.29%	1.34%	\$5.46
400	\$143.43	\$463.43	\$149.67	\$469.67	4.35%	1.35%	\$6.24
450	\$159.48	\$519.48	\$166.51	\$526.51	4.40%	1.35%	\$7.02
500	\$175.54	\$575.54	\$183.34	\$583.34	4.45%	1.36%	\$7.81

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- Gas cost effective January 2009.

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**GENERAL SERVICE TRANSPORTATION**  
 (Commercial usage - transportation service)  
 Average Usage: 210 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$15.00**

**Energy Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm)**  
**32.107**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$15.00**

**Energy Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm)**  
**33.589**

Gas Cost Cents/Therm: n/a

Therm Usage Increment: 50

Therm Usage	Present	Present	Recommended	Recommended	Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
0	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00	N/A	0.00%	N/A	\$0.00
50	\$31.05	N/A	\$31.79	N/A	2.39%	N/A	\$0.74
100	\$47.11	N/A	\$48.59	N/A	3.15%	N/A	\$1.48
150	\$63.16	N/A	\$65.38	N/A	3.52%	N/A	\$2.22
200	\$79.21	N/A	\$82.18	N/A	3.74%	N/A	\$2.96
250	\$95.27	N/A	\$98.97	N/A	3.89%	N/A	\$3.71
300	\$111.32	N/A	\$115.77	N/A	3.99%	N/A	\$4.45
350	\$127.37	N/A	\$132.56	N/A	4.07%	N/A	\$5.19
400	\$143.43	N/A	\$149.36	N/A	4.13%	N/A	\$5.93
450	\$159.48	N/A	\$166.15	N/A	4.18%	N/A	\$6.67
500	\$175.54	N/A	\$182.95	N/A	4.22%	N/A	\$7.41

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**FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY**  
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**LARGE VOLUME**

(Usage greater than 500 therms per year - sales service)  
 Average Usage: 1,767 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**

**\$45.00**

**Transport Charge**

**(Cents**

**per Therm)**

**23.809**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**

**\$45.00**

**Transport Charge**

**(Cents**

**per Therm)**

**24.921**

**Gas Cost Cents/Therm: 80.000**

**Therm Usage Increment: 500**

Therm Usage	Present	Present	Recommended	Recommended	Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
0	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	0.00%	0.00%	\$0.00
500	\$164.05	\$564.05	\$169.61	\$569.61	3.39%	0.99%	\$5.56
1,000	\$283.09	\$1,083.09	\$294.21	\$1,094.21	3.93%	1.03%	\$11.12
1,500	\$402.14	\$1,602.14	\$418.82	\$1,618.82	4.15%	1.04%	\$16.68
2,000	\$521.18	\$2,121.18	\$543.42	\$2,143.42	4.27%	1.05%	\$22.24
2,500	\$640.23	\$2,640.23	\$668.03	\$2,668.03	4.34%	1.05%	\$27.80
3,000	\$759.27	\$3,159.27	\$792.63	\$3,192.63	4.39%	1.06%	\$33.36
3,500	\$878.32	\$3,678.32	\$917.24	\$3,717.24	4.43%	1.06%	\$38.92
4,000	\$997.36	\$4,197.36	\$1,041.84	\$4,241.84	4.46%	1.06%	\$44.48
4,500	\$1,116.41	\$4,716.41	\$1,166.45	\$4,766.45	4.48%	1.06%	\$50.04
5,000	\$1,235.45	\$5,235.45	\$1,291.05	\$5,291.05	4.50%	1.06%	\$55.60

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- Gas cost effective January 2009.

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**LARGE VOLUME TRANSPORTATION**  
 (Usage greater than 500 therms per year - transportation service)  
 Average Usage: 4,000 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**

**\$49.50**

**Transport Charge**

**(Cents**

**per Therm)**

**23.809**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**

**\$49.50**

**Transport Charge**

**(Cents**

**per Therm)**

**24.883**

Gas Cost Cents/Therm:

n/a

Therm Usage Increment:

1,000

Therm Usage	Present	Present	Recommended	Recommended	Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
500	\$168.55	N/A	\$173.92	N/A	3.19%	N/A	\$5.37
1,500	\$406.64	N/A	\$422.75	N/A	3.96%	N/A	\$16.11
2,500	\$644.73	N/A	\$671.58	N/A	4.16%	N/A	\$26.85
3,500	\$882.82	N/A	\$920.41	N/A	4.26%	N/A	\$37.59
4,500	\$1,120.91	N/A	\$1,169.24	N/A	4.31%	N/A	\$48.33
5,500	\$1,359.00	N/A	\$1,418.07	N/A	4.35%	N/A	\$59.07
6,500	\$1,597.09	N/A	\$1,666.90	N/A	4.37%	N/A	\$69.81
7,500	\$1,835.18	N/A	\$1,915.73	N/A	4.39%	N/A	\$80.55
8,500	\$2,073.27	N/A	\$2,164.56	N/A	4.40%	N/A	\$91.29
9,500	\$2,311.36	N/A	\$2,413.39	N/A	4.41%	N/A	\$102.03
10,500	\$2,549.45	N/A	\$2,662.22	N/A	4.42%	N/A	\$112.77

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**INTERRUPTIBLE**

Average Usage: 31,045 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$270.00**

**Transport Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm)**  
**10.039**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$270.00**

**Transport Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm)**  
**10.546**

**Gas Cost Cents/Therm: 80.000**

**Therm Usage Increment: 5,000**

Therm Usage	Present	Present	Recommended	Recommended	Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
0	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	\$270.00	0.00%	0.00%	\$0.00
5,000	\$771.95	\$4,771.95	\$797.30	\$4,797.30	3.28%	0.53%	\$25.35
10,000	\$1,273.90	\$9,273.90	\$1,324.60	\$9,324.60	3.98%	0.55%	\$50.70
15,000	\$1,775.85	\$13,775.85	\$1,851.90	\$13,851.90	4.28%	0.55%	\$76.05
20,000	\$2,277.80	\$18,277.80	\$2,379.20	\$18,379.20	4.45%	0.55%	\$101.40
25,000	\$2,779.75	\$22,779.75	\$2,906.50	\$22,906.50	4.56%	0.56%	\$126.75
30,000	\$3,281.70	\$27,281.70	\$3,433.80	\$27,433.80	4.63%	0.56%	\$152.10
35,000	\$3,783.65	\$31,783.65	\$3,961.10	\$31,961.10	4.69%	0.56%	\$177.45
40,000	\$4,285.60	\$36,285.60	\$4,488.40	\$36,488.40	4.73%	0.56%	\$202.80
45,000	\$4,787.55	\$40,787.55	\$5,015.70	\$41,015.70	4.77%	0.56%	\$228.15
50,000	\$5,289.50	\$45,289.50	\$5,543.00	\$45,543.00	4.79%	0.56%	\$253.50

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**BILL COMPARISONS - PRESENT VS. RECOMMENDED INTERIM RATES**  
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**INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION**  
 Average Usage: 31,045 therms per month

**PRESENT RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$270.00**

**Transport Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm**  
**10.039**

**INTERIM RATES**

**Customer Charge**  
**\$270.00**

**Transport Charge**  
**(Cents**  
**per Therm**  
**10.493**

**Gas Cost Cents/Therm: n/a Therm Usage Increment: 10,000**

Therm Usage	Present		Recommender Recommended		Percent Increase w/o Fuel	Percent Increase with Fuel	Dollar Increase
	Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Monthly Bill with Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill w/o Fuel	Interim Monthly Bill with Fuel			
0	\$270.00	N/A	\$270.00	N/A	0.00%	N/A	\$0.00
10,000	\$1,273.90	N/A	\$1,319.30	N/A	3.56%	N/A	\$45.40
20,000	\$2,277.80	N/A	\$2,368.60	N/A	3.99%	N/A	\$90.80
30,000	\$3,281.70	N/A	\$3,417.90	N/A	4.15%	N/A	\$136.20
40,000	\$4,285.60	N/A	\$4,467.20	N/A	4.24%	N/A	\$181.60
50,000	\$5,289.50	N/A	\$5,516.50	N/A	4.29%	N/A	\$227.00
60,000	\$6,293.40	N/A	\$6,565.80	N/A	4.33%	N/A	\$272.40
70,000	\$7,297.30	N/A	\$7,615.10	N/A	4.36%	N/A	\$317.80
80,000	\$8,301.20	N/A	\$8,664.40	N/A	4.38%	N/A	\$363.20
90,000	\$9,305.10	N/A	\$9,713.70	N/A	4.39%	N/A	\$408.60
100,000	\$10,309.00	N/A	\$10,763.00	N/A	4.40%	N/A	\$454.00

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