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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20180003-GU

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
(PGA) TRUE-UP.

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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
PREHEARING OFFICER

DATE: Tuesday, October 23, 2018

TIME: Commenced: 9:48 A.M.
Concluded: 9:54 A.M.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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Tallahassee, Florida

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
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the State of Florida at Large

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let's move into the 03
3 docket.

4 Nobody needs to change chairs, okay. We will
5 move.

6 Mr. Schrader, any preliminary matters to
7 address in this draft prehearing order?

8 MR. SCHRADER: Yes, Commissioner, there are
9 two.

10 First, staff would like to note for the record
11 that St. Joe Natural Gas Company has been excused
12 from the prehearing in this docket.

13 Also, staff wants to note that there is a
14 pending motion in this docket that is FCG's agreed
15 motion to its supplemental direct testimony filed
16 on October 15th, 2018.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Would FCG
18 like to give brief summary of its motion?

19 MS. KEATING: Absolutely, Commissioner. Thank
20 you.

21 I am very happy to report that Florida City
22 Gas and the Office of Public Counsel have reached a
23 stipulation in Florida City Gas' limited proceeding
24 in Docket 20180154. As a result of that
25 stipulation, Florida City Gas has agreed to, if the

1 Commission approves the stipulation in 20180154, to
2 flow through the remaining tax benefits as a credit
3 to the PGA; and as such, in compliance with that
4 stipulation and settlement we have moved to ask
5 leave to submit additional testimony to support the
6 calculation of that credit in the event the
7 Commission approves the stipulation and settlement.

8 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Mr. Schrader.

9 MR. SCHRADER: Staff recommends that FCG's
10 motion be granted.

11 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Any of the parties
12 plan to file a written response?

13 MS. CHRISTENSEN: No.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No one?

15 All right. Very good.

16 MS. KEATING: Thank you, Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Any other party have any
18 other preliminary matter?

19 Okay. We will go through the prehearing order
20 part by part.

21 Section I, Case Background.

22 Section II, Conduct of Proceedings.

23 III, Jurisdiction.

24 IV, Procedures for Handling Confidential
25 Information.

1 V, Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.

2 VI, Order of Witnesses.

3 MR. SCHRADER: Staff is hopeful that all
4 issues with the parties can be stipulated and
5 witnesses excused in this docket. Staff will
6 continue to work towards this end.

7 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Section VII, Basic
8 Positions.

9 Section VIII, Issues and Positions.

10 MR. SCHRADER: Staff notes that the order
11 establishing procedure requires that a party take a
12 position at the prehearing conference unless good
13 cause is shown as to why that party cannot take a
14 position at that time.

15 Accordingly, if a party's position in a draft
16 prehearing order is currently no position at this
17 time, that party must change its position or show
18 good cause why it cannot take a position.

19 Further, staff would also like to suggest that
20 parties who have not yet taken a position, or wish
21 to change their position, be allowed to submit
22 their position in writing no later than noon
23 tomorrow, Wednesday, October 24th. If a party
24 fails to take a position at that time, the
25 prehearing order will reflect no position for that

1 party on such issues.

2 Finally, FCG and OPC have agreed to FCG's
3 request to submit supplemental testimony in this
4 proceeding and to include an additional issue in
5 this proceeding includes Issue No. 7 in a
6 prehearing order regarding application by FCG of a
7 tax savings credit to each customer's PGA charge
8 for the calendar year 2019. Issue No. 7 is the
9 subject of FCG's pending agreed motion to accept
10 supplemental direct testimony which was filed on
11 October 15th.

12 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Anyone object to
13 this being included? All right. Very good.

14 Let's move to Section IX, Exhibit List.

15 MR. SCHRADER: I am sorry, Commissioner?

16 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Section IX, Exhibit List.

17 MR. SCHRADER: Yes. Staff will note that it
18 has prepared and circulated to the parties a draft
19 comprehensive exhibit list which includes all
20 prefiled exhibits. Staff will check with the
21 parties prior to the hearing to determine if there
22 are additional objections to the comprehensive
23 exhibit list.

24 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No issues.

25 Section X, Proposed Stipulations.

1 MR. SCHRADER: It does appear that there is a
2 Type 2 stipulation on Issue 7. Staff will continue
3 to work with parties to see if further stipulation
4 is possible.

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Section XI,
6 Pending Motions.

7 MR. SCHRADER: FCG has agreed to the motion to
8 accept supplemental testimony filed on
9 October 15th, 2018.

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Section XII,
11 Pending Confidentiality Motions.

12 MR. SCHRADER: There are no pending
13 confidentiality requests.

14 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. And Section
15 XIII, Post-Hearing Procedures.

16 MR. SCHRADER: If issues are stipulated and
17 parties agree to waive briefs, the Commission may
18 make a bench decision for this portion of the
19 docket.

20 If there are any issues to be briefed, staff
21 recommends that post-hearing briefs be no longer
22 than 40 pages.

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Moving --

24 MR. SCHRADER: Staff -- I am sorry, go ahead.

25 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Moving to rulings.

1 MR. SCHRADER: Okay. Staff notes that any
2 briefs will be due on November 16th, 2018.

3 Rulings, Commissioner, would you like to make
4 a ruling on the pending motion?

5 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, sir.

6 FCG's agreed motion to accept supplemental
7 direct testimony is granted.

8 Opening statements are going to be limited to
9 three minutes.

10 Briefs shall be limited to 40 pages.

11 Any questions?

12 All right. Any other matters?

13 MR. SCHRADER: Staff will note that St. Joe
14 Natural Gas Company's excusal from the prehearing
15 in this docket will be included in the prehearing
16 order.

17 COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right. Any parties?

18 Very good. That concludes the prehearing for
19 the 03 docket.

20 (The prehearing concluded at 9:54 A.M.)

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COUNTY OF LEON)

I, DEBRA KRICK, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the time and place herein stated.

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DATED this 31st day of October, 2018.



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