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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20180164-GU

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SAFETY, ACCESS, AND  
FACILITY ENHANCEMENT  
PROGRAM TRUE-UP AND 2019  
COST RECOVERY FACTORS, BY  
FLORIDA CITY GAS.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 16

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN  
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN  
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK  
COMMISSIONER ANDREW G. FAY

DATE: Tuesday, October 30, 2018

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

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. We're moving on down  
3 to Item No. 16.

4 MS. GUFFNEY: Good morning, Chairman Graham  
5 and Commissioners. Sevini Guffey with Commission  
6 staff.

7 Item 16 is petition from Florida City Gas  
8 requesting Commission approval of their proposed  
9 2019 safety access and facility enhancement  
10 surcharges, or sur-factors [sic], to relocate  
11 existing gas mains and associated facilities from  
12 rear easements to the street front.

13 The SAFE program considers maintenance,  
14 access, customer encroachments, leak incidents,  
15 material and age of pipe, and operating pressure of  
16 the pipelines where they prioritize their  
17 replacements.

18 For 2019, the proposed SAFE surcharge for  
19 residential customer will be 21 cents; while, for  
20 large customers, the proposed surcharge would be 40  
21 cents.

22 There have been no customer comments on this  
23 docket. And staff recommends approval and is  
24 available to answer questions. Office of the  
25 Public Counsel is also here to speak regarding the

1 inclusion of interest when they calculate the  
2 sur- -- SAFE factors for the future. And  
3 additionally, Ms. Keating and Mr. Wright, on behalf  
4 of City Gas is also here to answer questions.

5 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

6 Ms. Keating, I'm going to go to OPC first and  
7 then back to you.

8 Mr. Rehwinkel.

9 MR. REHWINKEL: Thank you, Chairman and  
10 Commissioners. I'm Charles Rehwinkel with the  
11 Office of Public Counsel. We are here generally in  
12 support of your staff's recommendation, as well as  
13 the tariff that the company has filed.

14 Like Commissioner Brown, we have worked since  
15 the inception of these riders, which are  
16 overwhelming a safety feature, and hopefully will  
17 allow the State of Florida to avoid some of the  
18 issues that other states have encountered. So, we  
19 commend the Commission for what they're doing and  
20 the company for what they're doing.

21 We have a process issue that we've talked to  
22 staff and the company with -- and I think we're all  
23 in agreement. There is an over-recovery in this  
24 case that, because of the way this tariff or rider  
25 evolved, since its inception, did not have an

1           accrual of interest for the credit of the  
2           customers, it's about \$5,300.

3           It does not move the needle with respect to  
4           the tariff rates, but we just want to ask that,  
5           from here forward, that the interest be accrued;  
6           whether it's in the company's favor on an under-  
7           recovery or the customer's favor on an over-  
8           recovery, that it be accounted for.

9           We even would ask that next time when this --  
10          this rider comes around for approval next year,  
11          that they capture this credit to the customers'  
12          impact to -- to offset or add to whatever credit or  
13          debit for interest is included in the calculation.

14          That's all we're asking and -- and I think  
15          otherwise, we fully support the rec.

16          CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Ms. Keating?

17          MS. KEATING: Good morning, Commissioners.  
18          Beth Keating with the Gunster Law Firm here today  
19          for Florida City Gas.

20          We also support your staff's recommendation  
21          and Florida City Gas is not opposed to including  
22          interest on a going-forward basis.

23          CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Commissioners,  
24          comments, concerns, motions?

25          Commissioner Polmann.

1           COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Thank you,  
2           Mr. Chairman.

3           Can I get clarification on Ms. Keating's  
4           comment, going-forward basis? Is that inclusive of  
5           this item?

6           MS. KEATING: The tariff --

7           COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yeah --

8           MS. KEATING: -- to be implemented in  
9           January 2019 would be what was filed in this  
10          proceeding.

11          COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay.

12          MS. KEATING: But the interest would be  
13          included in true-up for next year.

14          COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay. And  
15          Mr. Rehwinkel, you're fine with that?

16          MR. REHWINKEL: That's exactly what we intend,  
17          and we appreciate the company's willingness to make  
18          the adjustment.

19          COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Okay. Mr. Chairman, it  
20          would seem to me that, as Mr. Rehwinkel indicated,  
21          this could go either way, and whether it's an over  
22          or under could go to the -- to the customer benefit  
23          or to the utility benefit. So, that -- that seems  
24          entirely reasonable to me, since you don't know  
25          which way we'll end up, either over or under.

1           CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: They're just looking for  
2 full disclosure.

3           COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Yeah. So, with that  
4 understanding, I would move approval of the item on  
5 all issues.

6           CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and second,  
7 staff recommendation on all issues in Item No. 16.  
8 Any further discussion?

9           Seeing none, all in favor, say aye.

10          (Chorus of ayes.)

11          CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

12          By your action, you have approved the motion.

13          Thank you very much, staff.

14          (Agenda item concluded.)

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