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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:
DOCKET NO. 20210004-GU
NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION
COST RECOVERY.

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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE
COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY
PREHEARING OFFICER
DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2021
TIME: Commenced: 1:00 p.m.
Concluded: 2:15 p.m.
PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
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Tallahassee, Florida
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Mr. Jones, any preliminary
3 matters that we need to address before going into
4 the draft prehearing order?

5 MR. JONES: Yes, Commissioner. Staff will
6 note for the record that St. Joe Natural Gas
7 Company has been excused from the prehearing in the
8 04 docket.

9 Also, Type 2 stipulations have been reached on
10 all issues in this docket.

11 Staff is awaiting confirmation from all
12 parties that they are amenable to excusing
13 witnesses.

14 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

15 Does any party have a preliminary matter here?

16 No? Great. We will proceed through the
17 prehearing order, similar to the previous dockets.

18 Section I, Case Background.

19 Section II, Conduct of Proceedings.

20 Section III, Jurisdiction.

21 Section IV, Procedure for Handling
22 Confidential Information.

23 Section V, Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits and
24 Witnesses.

25 MR. JONES: Staff suggests that, for any

1 witness who is not excused, that the summary of
2 their testimony be no longer than three minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

4 And all parties in agreement?

5 Section VI, Order of Witnesses.

6 Staff.

7 MR. JONES: Staff understands the parties are
8 willing to excuse all witnesses. Therefore, staff
9 will also confirm with each Commissioner that the
10 witness can be excused.

11 If no Commissioner has any questions of those
12 witnesses, the witnesses may be excused from the
13 hearing and his or her testimony and exhibits may
14 be entered into the record, as though read.

15 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

16 Section VII, Basic Positions -- any changes by
17 the parties?

18 With that, we'll move to Section VIII, Issues
19 and Positions.

20 MR. JONES: Issues and positions in this draft
21 of the prehearing order have been previously
22 provided to the parties for their review.

23 Staff notes that there are Type 2 stipulations
24 on all issues.

25 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great.

1 Any other related matters for this docket?

2 Yes, Mr. Rehwinkel.

3 MR. REHWINKEL: Commissioner, Mr. Jones is
4 correct that, in effect, the -- the issues are
5 stipulated.

6 We're happy to leave everything as Type 2.
7 We're willing to enter into a Type 1 stipulation on
8 seven, but if that complicates matters, we can just
9 leave it all Type 2 stipulated.

10 I can -- I can work with staff on that, but we
11 consent to dismissal of the witnesses and we
12 believe the docket is stipulated.

13 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. That's fine. And,
14 yeah, you can work with them to make sure, if you
15 want to adjust that position in there to Type 1,
16 you can do so.

17 MR. REHWINKEL: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER FAY: Yep.

19 Let's see. Any other matters for the parties
20 on that? No?

21 Section IX, Exhibit List.

22 MR. JONES: Staff will note that we have
23 prepared and circulated a comprehensive exhibit
24 list that includes all prefiled exhibits and also
25 includes those exhibits staff wishes to include in

1 the record.

2 Staff will check with the parties prior to the
3 hearing to determine if there are any objections to
4 the comprehensive exhibit list.

5 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great.

6 Section X, Proposed Stipulations.

7 Staff.

8 MR. JONES: The proposed Type 2 stipulations
9 for all issues are set for the in the draft
10 prehearing order. The stipulations include the
11 request for excusal of witnesses and the inclusion
12 of testimony and exhibits into the record.

13 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great.

14 Section XI, Pending Motions.

15 MR. JONES: There are no pending motions.

16 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you.

17 Section XII, Pending Confidentiality Motions.

18 MR. JONES: There are no pending
19 confidentiality motions.

20 COMMISSIONER FAY: Section XIII, Post-hearing
21 procedures.

22 MR. JONES: As stipulations are reached on all
23 issues, a bench decision may be possible in this
24 docket; however, if there are no bench decisions,
25 staff recommends post-hearing briefs be no longer

1 than 40 pages.

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

3 All parties in agreement?

4 Great. Thank you.

5 Section XIV, Rulings.

6 MR. JONES: Staff recommends that the
7 prehearing officer make a ruling that opening
8 statements, if any, should not exceed three minutes
9 per party until unless any party chooses to waive
10 its opening statement.

11 Should cross-examin- -- excuse me. Should
12 cross-examination exhibits be needed, all cross-
13 examination exhibits that a party intends to use at
14 the hearing must be provided to the Commission
15 Clerk by the close of business on October 25th,
16 2021, in order to be processed and made available
17 digitally.

18 Attachment A to the draft prehearing order
19 explains the process for the parties to follow when
20 providing cross-examination exhibits to the clerk.

21 The exhibits that are pre- -- that are
22 prefiled are designated as cross-examination or
23 impeachment exhibits shall not be viewed by
24 opposing witnesses or opposing counsel or otherwise
25 have their contents or identity communicated to

1 such witnesses or counsel.

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Okay. Great. Thank you.

3 All parties in agreement?

4 Okay. Other matters?

5 MR. JONES: Any edits to the draft prehearing

6 order will be circulated to the parties for review

7 before the order is issued.

8 The comprehensive exhibit list has already

9 been circulated.

10 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

11 Any other parties have any additional matters

12 to be addressed on this docket?

13 Great. With that, we will adjourn the 04

14 docket and proceed to the 07.

15 Thank you, Mr. Jones.

16 (Docket concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF LEON)

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

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed under my direct supervision; and that this transcript constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED THIS 27th day of October, 2021.



ANDREA KOMARIDIS WRAY
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