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

2 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Preliminary
3 matters, Mr. Jones?

4 MR. JONES: Yes, Chairman.

5 All witnesses have been excused and all
6 parties have waived opening statements.

7 Additionally, there are proposed Type 2
8 stipulations on all issues, with OPC taking no
9 position. OPC does not object to, but does not
10 join in, the proposed stipulations.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARK: All right. Prefiled
12 testimony.

13 MR. JONES: Staff asks that prefiled testimony
14 of all witnesses identified in Section V of the
15 prehearing order on page three being inserted into
16 the record as though read.

17 CHAIRMAN CLARK: If there is no objection, so
18 ordered.

19 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
20 Miguel Bustos was inserted.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FLORIDA CITY GAS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MIGUEL BUSTOS

(2020 Final True-Up)

DOCKET NO. 20210004-GU

May 3, 2021

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Miguel Bustos. My business address is 4045 NW 97 Avenue, Doral,
3 Florida 33178.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

5 A. I am employed by Florida City Gas (“FCG” or “Company”) as Manager of
6 Governmental & Community Affairs. I have been with the Company for
7 approximately 18 years.

8 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Manager of Governmental & Community
9 Affairs?**

10 A. I am responsible for managing FCG’s Purchased Gas Adjustment clause, the
11 overall strategic design and management of the Company’s energy efficiency
12 programs, as well as development of strategies of new business channels and
13 emerging technologies. I am also responsible for providing direction and oversight
14 for the Company’s implementation of governmental and community affairs. I have
15 held these responsibilities since 2013.

16 **Q. Please describe your prior work experience and responsibilities.**

17 A. I began my career at FCG in 2003. I progressed through roles in operations,
18 budgeting, accounting and business operations. Prior to joining FCG, I was a
19 corporate lead auditor in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

20 **Q. What is your educational background?**

21 A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the National Polytechnic
22 Institute (Mexico City) and completed MBA coursework from the University of
23 Americas.

1 **Q. Please explain the purpose of your testimony.**

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present FCG's final Natural Gas Conservation
3 Cost Recovery ("NGCCR") true-up amount for the period of January 1, 2020 through
4 December 31, 2020.

5 **Q. Has the Company prepared the schedules prescribed by this Commission for
6 this purpose?**

7 A. Yes. Attached to my testimony as Exhibit MB-1 are the Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-
8 3, and CT-6 supplied by Commission Staff. These schedules provide the
9 information and data required by Rule 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code
10 ("F.A.C.).

11 **Q. Are you familiar with FCG's energy conservation programs?**

12 A. Yes. A description of each program is provided in Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-6.

13 **Q. What was the total actual cost incurred by FCG for its energy conservation
14 programs during the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020?**

15 A. During this period, FCG incurred a total of \$5,824,651 for its energy conservation
16 programs, including common costs, as shown in Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-2, Page
17 2 of 4. The costs incurred for each energy conservation program are provided in
18 Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-6.

19 **Q. What was the total amount of revenues recovered through the NGCCR during
20 the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020?**

21 A. During this period, the Company recovered a total amount of \$4,999,218 through
22 the NGCCR as shown on Line 6 of FCG Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, Page 4 of 5.

1 **Q. What is the Company's actual end of period over/under recovery amount for**
2 **the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020?**

3 A. The actual over/under recovery amount for this period is an under-recovery of
4 \$828,884 as shown on Line 8 plus Line 9 of Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, age 4 of
5 5.

6 **Q. Can you explain how you calculated that amount?**

7 A. Yes. As shown on Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-3, Page 4 of 5, total energy
8 conservation costs incurred for the period were \$5,824,651 (Line 7) and the total
9 revenues recovered through the NGCCR for the period were \$4,999,218 (Line 6),
10 which results in an under-recovery of \$825,434 (Line 8). As calculated on Exhibit
11 MB-1, Schedule CT-3, Page 5 of 5, the interest on this under-recovery is (\$3,450).
12 The sum of these amounts is an under-recovery of \$828,884 for the period of
13 January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (Lines 8+9).

14 **Q. Did you also provide a comparison of the actual over/under recovery and the**
15 **projected over/under recovery reported in the Company's actual/estimated**
16 **filing for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 as required**
17 **by Rule 25-17.015(1)(a), F.A.C.?**

18 A. Yes. A summary of this comparison is provided in Exhibit MB-1, Schedule CT-2,
19 Page 1 of 4. Based on six months of actual data and six months of projected data,
20 FCG projected an end of period under-recovery amount for 2020 of \$295,192 as
21 compared to an actual under-recovery of \$828,884 (based on 12 months of actual
22 data). This results in a net under-recovery amount of \$533,692 for the period

1 January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This amount is calculated on Exhibit
2 MB-1, Schedule CT-1.

3 **Q. What true-up amount for the period January through December 2020 should**
4 **be included in the Company's NGCCR Factor for the period of January 1, 2022**
5 **through December 31, 2022 ("2022 NGCCR Factor")?**

6 A. The final net true-up for 2020 that should be included in the Company's 2022
7 NGCCR Factor is an under-recovery of \$533,692.

8 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

9 A. Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

FLORIDA CITY GAS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MIGUEL BUSTOS

(2022 Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Factors)

DOCKET NO. 20210004-GU

August 6, 2021

1 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

2 A. My name is Miguel Bustos. My business address is 4045 NW 97 Avenue, Doral,
3 Florida 33178.

4 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

5 A. I am employed by Florida City Gas ("FCG" or "Company") as Manager of
6 Governmental & Community Affairs. I have been with the Company for
7 approximately 18 years.

8 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Manager of Governmental & Community
9 Affairs?**

10 A. I am responsible for managing FCG's Purchased Gas Adjustment clause, the
11 overall strategic design and management of the Company's energy efficiency
12 programs, as well as development of strategies of new business channels and
13 emerging technologies. I am also responsible for providing direction and oversight
14 for the Company's implementation of governmental and community affairs. I have
15 held these responsibilities since 2013.

16 **Q. Please describe your prior work experience and responsibilities.**

17 A. I began my career at FCG in 2003. I progressed through roles in operations,
18 budgeting, accounting, and business operations. Prior to joining FCG, I was a
19 corporate lead auditor in PricewaterhouseCoopers.

20 **Q. What is your educational background?**

21 A. I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from the National Polytechnic
22 Institute (Mexico City) and completed MBA coursework from the University of
23 Americas.

1 **Q. Please explain the purpose of your testimony.**

2 A. My testimony supports FCG's request for Commission approval of the Natural Gas
3 Conservation Cost Recovery ("NGCCR") Factors to be applied during the period of
4 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (the "Projection Period"). My
5 testimony will present the revised projected true-up for the current period January 1,
6 2021 through December 31, 2021, based on actual data for six months and
7 projected data for six months (the "Actual/Estimated True-Up"). I will then present
8 the development of the proposed NGCCR Factors to be charged during the
9 Projection Period.

10 **Q. Has the Company prepared the schedules prescribed by this Commission for**
11 **this purpose?**

12 A. Yes. Attached to my testimony as Exhibit MB-2 are Schedules C-1 through C-5,
13 which are the forms prescribed by Commission Staff. These schedules provide the
14 information and data required by Rule 25-17.015, Florida Administrative Code
15 ("F.A.C."), and are used to calculate FCG's Actual/Estimated True-Up for the current
16 period and the proposed NGCCR Factors for the Projection Period.

17 **Q. Are you familiar with FCG's energy conservation programs?**

18 A. Yes. A description of each program is provided in Exhibit MB-2, Schedule C-5.

19 **Q. Is FCG proposing any new or modified energy conservation programs for**
20 **NGCCR cost recovery during the Projection Period?**

21 A. No.

22 **Q. What are FCG's total projected energy conservation program costs for the**
23 **Projection Period?**

1 A. The total projected cost for the period January 2022 through December 2022 is
2 \$7,482,015 as shown on Schedule C-1. This represents the projected costs of
3 \$6,659,455 to be incurred during the Projection Period as shown on page 1 of
4 Schedule C-2, plus the estimated net true-up under-recovery of \$822,560 for 2021
5 as shown on page 4 of Schedule C-3.

6 **Q Please explain how the estimated true-up was calculated.**

7 A. The calculation of the estimated net true-up amount to be included in the 2022
8 NGCCR Factors is provided in Schedule C-3, page 4.

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10 I previously submitted direct testimony and Exhibit MB-1 in support of the final
11 NGCCR true-up amount for the period January 2020 through December 2020. As
12 shown therein, the actual over/under recovery amount for the period January 2020
13 through December 2020, inclusive of interest, was an under-recovery of \$828,884.
14 Included in the NGCCR Factors for the current period January 2021 through
15 December 2021 was an estimated under-recovery of \$749,669. Thus, the final
16 NGCCR true-up amount for the period January 2020 through December 2020, net
17 of interest, adjustments and the estimated under-recovery included in the 2021
18 NGCCR Factors, was an under-recovery of \$533,692.

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20 The Actual/Estimated True-Up amount for the current period January 2021 through
21 December 2021, based on six months actual data and six months projected data, is
22 an under-recovery of \$288,441 (Schedule C-3, page 4, line 8). The interest on this
23 under-recovery is \$427 (Schedule C-3, page 5).

1 The total estimated net true-up to be included in the 2022 NGCCR Factors, inclusive
 2 of the final true-up for 2020, the Actual/Estimated True-Up for the current period,
 3 and interest,) is an under-recovery of \$822,560 (Schedule C-3, page 4, line 12).
 4 This estimated true-up amount is included in the total \$7,482,015 of energy
 5 conservation program costs projected for the period January 2022 through
 6 December 2022 as shown on Schedule C-1.

7 **Q. What are the NGCCR Factors that FCG is proposing to recover the total**
 8 **projected energy conservation program costs during the Projection Period?**

9 A. Utilizing the rate design and cost allocation methodology approved by the
 10 Commission, FCG proposes the following 2022 NGCCR Factors:

11	RS-1	\$0.27057
12	RS-100	\$0.17325
13	RS-600	\$0.09718
14	GS-1	\$0.06055
15	GS-6K	\$0.04700
16	GS-25K	\$0.04551
17	Gas Lights	\$0.07296
18	GS-120K	\$0.03040
19	GS-1250K	\$0.01797
20	GS-11M – GS-25M	\$0.0

21 Exhibit MB-2, Schedule C-1, page 1 contains the Commission prescribed form that
 22 details these NGCCR Factors proposed for the period January 1, 2022 through
 23 December 31, 2022.

1 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

2 A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
2 Curtis Young was inserted.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 20210004-GU
NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY CLAUSE

Direct Testimony
(Final True Up) of
CURTIS D. YOUNG

On Behalf of
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES
COMPANY (All Gas Divisions/FLORIDA
DIVISION OF CHESAPEAKE
UTILITIES CORPORATION

1 Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. Curtis D. Young: my business address is 1635 Meathe Drive, West Palm Beach,
3 Florida 33411.

4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

5 A. I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company as Senior Regulatory Analyst.

6 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?

7 A. To advise the Commission of the actual over/under recovery of the Conservation
8 costs for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 as compared to the
9 amount previously reported for that period which was based on Six months actual
10 and Six months estimated data.

11 Q. Please state the actual amount of over/under recovery of Conservation Program costs
12 for the gas divisions of Florida Public Utilities Company for January 1, 2020 through
13 December 31, 2020.

- 1 A. The Company over-recovered \$ 364,692 during that period. This amount is
2 substantiated on Schedule CT-3, page 2 of 3, Calculation of True-up and Interest
3 Provision.
- 4 Q. How does this amount compare with the estimated true-up amount which was
5 allowed by the Commission?
- 6 A. We had estimated that we would over-recover \$808,126 as of December 31, 2020.
- 7 Q. Have you prepared any exhibits at this time?
- 8 A. We have prepared and pre-filled Schedules CT-1, CT-2, CT-3, CT-4, CT-5 and CT-6
9 (Composite Exhibit CDY-1).
- 10 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 11 A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of Kira
2 I. Lake was inserted.)

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1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
2 DOCKET NO. 20210004-GU: Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

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4 Direct Testimony of Kira Lake

5 On Behalf of

6 FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSOLIDATED GAS COMPANIES
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8 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

9 A. My name is Kira Lake. My business address is 450 S. Charles Richard Beall
10 Blvd., DeBary, FL 32713.

11 **Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?**

12 A. I am employed by Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) as the Director of
13 Growth and Retention.

14 **Q. Can you please provide a brief overview of your educational and
15 employment background?**

16 A. I graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2003 with a
17 Bachelor's of Science degree in Air Traffic Management and in 2007 with a
18 Masters of Business Administration degree. I have been employed with FPUC
19 since 2007 and have held different positions with the Company including
20 Energy Conservation Representative, Energy Conservation Manager, Energy
21 Logistics Manager and Manager of Business Financial Analysis. In my
22 current role, I direct the activities of the Company's Energy Conservation and
23 Sales departments.

24 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony at this time?**

25 A. To describe generally the expenditures made and projected to be made in
26 implementing, promoting, and operating the Company's energy conservation

1 programs. This will include recoverable costs incurred in January through
2 June 2021 and projections of program costs to be incurred July through
3 December 2021. It will also include projected conservation costs, for the
4 period January through December 2022, with a calculation of the Energy
5 Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment and Energy Conservation Cost
6 Recovery Adjustment (Experimental) factors to be applied to the customers'
7 bills during the collection period of January 1, 2022 through December 31,
8 2022.

9 **Q. Are there any exhibits that you wish to sponsor in this proceeding?**

10 A. Yes. I am sponsoring Exhibit KIL-1, which consists of Schedules C-1, C-2,
11 C-3, and C-5, which have been filed with this testimony.

12 **Q. Have there been any changes in the Conservation filing compared to the**
13 **prior year?**

14 A. As done in previous projections, the Company has consolidated the natural
15 gas conservation programs and costs for the 2022 projection period. The
16 schedules were prepared this period using consolidated costs and revenues for
17 Florida Public Utilities Gas Division (FPUC), the Florida Division of
18 Chesapeake Utilities, the FPUC Ft. Meade Division, and the FPUC
19 Indiantown Division. The Company did not project any expenses for its
20 Conservation, Demonstration and Development program because it ended on
21 December 31, 2017.

22 **Q. Has the Company included descriptions and summary information on the**
23 **Conservation Programs currently approved and available to your**
24 **customers for Florida Public Utilities Company?**

25 A. Yes, the Company has included summaries of the approved conservation
26 programs currently available to our customers in all divisions in C-5 of

1 Exhibit KIL-1.

2 **Q. Has the Company prepared summaries of its Conservation Programs and**
3 **the Costs associated with these Programs?**

4 A. Yes, the Company has prepared the summaries of the Company's
5 Conservation Programs and costs associated with these programs in C-5 of
6 Exhibit KIL-1.

7 **Q. What are the total projected costs for the period January 2022 through**
8 **December 2022 for Florida Public Utilities Company?**

9 A. The total projected Consolidated Conservation Program Costs are \$5,018,500.
10 Please see Schedule C-2, page 2, for the programmatic and functional
11 breakdown of these total costs.

12 **Q. What is the true-up for the period January 2021 through December**
13 **2021?**

14 A. As reflected in the Schedule C-3, Page 4 of 5, the True-up amount for the
15 Consolidated Natural Gas Divisions is an over-recovery of \$326,413.

16 **Q. What are the resulting net total projected conservation costs to be**
17 **recovered during this projection period?**

18 A. The total costs to be recovered are \$4,692,087.

19 **Q. Has the Company prepared a schedule that shows the calculation of its**
20 **proposed Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment factors to be**
21 **applied during billing periods from January 1, 2022 through December**
22 **31, 2022?**

23 A. Yes. Schedule C-1 of Exhibit KIL-1 shows these calculations. Net program
24 cost estimates for the period January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 are
25 used. The estimated true-up amount from Schedule C-3, page 4 of 5, of
26 Exhibit KIL-1, being an over-recovery, was subtracted from the total of the

1 projected costs for the 12-month period. The total amount was then divided
2 among the Company's rate classes, excluding customers who are on market-
3 based rates that fall under Special Contract Services (Original Sheet No. 19
4 for the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities) and tariff rate class FTS-13
5 for the same division, based on total projected contribution. In addition, the
6 customer classes for Outdoor Lights, Interruptible and Interruptible
7 Transportation have always been exempt from the Conservation Adjustment
8 Factor due to the distinctive service provided by the Company.

9 The results were then divided by the projected gas throughput for each rate
10 class for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022. The resulting
11 Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment factors are shown on
12 Schedule C-1 of Exhibit KIL-1.

13 **Q. Why has the Company excluded market-based rate customers from the**
14 **Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment factors?**

15 A. These customers are served either under the Special Contract Service or
16 Flexible Gas Service, because they have alternative fuel or physical bypass
17 options and are considered by Chesapeake to be "market-based rate"
18 customers. Each of these customers has viable alternatives for service;
19 therefore the negotiated and Commission-approved (in the case of Special
20 Contract Service) rates reflect the fact that only a certain level of revenues can
21 be charged to these customers. In fact, the Company has always excluded the
22 Special Contract Service and tariff rate class FTS-13 customers from the
23 ECCR recovery factors. The Commission has not taken issue with the
24 Company's expressed application of the factors either in the ECCR Clause
25 proceedings or in the context of any Special Contract approval.

26 **Q. Has the Company prepared a schedule that shows the calculation of the**

1 **Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities proposed Energy Conservation**
2 **Cost Recovery Adjustment (Experimental) factors for certain rate classes**
3 **on an experimental basis to be applied during billing periods from**
4 **January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022?**

5 A. Yes, experimental per bill rates were approved for rate classes FTS-A, FTS-B,
6 FTS-1, FTS-2, FTS-2.1, FTS-3 and FTS-3.1. A similar calculation was made
7 as described above for the experimental rates; however, the projected number
8 of bills for each rate class for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2022
9 was utilized. The resulting Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment
10 (Experimental) factors are shown on Schedule C-1, page 3 of 3 of Exhibit
11 KIL-1.

12 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

1A. A. Yes.

1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of Karen
2 L. Bramley was inserted.)

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

KAREN L. BRAMLEY

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6 **Q.** Please state your name, business address, by whom you are
7 employed, and in what capacity?

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9 **A.** My name is Karen L. Bramley. My business address is 702
10 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed
11 by Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") as Manager, Regulatory
12 Affairs, in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

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14 **Q.** Please describe your educational and employment
15 background.

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17 **A.** I graduated from the University of South Florida in 1990
18 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and
19 from University of South Florida in 1993 with a Master's
20 degree in Public Administration. My work experience
21 includes twenty-four years of gas and electric utility
22 experience. My utility work has included various positions
23 in Legal, Customer Service, Fuels Management and
24 Regulatory. In my current position, I am responsible for
25 Peoples Gas System's Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

1 ("NGCCR") Clause and Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") Clause
2 as well as various activities at Peoples.

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4 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?

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6 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to present and support for
7 Commission review and approval the company's actual DSM
8 programs related true-up costs incurred during the
9 January through December 2020 period.

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11 **Q.** Did you prepare any exhibits in support of your testimony?

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13 **A.** Yes. Exhibit No. KLB-1, entitled "Peoples Gas System,
14 Schedules Supporting Conservation Cost Recovery Factor,
15 Actual, January 2020-December 2020" was prepared under my
16 direction and supervision. This Exhibit includes Schedules
17 CT-1 through CT-3, and CT-6 which support the company's
18 actual and prudent DSM program-related true-up costs
19 incurred during the January through December 2020 period.

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21 **Q.** What were Peoples Gas System's actual January through
22 December 2020 conservation costs?

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24 **A.** For the period January through December 2020, Peoples Gas
25 System incurred actual net conservation costs of

1 \$17,031,280.

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3 **Q.** What is the final end of period true-up amount for the
4 conservation clause for January through December 2020?

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6 **A.** The final conservation clause end of period true-up for
7 January through December 2020 is an under-recovery,
8 including interest, of \$1,883,202. This calculation is
9 detailed on Schedule CT-1, page 1 of 1.

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11 **Q.** Should Peoples Gas System's cost incurred during the
12 January through December 2020 period for energy
13 conservation be approved by the Commission?

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15 **A.** Yes, the costs incurred were prudent and directly related
16 to the Commission's approved DSM programs and should be
17 approved.

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19 **Q.** Does that conclude your testimony?

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21 **A.** Yes, it does.

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1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3 **OF**

4 **KAREN L. BRAMLEY**

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6 **Q.** Please state your name, business address, by whom you are
7 employed, and in what capacity?

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9 **A.** My name is Karen L. Bramley. My business address is 702
10 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed
11 by Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") as Manager, Regulatory
12 Affairs, in the Regulatory Affairs Department.

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14 **Q.** Please describe your educational and employment
15 background.

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17 **A.** I graduated from the University of South Florida in 1990
18 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and
19 from University of South Florida in 1993 with a Master's
20 degree in Public Administration. My work experience
21 includes twenty-four years of gas and electric utility
22 experience. My utility work has included various positions
23 in Legal, Customer Service, Fuels Management and
24 Regulatory. In my current position, I am responsible for
25 Peoples Gas System's Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery

1 ("NGCCR") Clause and Purchased Gas Adjustment ("PGA") Clause
2 as well as various other regulatory activities for Peoples.
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4 **Q.** What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?

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6 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to support Peoples' actual
7 conservation costs incurred during the period January
8 through December 2020, the actual/estimated period
9 January to December 2021, and the projected period January
10 through December 2022. The projected 2022 ECCR factors
11 have been calculated based on the current approved
12 allocation methodology.
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14 **Q.** Are you sponsoring any exhibits with your testimony?

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16 **A.** Yes, I am sponsoring Exhibit No. KLB-2, prepared under my
17 direction and supervision. This document consists of
18 Schedules C-1 through C-5 and associated data which
19 contain information which support the development of the
20 natural gas conservation cost recovery factors to be
21 applied to customer bills during the period January 2022
22 through December 2022.
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24 **Q.** Does the Exhibit No. KLB-2 meet the requirements of Florida
25 Statute Rule 25-17.015, which requires the projection

1 filing to include the annual estimated/actual true-up
2 filing showing actual and projected common costs,
3 individual program costs, and any revenues collected?
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5 **A.** Yes, it does.
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7 **Q.** What timeframe did Peoples Gas System use to develop its
8 2021 annual estimated/actual true-up filing?
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10 **A.** Peoples Gas System developed its 2021 annual
11 actual/estimated true-up filing showing actual and
12 projected common costs, individual program costs, and any
13 revenues collected based upon six months of actuals and six
14 months of estimates.
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16 **Q.** Please describe the conservation program costs projected by
17 Peoples during the period January through December 2020.
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19 **A.** For the period January through December 2020, Peoples
20 projected conservation program costs to be \$16,693,643.
21 The Commission authorized collections to recover these
22 expenses in Docket No. 20200004-GU, by Order No. PSC-2020-
23 0436-FOF-GU, issued November 16, 2020.
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25 **Q.** For the period January through December 2020, what were

1 Peoples' conservation costs and what was recovered through
2 the ECCR clause?

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4 **A.** For the period January through December 2020, Peoples
5 incurred actual net conservation costs of \$17,031,280. The
6 amount collected in the ECCR clause was \$18,164,615. The
7 conservation revenue applicable to this period was
8 \$15,315,497 which includes the \$18,164,615 amount collected
9 in the ECCR clause, applicable regulatory assessment fees
10 of \$90,371 and the prior period true-up under-recovery of
11 \$2,758,747.

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13 **Q.** What is the true-up amount for Peoples for the period
14 January through December 2020?

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16 **A.** Peoples' true-up amount for the period January through
17 December 2020 was an under-recovery of \$1,883,202,
18 including interest, as detailed on Schedule CT-1 of
19 Exhibit No. KLB-1.

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21 **Q.** Please describe the conservation program costs projected
22 to be incurred by Peoples during the period January
23 through December 2021?

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25 **A.** The actual costs incurred by Peoples through June 2021

1 and projected for July through December 2021 are
2 \$19,277,040. For the period, Peoples anticipates an
3 under-recovery in the ECCR Clause of \$2,810,778, which
4 includes the 2020 true-up and interest. A summary of these
5 costs and estimates are fully detailed in Exhibit No.
6 KLB-2, Estimated Conservation Program Costs Per Program,
7 pages 12 through 15.

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9 **Q.** Has Peoples implemented the Commercial Walkthrough Audit,
10 as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20180186-GU,
11 by Order No. PSC-2019-0361-PAA-GU, issued August 26, 2019?
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13 **A.** No, Peoples developed guidelines for this program, but it
14 has not been implemented due to safety concerns related
15 to COVID-19. Peoples has issued a request for proposal
16 and plans to implement the audit in late 2021.
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18 **Q.** Does this filing reflect the implementation of Peoples'
19 2019-2028 DSM Plan, as approved by the Commission in
20 Docket No. 20190210-EG, by Order No. PSC-2021-0242-PAA-
21 EG, issued July 27, 2021?
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23 **A.** Yes, Peoples factored the new rebate amounts into its
24 projected expenses in this filing. Peoples did not reflect
25 program name and structure changes in this filing due to

1 the short amount of time between the Consummating Order
 2 and this filing's due date. Those changes will appear in
 3 Peoples' ECCR filings going forward.

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 5 **Q.** Please summarize the proposed conservation costs for the
 6 period January through December 2022 and the annualized
 7 recovery factors applicable for the period January through
 8 December 2022?

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 10 **A.** Peoples has estimated that the total conservation costs
 11 (less program revenues) during the period will be
 12 \$23,201,070, plus true-up. Including true-up estimates,
 13 the January through December 2022 conservation cost
 14 recovery factors for retail rate classes are as follows:

	Cost Recovery Factors
<u>Rate Schedule</u>	<u>(Dollars per Therm)</u>
17 RS & RS-SG & RS-GHP	\$0.13116
18 SGS	\$0.08094
19 GS-1 & CS-SG & CS-GHP	\$0.04107
20 GS-2	\$0.03100
21 GS-3	\$0.02617
22 GS-4	\$0.01901
23 GS-5	\$0.01329
24 CSLS	\$0.02660

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1 Exhibit No. KLB-2, Schedule C-1, Page 1 of 1, Energy
2 Conservation Adjustment, Summary of Cost Recovery Clause
3 Calculation, contains the Commission-prescribed form which
4 details these estimates.

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6 **Q.** Does this conclude your testimony?

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8 **A.** Yes, it does.

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1 (Whereupon, prefiled direct testimony of
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1. **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2. In Re: Conservation Cost
Recovery Clause

Docket No. 20210004-GU
Filing Date: May 3, 2021

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5. **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DEBBIE STITT ON**
6. **BEHALF OF ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.**

7. Q. Please state your name, business address, by whom you are
8. employed and in what capacity.

9. A. Debbie Stitt, 301 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida 32456
10. St. Joe Natural Gas Company in the capacity of Energy
11. Conservation Analyst.

12. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

13. A. My purpose is to submit the expenses and revenues
14. associated with the Company's conservation programs
15. during the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2020
16. and to identify the final true-up amount related to that
17. period.

18. Q. Have you prepared any exhibits in conjunction with your
19. testimony?

20. A. Yes, I have prepared and filed together with this testimony
21. this 3rd day of May, 2021 Schedules CT-1 through
22. CT-5 prescribed by the Commission Staff which have
23. collectively been entitled "Adjusted Net True-up for
24. twelve months ending December 31, 2020" for identi-
25. fication

1. Q. What amount did St. Joe Natural Gas spend on conser-
2. vation programs during the period?
3. A. \$189,625.00
4. Q. What is the final true-up amount associated with this
5. twelve-month period ending December 31, 2020?
6. A. The final true-up amount for December 31, 2020 is
7. an over-recovery of \$17,251.
8. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
9. A. Yes
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1 BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 In Re: Conservation Cost)
 Recovery Clause)
3 _____) Docket No.20210004-GU
 Submitted for Filing
 August 9, 2021

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5 DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DEBBIE STITT ON BEHALF OF
 ST. JOE NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.
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7 Q. Please state your name, business address, by whom you
8 are employed and in what capacity.

9 A. Debbie Stitt, 301 Long Avenue, Port St. Joe, Florida
10 32456, St Joe Natural Gas Company in the capacity of
11 Energy Conservation Analyst.

12 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

13 A. My purpose is to submit the known and projected expenses and
14 revenues associated with SJNG's conservation programs incurred
15 in January thru June **2021** and projection costs to be incurred
16 from July **2021** through December **2021**. It will also include
17 projected conservation costs for the period January 1, **2022**
18 through December 31, **2022** with a calculation of the conservation
19 adjustment factors to be applied to the customers' bills during
20 the January 1, **2022** through December 31, **2022** period.

21 Q. Have you prepared any exhibits in conjunction with your testimony?

22 A. Yes, I have prepared and filed to the Commission the **9th** day of
23 **August 2021** Schedule C-1 prescribed by the Commission Staff
24 which has collectively been titled Energy Conservation Adjustment
25 Summary of Cost Recovery Clause Calculation for months January .

1 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for identification.

2 Q. What Conservation Adjustment Factor does St. Joe Natural Gas
3 seek approval through its petition for the twelve-month period
4 ending December 31, 2022?

5 A. **\$.34498** per therm for RS-1, **\$.23544** per therm for RS-2, and
6 **\$.18631** per therm for RS-3, **\$0.13503** per therm for GS-1, **\$0.06541**
7 per therm for GS-2, and **\$0.04748** per therm for GS-4/FTS-4

8 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

9 A. Yes.

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET 20210004-GU

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

JERRY H. MELENDY

ON BEHALF OF SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.

May 3, 2021

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 **A.** My name is Jerry H. Melendy. My business address is Sebring Gas System, Inc., 3515
3 U.S. Highway 27 South, Sebring FL 33870

4 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

5 **A.** I am President of Sebring Gas System, Inc. (the “Company”).

6 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY’S CURRENT ENERGY**
7 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS?**

8 **A.** Yes.

9 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

10 **A.** My testimony presents data and summaries that describe the planned and actual
11 activities and expenses for the Company’s energy conservation programs incurred
12 during the period January 2020 through December 2020. I will also identify the final
13 conservation true-up amount for the above referenced period.

14 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SUMMARY OF THE COMPANY’S**
15 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH**
16 **THESE PROGRAMS?**

1 A. Yes. Summaries of the Company's six approved programs for which costs were
2 incurred during the period January 2020 through December 2020 are included in
3 Schedule CT-6 of Exhibit JHM-1. Included are the Residential New Construction
4 Program, the Residential Appliance Replacement Program, the Residential Appliance
5 Retention Program, Commercial New Construction, Commercial Replacement, and
6 Commercial Retention.

7 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED SCHEDULES WHICH SHOW THE**
8 **EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COMPANY'S ENERGY**
9 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR THE APPLICABLE PERIOD?**

10 A. Yes. Exhibit JHM-1 includes schedules CT-1, CT-2 and CT-3 detail the Company's
11 actual conservation related expenditures for the period, along with a comparison of the
12 actual program costs and true-up to the projected costs and true-up for the period.

13 **Q. WHAT WAS THE TOTAL COST INCURRED BY THE COMPANY TO**
14 **ADMINISTER ITS SIX CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR THE**
15 **TWELVEMONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 2020?**

16 A. As indicated on Schedule CT-2, page 2, of Exhibit JHM-1, the Company's total 2020
17 programs costs were \$52,162.

18 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SCHEDULE WHICH SHOWS THE VARIANCE**
19 **OF ACTUAL FROM PROJECTED COSTS BY CATEGORIES OF**
20 **EXPENSES?**

21 A. Yes. Schedule CT-2, page 3, of Exhibit JHM-1, displays these variances.

22 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S FINAL TRUE-UP FOR THE TWELVE**
23 **MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 2020?**

1 **A.** The final true-up amount as shown on Schedule CT-1, of Exhibit JHM-1 is an under
2 recovery of \$12,927.

3 **Q.** **DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

4 **A.** Yes.

1 **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2 **In Re: Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Factors**

3 **Direct Testimony of Jerry H. Melendy, Jr.**

4 **On Behalf of**

5 **Sebring Gas System, Inc.**

6 **Docket No.20210004-GU**

7 **August 6, 2021**

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9 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

10 A. My name is Jerry H. Melendy, Jr. My business address is Sebring Gas
11 System, Inc., US Highway 27 South, Sebring, FL 33870.

12 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

13 A. I am President of Sebring Gas Company, Inc. (the "Company").

14 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY'S APPROVED ENERGY
15 CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND THE REVENUES AND COSTS
16 THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THESE PROGRAMS?**

17 A. Yes.

18 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?**

19 A. My testimony will present actual and projected expenditures and
20 revenues related to promoting and administering the Company's energy
21 conservation programs in 2021 and 2022. I will provide the adjusted net
22 true-up amount associated with program administration for the January
23 2021 through December 2021 period. Actual program costs are

1 provided for the period January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, as well
2 as the costs the Company expects to incur from July 1, 2021 through
3 December 31, 2021. I will also indicate the total costs the Company
4 seeks to recover through its conservation factors during the period
5 January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Finally, I will also propose
6 the energy conservation cost recovery factors which, when applied to
7 consumer bills during the period January 1, 2022 through December
8 31, 2022, will permit recovery of the Company's total conservation
9 costs.

10 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SUMMARY OF THE COMPANY'S**
11 **CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED**
12 **WITH THESE PROGRAMS?**

13 A. Yes. Summaries of the Company's six approved programs are included
14 in Schedule C-4 of Exhibit JHM-1. Included are the Residential New
15 Construction Program, the Residential Appliance Replacement
16 Program, the Residential Appliance Retention Program, the
17 Commercial New Construction Program, the Commercial Appliance
18 Replacement Program and the Commercial Retention Program.

19 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED SCHEDULES THAT INCLUDE THE**
20 **COMPANY'S CONSERVATION PROGRAM EXPENDITURES FOR**
21 **THE CURRENT (2021) AND PROJECTED (2022) PERIODS?**

22 A. Yes. Schedule C-3, Exhibit JHM-1 provides actual conservation
23 expenses for the January 2021 through June 2021 period and projected

1 expenses for the January 2022 through December 2022 period.
2 Projected expenses for the January 2022 through December 2022
3 period are included in Schedule C-2, Exhibit JHM-1.

4 **Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED A SCHEDULE THAT INCLUDES THE**
5 **COMPANY'S CONSERVATION RELATED REVENUES FOR 2021?**

6 A. Yes. Schedule C-3 (page 4 of 5), Exhibit JHM-1, provides actual
7 conservation revenue for the January 2021 through June 2021 period,
8 and projected conservation revenues for the July 2021 through
9 December 2021 period.

10 **Q. WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S ESTIMATED TRUE-UP FOR THE**
11 **PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021?**

12 A. The Company is under-recovered by \$32,387 as calculated on
13 Schedule C-3, Page 4, Line 11, Exhibit JHM-1.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL COST THE COMPANY SEEKS TO RECOVER**
15 **DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER**
16 **31, 2022?**

17 A. As indicated on Schedule C-1, Exhibit JHM-1, the Company seeks to
18 recover \$59,820 during the referenced period. This amount represents
19 the projected costs of \$27,433 to be incurred during 2022, plus the
20 estimated true-up of \$32,387 for calendar year 2021.

21 **Q. WHAT ARE THE COMPANY'S PROPOSED ENERGY**
22 **CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTORS FOR EACH RATE**

1 **CLASS FOR THE JANUARY 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 2021**
2 **PERIOD?**

3 A. Schedule C-1, Exhibit JHM-1, provides the calculation of the
4 Company's proposed ECCR factors for 2022.

5 The Conservation Adjustment Factors per therm for Sebring Gas
6 System are:

7	TS-1	\$.20867
8	TS-2	\$.09056
9	TS-3	\$.05580
10	TS-4	\$.04914

11 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

12 A. Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Exhibits?

2 MR. JONES: Staff has compiled a Stipulated
3 Comprehensive Exhibit list, which includes the
4 prefiled exhibits attached to the witnesses'
5 testimony in this case. The list has been provided
6 to the parties, the Commissioners and the court
7 reporter.

8 Staff requests that the list be marked as the
9 first hearing exhibit, and other exhibits marked as
10 set forth in the Comprehensive Exhibit List.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARK: So ordered.

12 (Whereupon, Exhibit Nos. 1-20 were marked for
13 identification.)

14 MR. JONES: Staff requests that the
15 Comprehensive Exhibit List, marked as Exhibit 1, be
16 entered into the record, and that Exhibits 2
17 through 20 be moved into the record as set forth in
18 the Comprehensive Exhibit List.

19 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Without objection, they are
20 entered into the record.

21 (Whereupon, Exhibit Nos. 1-20 were received
22 into evidence.)

23 MR. JONES: If the parties are willing to
24 waive briefs and the Commission decides a bench
25 decision is appropriate, we recommend that the

1 proposed stipulations on page 16 to 22 of the
2 prehearing order, Issues 1 through 9, be approved
3 by the Commission.

4 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Anyone want to file a brief?
5 Seeing none, I will entertain a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

7 I would move that the Commission approve the
8 stipulated Issues 1 through 9 as numbered in the
9 prehearing order.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN CLARK: I have a motion and a second
12 to approve the proposed stipulations on Issues 1
13 through 9.

14 Any discussion on the motion?

15 All in favor say aye.

16 (Chorus of ayes.)

17 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Opposed?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Motion carries.

20 All right. Anything else to be addressed in
21 the 04 docket?

22 MR. JONES: Since the Commission has made a
23 bench decision, post-hearing filings are not
24 necessary and the final order issued by November
25 22nd, 2021.

1 CHAIRMAN CLARK: Very good.

2 The 04 docket is closed. We will open the 07
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4 (Proceedings concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF LEON)

I, DEBRA KRICK, 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 15th day of November, 2021.



DEBRA R. KRICK
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