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[New Filing] - Petition for Approval of Transportation Service Agreement with Florida City Gas by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for electronic filing, please find Peninsula Pipeline Company's Petition for Approval of Petition for Approval of Transportation Service Agreement with Florida City Gas, along with the referenced Agreement, which is Attachment A to the Petition. Peninsula deems portions of the Exhibit A to the Agreement to be confidential; therefore, those portions are redacted. A separate request for confidentiality for the exhibit to the agreement is being filed under separate cover today.

As always, thank you for your assistance in connection with this filing. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Beth Keating

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition by Peninsula Pipeline,	Inc. for)	
Approval of a Transportation	Service)	Docket No.:
Agreement with Florida City Gas)	Filed: March 28, 2024

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF A TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN PENINSULA PIPELINE COMPANY, INC. AND FLORIDA CITY GAS

Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. ("Peninsula" or "Company"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby files this Petition seeking approval by the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") of a Firm Transportation Service Agreement ("Agreement") between the Company and Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Florida City Gas ("FCG"), which is attached hereto as Attachment A (redacted)¹. The proposed Agreement is for transportation service over the Pioneer Supply Header Pipeline ("Pioneer Header"). Peninsula is acquiring the Pioneer Header, which is a transmission grade pipeline, from FCG at book value. Peninsula will use the Pioneer Header to provide transportation service to FCG and other shippers in and around Palm Beach County.

In support of this request, the Company hereby states:

1. Peninsula is a natural gas transmission company subject to the Commission's jurisdiction as prescribed under Chapter 368.101, et. seq., Florida Statutes. Its principal business address is:

Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. 208 Wildlight Ave. Yulee, FL 32097

¹ Confidential version provided under separate cover consistent with 25-22.004, F.A.C.

2. The name and mailing address of the persons authorized to receive notices are:

Beth Keating, Esq. Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A. 215 South Monroe St., Suite 601 Tallahassee, FL 32301 (850) 521-1706 Matt Everngam
Director Regulatory Affairs
208 Wildlight Ave,
Yulee, FL 32097
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- 3. Peninsula, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("CUC"), is a Delaware corporation authorized to transact business in the State of Florida. Peninsula is engaged in the business of building pipeline laterals from interstate transmission pipelines for customers. Peninsula provides firm transportation service only and does not engage in the sale of natural gas. Consistent with Section 368.105(6), Florida Statutes, the Company constructs such pipeline lateral facilities and related facilities required for interconnection with a customer only if the potential customer agrees to fully compensate the Company for reasonable costs incurred. Likewise, consistent with the referenced provision, the Company provides transmission access, subject to available capacity, on a basis that is not unreasonably preferential, prejudicial, or unduly discriminatory.²
- FCG is subject to economic regulation by the Commission in accordance with Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. FCG's principal offices are located at 208 Wildlight Ave, Yulee, FL 32097.
- 5. The Company is unaware of any material facts in dispute at this time, but the proceeding may involve disputed issues of material fact. The Company's request set forth herein does not involve reversal or modification of a Commission decision or

² By the same token, Section 368.105(6), Florida Statues, recognizes that a natural gas transmission company is not required to provide transmission access to a person at rates that are not just and reasonable.

proposed agency action. This is a Petition representing an initial request to the Commission, which is the affected agency located at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399.

I. BACKGROUND

- 6. By Order No. PSC-07-1012-TRF-GP, issued December 21, 2007, the Commission approved the Company's intrastate pipeline tariff, consistent with the Commission's jurisdiction under Chapter 368, Florida Statutes. Therein, the Commission also determined that the tariff was consistent with the Commission's prior Declaratory Statement, which provided additional parameters for Peninsula's operations in the State.³
- 7. Pursuant to the Company's tariff on file with the Commission, as well as Order No. PSC-07-1012-TRF-GP, the Company is allowed to undertake certain projects without express Commission approval. For instance, the Company is not required to seek prior approval if the customer is not currently receiving natural gas service from another entity, such as a local distribution company ("LDC"), and the customer's facilities are located at a distance greater than one mile from the existing gas facilities of an investor-owned gas utility, a municipal gas utility, or a gas district. The Company also need not seek regulatory approval if it is engaged to serve an LDC that is not an affiliate of the Company. Consistent with Section 368.105(3), Florida Statutes, for contracts such as these, the Company is only required to file affidavits from both the Company

³ Order No. PSC-06-0023-DS-GP, issued January 9, 2006, in Docket No. 050584-GP, in Re: Petition for declaratory statement by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. concerning recognition as a natural gas transmission company under Section 368.10 I, et seq.

⁴ Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc., Intrastate Pipeline Tariff, Original Vol. 1, Sheet No. 11, Section 3

and the customer affirming that:

- Neither the natural gas transmission company nor the customer had an unfair advantage during the negotiations;
- b. The rates are substantially the same as rates between the natural gas transmission company and two or more of those customers under the same or similar conditions of service; or
- c. Competition does or did exist either with another natural gas transmission company, another supplier of natural gas, or with a supplier of an alternative form of energy. Section 368.105(3), Florida Statutes (emphasis added).
- 8. The Company is, however, required to seek Commission approval of projects in the following categories:
 - a. Interconnection to an LDC in order to serve a customer downstream;
 - b. Interconnection with an LDC to provide service to another LDC;
 - c. Construction of facilities to serve a current LDC customer or one that is
 within I mile of the existing facilities of an investor-owned or municipal gas
 utility, or a gas district; and
 - d. Other projects that are not otherwise specifically identified in the tariff as not requiring prior Commission approval.⁵
- 9. FCG is a subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("CUC"), a Delaware corporation authorized to conduct business in Florida. Thus, both Peninsula and FCG

⁵ Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc., Intrastate Pipeline Tariff, Original Vol. I, Sheet No. 12, Section 4.

are owned and/or controlled by CUC. Because both FCG and Peninsula are corporate subsidiaries of CUC, the Company is required to seek Commission approval prior to entering into a contract to construct facilities and provide transportation service to FPUC, consistent with Sheet 12, Section 4(d).

10. As noted above, the approved tariff, consistent with Order No. PSC-06-0023-DS-GP, provides that the Company must seek approval for agreements unless an individual agreement fits the criteria set forth in the Company's tariff for an agreement that does not require prior Commission approval. The Agreement with FCG would not meet any of the enumerated criterions; thus, Peninsula respectfully seeks Commission approval in this instance.

II. PIONEER SUPPLY HEADER PIPELINE TRANSFER

- 11. With regard to review of the Agreement under the standard set forth in Section 368.105, Florida Statutes, the Company submits that the Agreement withstands review under both the statute and the seminal case for review of affiliate transactions⁷ because this Agreement has been necessitated by the transfer of the Pioneer Header from FCG to Peninsula and the rates set forth in the Agreement are not otherwise unfair.
- 12. The Pioneer Supply Header Pipeline consists of approximately 39.5 miles of 12-inch coated steel, including an interconnect with Florida Gas Transmission (FGT) at its east end and an interconnect at a pigging station at its west end near South Bay. FCG built the pipeline to provide additional service to itself and additional customers with gas supply from FGT. The

⁶ Moreover, since the tariff expressly provides that the Company need not seek approval if it enters into an agreement with a non-affiliated LDC, the Company believes that it must therefore seek Commission approval when the converse situation arises.

GTE Florida, Inc. v. Deason, 642 So. 2d 545 (Fla. 1994).

pipeline runs from east to west through Palm Beach County. A map showing the location of the pipeline is provided in Attachment B. The Pioneer Header is being transferred to Peninsula at book value. Pending FCG's next rate case, wherein recovery of the Pioneer Header will be removed from base rates, the proposed Firm Transportation Service Agreement with Peninsula and the rates therein recognize that the asset is still recovered in FCG's base rates.

- 13. In the CUC corporate structure, Peninsula is the preferred owner-operator of this transmission asset because Peninsula's core business is the transmission grade pipeline owner and operator. As such, the Pioneer Header is a natural fit for inclusion in Peninsula's existing portfolio, because it is a larger-diameter pipeline that interconnects directly with an interstate pipeline to bring larger volumes of natural gas to LDCs or large volume industrial customers. As an FCG asset, the Pioneer Header's potential deliverability has not been fully leveraged. Under Peninsula, the Pioneer Header will serve as the foundation for a larger-scale transmission project designed to reduce capacity constraints and improve deliverability of gas commodity to the southeastern portion of the state.
- 14. Peninsula will use the Pioneer Supply Header Pipeline to provide 20,000 Dth/day of firm transportation service to FCG. Until recovery of the Pioneer Header is removed from FCG's base rates, the rate to be charged to FCG by Peninsula will be \$0.00 Dth/Day for authorized transportation quantities, which will ensure that FCG customers continue to receive the benefits provided by the Pioneer Header at no additional cost. When recovery of the asset is removed from FCG's base rates, Peninsula and FCG will renegotiate an appropriate transportation service rate and petition the Commission for approval of an amended agreement.

III. TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

15. The proposed Agreement will ensure FCG is able to maintain service to customers in Palm

Beach County without additional costs to FCG customers. While the Agreement and rate set

forth therein are somewhat unique, the rate recognizes the regulatory status of the Pioneer

Header, ensures FCG's customers are not adversely impacted, and provides a reasonable

solution. The rates are not otherwise "inherently unfair," as proscribed by the Court in the

GTE Florida v. Deason 8 Thus, the proposed Agreement should be deemed to be in the public

interest.

WHEREFORE, Peninsula respectfully requests that the Commission approve the

Transportation Service Agreement between Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc., and Florida City

Gas.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of March 2024.

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Attorneys for Peninsula Pipeline

Company, Inc.

⁸ Supra, footnote 7.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY ATTEST that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition has been served upon the following by Electronic Mail (redacted only) this 28th day of March, 2024:

Walter Trierweiler, Public Counsel Office of Public Counsel c/o the Florida Legislature 111 West Madison Street, Rm 812 Tallahassee, FL 32399-1400 rehwinkel.charles@leg.state.fl.us

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ATTACHMENT A

Transportation Service Agreement – Pioneer Supply Header Pipeline

PENINSULA PIPELINE COMPANY, INC. FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into this March 18, 2024, by and between Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware (herein called "Company" or "PPC"), and Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Florida City Gas, a New Jersey corporation (herein called "Shipper" or "FCG"). PPC and FCG are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Shipper desires to obtain Firm Transportation Service ("FTS") from Company; and

WHEREAS, Company desires to provide FTS to Shipper, in accordance with the terms hereof; and

WHEREAS, Parties are or have recently become corporate affiliates;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Company and Shipper do covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITION

Unless otherwise defined in this Agreement, all definitions for terms used herein have the same meaning as provided in Company's Tariff (as hereinafter defined).

"In-Service Date" means the effective date of Company's acquisition of the Pioneer Supply Header Pipeline.

ARTICLE II OUANTITY & UNAUTHORIZED USE

- 2.1 The Maximum Daily Transportation Quantity ("MDTQ") and the Maximum Hourly Transportation Percentage ("MHTP") shall be set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto. The applicable MDTQ shall be the largest daily quantity of Gas, expressed in Dekatherms, which Company is obligated to transport on a firm basis and make available for delivery for the account of Shipper under this Agreement on any one Gas Day.
- 2.2 If, on any Day, the Shipper utilizes transportation quantities, as measured at the Point(s) of Delivery, in excess of the established MDTQ, as shown on Exhibit A, such unauthorized use of transportation quantities (per Dekatherm) shall be billed at a rate of 2.0 times the rate to be charged for each Dekatherm of the MDTQ as set forth on Exhibit A of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE RESERVATION CHARGE

- 3.1 The Monthly Reservation Charge for Firm Transportation Service provided under this Agreement shall be as set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement and shall be charged to the Shipper beginning on the In-Service Date and shall thereafter be assessed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- If, at any time after the Execution Date (as herein defined) and throughout the term of this Agreement, the Company is required by any Governmental Authority (as that term is defined in Section 9.10) asserting jurisdiction over this Agreement and the transportation of Gas hereunder, to incur additional capital expenditures with regard to the service provided by Company under this Agreement, other than any capital expenditures required to provide transportation services to any other customer on the pipeline system serving Shipper's facility, but including, without limitation, mandated relocations of Company's pipeline facilities serving Shipper's facility and costs to comply with any changes in pipeline safety regulations, then Shipper's Monthly Reservation Charge shall be adjusted and Exhibit A updated accordingly, and the new Monthly Reservation Charge shall be implemented immediately upon the effective date of such action, subject to Commission approval of the amendment. If Shipper does not agree to the adjusted Monthly Reservation Charge, Company shall no longer be required to continue to provide the service contemplated in this Agreement.
- 3.3 If, during the term of this Agreement, any Governmental Authority should increase any present tax or levy any additional or eliminate any existing tax impacting amounts billed and paid for service provided by Company under this Agreement, such change take effect for purposes of billing and payment under this Agreement effective as of the effective date of such modification to tax or levy. Should an action of a Governmental Authority result in a situation where Company otherwise would be required to provide transportation service at rates that are not just and reasonable, the Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to the conditions set forth in Section E of the Rules and Regulations of Company's Tariff.

ARTICLE IV TERM AND TERMINATION

- 4.1 Subject to all other provisions, conditions, and limitations hereof, this Agreement shall be effective upon its date of execution by both Parties (the "Execution Date") and shall continue in full force for an initial period of twenty (20) years from the In-Service Date ("Initial Term"). After the Initial Term, the Agreement shall be extended on a year-to-year basis (each a "Renewed Term" and, all Renewed Terms together with the Initial Term, the "Current Term"), unless either Party gives written notice of termination to the other Party, not less than (90) days prior to the expiration of the Current Term. This Agreement may only be terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and the Parties' respective rights under applicable law.
- 4.2 If, at any time after the Execution Date and throughout the term of this Agreement, the Company makes any operational modification to the points of delivery or delivery points through modifications by the Company or requests by the Shipper or other third party shippers, then Company or Shipper may request the opportunity to negotiate a modification of the rates or terms of this Agreement, and the Parties shall negotiate in good faith a modification to the Agreement.
- 4.3 If at any time after the Execution Date and throughout the term of this Agreement, the Florida Public Service Commission approves revised customer rates for Shipper that reflect the removal of the Pioneer Supply Header Pipeline from Shipper's rate base, then Company may request the opportunity to negotiate a modification of the rates or terms of this Agreement, and the Parties shall negotiate in good faith a modification to the Agreement.
- 4.4 No less than 120 days before the expiration of the Current Term, either Party may request the opportunity to negotiate a modification of the rates or terms of this Agreement to be effective with the subsequent Renewed Term. Neither Party is obligated to, but may, agree to any mutually acceptable modification to the Agreement for the subsequent Renewed Term. In the event the Parties reach agreement for a modification to the Agreement for the subsequent Renewed Term, such agreed upon modification ("Agreement Modification") shall be set forth in writing and signed by both Parties prior to the expiration of the Current Term.
- 4.5 Any portion of this Agreement necessary to resolve monthly balancing and operational controls under this Agreement shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement until such time as such monthly balancing and operational controls have been resolved.
- 4.6 In the event Shipper fails to pay for the service provided under this Agreement or otherwise fails to meet Company's standards for creditworthiness set forth in Section C of the Rules and Regulations of the Company's Tariff or otherwise violates the Rules and Regulations of Company's Tariff, or defaults on this Agreement, Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to the conditions set forth in Section D of the Rules and Regulations of Company's Tariff.

ARTICLE V

COMPANY'S TARIFF PROVISIONS

5.1 Company's Tariff approved by the Commission, including any amendments thereto

approved by the Commission during the term of this Agreement ("Company's Tariff"), is hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made a part hereof for all purposes, except to the extent otherwise expressly provided herein. In the event of any conflict between Company's Tariff and the specific provisions of this Agreement, the latter shall prevail, in the absence of a Commission Order to the contrary.

ARTICLE VI REGULATORY AUTHORIZATIONS AND APPROVALS

6.1 Company's obligation to provide service is conditioned upon receipt and acceptance of any necessary regulatory authorization to provide Firm Transportation Service for Shipper in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of Company's Tariff.

ARTICLE VII DELIVERY POINT(S) AND POINT(S) OF DELIVERY

- 7.1 The Delivery Point(s) for all Gas delivered for the account of Shipper into Company's pipeline system under this Agreement, shall be as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.
 - 7.2 The Point(s) of Delivery shall be as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 7.3 Shipper shall cause Transporter to deliver to Company at the Delivery Point(s) on the Transporter's system, the quantities of Gas to be transported by Company hereunder. Company shall have no obligation for transportation of Shipper's Gas prior to receipt of such Gas from the Transporter at the Delivery Point(s), nor shall Company have any obligation to obtain capacity on Transporter for Shipper or on Shipper's behalf. The Company shall deliver such quantities of Gas received from the Transporter at the Delivery Point(s) for Shipper's account to Company's Point(s) of Delivery identified on Exhibit A.

ARTICLE VIII SCHEDULING AND BALANCING

- 8.1 Shipper shall be responsible for nominating quantities of Gas to be delivered by the Transporter to the Delivery Point(s) and delivered by Company to the Point(s) of Delivery. Shipper shall promptly provide notice to Company of all such nominations.
- 8.2 The Parties hereto agree that Shipper shall serve as the Delivery Point Operator ("DPO") for the Delivery Point. Shipper shall be responsible for executing such documents as are required by the Transportation Service Provider's FERC Gas Tariff to assume the obligations of Delivery Point Operator for the Delivery Point.
- 8.3 Shipper shall administer the Delivery Point in accordance with the provisions of the Transportation Service Provider's FERC Tariff, and Shipper's FPSC Natural Gas Tariff on file with the Florida Public Service Commission. Resolution of Monthly Receipt or Delivery Imbalances at the Delivery Point shall be in accordance with the current Florida City Gas Tariff on file with the Florida

Public Service Commission. Each Month, Shipper, as DPO, shall provide to Company, third party shippers, and Shipper, as appropriate, statements of any Receipt or Delivery imbalance credits or charges and any Operational Order credits or charges for the preceding Month. Shipper shall provide timely notice to the Company of any Operational Orders issued by the Transportation Service Provider or Florida City Gas that affect the Delivery Point in accordance with the Operator Order notice provisions of the Shipper's Natural Gas Tariff.

- 8.4 The Parties hereto recognize the desirability of maintaining a uniform rate of flow of Gas to Shipper's facilities over each Gas Day throughout each Gas Month. Therefore, Company agrees to receive from the Transporter for Shipper's account at the Delivery Point(s) and deliver to the Point(s) of Delivery up to the MDTQ as described in Exhibit A, subject to any restrictions imposed by the Transporter and to the provisions of Article IX of this Agreement, and Shipper agrees to use reasonable efforts to regulate its deliveries from Company's pipeline system at a daily rate of flow not to exceed the applicable MDTQ for the Gas Month in question, subject to any additional restrictions imposed by the Transporter or by Company pursuant to Company's Tariff.
- 8.5 In the event of a conflict between the terms in this Article XIII and the DPO and balancing provisions in Shipper's Natural Gas Tariff, Shipper's Natural Gas Tariff, shall govern.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Notices and Other Communications. Any notice, request, demand, statement, or payment provided for in this Agreement, unless otherwise specified, shall be sent to the Parties hereto at the following addresses:

Company:

Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.

500 Energy Lane, Suite 200 Dover, Delaware 19901 Attention: Contracts

Shipper:

Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Florida City Gas

208 Wildlight Avenue Yulee, Florida 32097 Attention: Contracts

- 9.2 <u>Headings.</u> All article headings, section headings and subheadings in this Agreement are inserted only for the convenience of the Parties in identification of the provisions hereof and shall not affect any construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 9.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including the Exhibit attached hereto, sets forth the full and complete understanding of the Parties as of the Execution Date, and it supersedes any and all prior negotiations, agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof. No Party shall be bound by any other obligations, conditions, or representations with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement.
 - 9.4 <u>Amendments.</u> Neither this Agreement nor any of the terms hereof may be

terminated, amended, supplemented, waived or modified except by an instrument in writing signed by the Party against which enforcement of the termination, amendment, supplement, waiver or modification shall be sought. A change in (a) the place to which notices pursuant to this Agreement must be sent or (b) the individual designated as the Contact Person pursuant to Section 9.1 shall not be deemed nor require an amendment of this Agreement provided such change is communicated in accordance with Section 9.1 of this Agreement. Further, the Parties expressly acknowledge that the limitations on amendments to this Agreement set forth in this section shall not apply to or otherwise limit the effectiveness of amendments that are or may be necessary to comply with the requirements of, or are otherwise approved by, the Commission or its successor agency or authority.

- 9.5 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement becomes or is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable or void, this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect without said provision; provided, however, that if such severability materially changes the economic benefits of this Agreement to either Party, the Parties shall negotiate in good faith an equitable adjustment in the provisions of this Agreement.
- 9.6 <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed to be, nor shall it constitute, a waiver of any other provision whether similar or not. No single waiver shall constitute a continuing waiver, unless otherwise specifically identified as such in writing. No waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the Party making the waiver.
- 9.7 <u>Attorneys' Fees and Costs</u>. In the event of any litigation between the Parties arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to recover all costs incurred and reasonable attorneys' fees, including attorneys' fees in all investigations, trials, bankruptcies, and appeals.
- 9.8 <u>Independent Parties.</u> Company and Shipper shall perform hereunder as independent parties. Neither Company nor Shipper is in any way or for any purpose, by virtue of this Agreement, a partner, joint venturer, agent, employer or employee of the other. Nothing in this Agreement shall be for the benefit of any third person for any purpose, including, without limitation, the establishing of any type of duty, standard of care or liability with respect to any third person.
- 9.9 <u>Assignment and Transfer.</u> No assignment of this Agreement by either Party may be made without the prior written approval of the other Party (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld) and unless the assigning or transferring Party's assignee or transferee shall expressly assume, in writing, the duties and obligations under this Agreement of the assigning or transferring Party. Upon such assignment or transfer, as well as assumption of the duties and obligations, the assigning or transferring Party shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the other Party a true and correct copy of such assignment or transfer and the assumption of duties and obligations.
- 9.10 <u>Governmental Authorizations; Compliance with Law.</u> This Agreement shall be subject to all valid applicable state, local and federal laws, orders, directives, rules and regulations of any governmental body, agency or official having jurisdiction over this Agreement and the transportation of Gas hereunder ("Governmental Authority"). Company and Shipper shall comply

at all times with all applicable federal, state, municipal, and other laws, ordinances and regulations. Company and/or Shipper will furnish any information or execute any documents required by any duly constituted federal or state regulatory authority in connection with the performance of this Agreement. Each Party shall proceed with diligence to file any necessary applications with any Governmental Authorities for any authorizations necessary to carry out its obligations under this Agreement. In the event this Agreement or any provisions herein shall be found contrary to or in conflict with any applicable law, order, directive, rule or regulation, the latter shall be deemed to control, but nothing in this Agreement shall prevent either Party from contesting the validity of any such law, order, directive, rule, or regulation, nor shall anything in this Agreement be construed to require either Party to waive its respective rights to assert the lack of jurisdiction of any governmental agency other than the Commission, over this Agreement or any part thereof. In the event of such contestation, and unless otherwise prohibited from doing so under this Section 9.10, Company shall continue to transport and Shipper shall continue to take Gas pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. In the event any law, order, directive, rule, or regulation shall prevent either Party from performing hereunder, then neither Party shall have any obligation to the other during the period that performance under the Agreement is precluded. If, however, any Governmental Authority's modification to this Agreement or any other order issued, action taken, interpretation rendered, or rule implemented, will have a material adverse effect on the rights and obligations of the Parties, including, but not limited to, the relative economic position of, and risks to, the Parties as reflected in this Agreement, then, subject to the provisions of Sections 3.2 and 3.3 of this Agreement, the Parties shall use reasonable efforts to agree upon replacement terms that are consistent with the relevant order or directive, and that maintain the relative economic position of, and risks to, the Parties as reflected in this Agreement as of the Execution Date. As used herein, "Governmental Authority" shall mean any United States federal, state, local, municipal or other government; any governmental, regulatory or administrative agency, court, commission or other authority lawfully exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory or taxing authority or power; and any court or governmental tribunal.

- (i) If any Governmental Authority asserting jurisdiction over the pipeline facility contemplated in this Agreement, issues an order, ruling, decision or regulation not covered by Section 3.2 or 3.3 of this Agreement (including denial of necessary permits or amendments to existing permits) related to the operation, maintenance, location, or safety and integrity compliance, including any new or revised enforceable regulatory classification of the pipeline facility, as applicable, which is not reasonably foreseeable as of the Execution Date and which results in a materially adverse effect on either Party's rights and benefits under this Agreement, each Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts and shall cooperate with the other Party to pursue all necessary permits, approvals and authorizations, if any, of such applicable Governmental Authority, and to amend the terms and conditions of this Agreement, in each case as may be reasonably required in order that provision of firm transportation service under this Agreement shall continue; provided that neither Party shall be required to take any action pursuant to this Section which is reasonably likely to have a materially adverse effect on such Party's rights and benefits under this Agreement.
 - (i) If the Parties are unable or unwilling to reach agreement pursuant to this

- Section 9.10, Company shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, without any further obligations to Shipper, upon one hundred twenty (120) days' prior written notice to Shipper.
- 9.11 <u>Applicable Law and Venue.</u> This Agreement and any dispute arising hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida, without regard for conflict of laws provisions. The venue for any action, at law or in equity, commenced by either Party against the other and arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be in a court of the State of Florida having jurisdiction.
- 9.12 <u>Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument and each of which shall be deemed an original instrument as against any Party who has signed it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers or representatives.

COMPANY Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc.	SHIPPER Pivotal Utility Holdings, Inc. d/b/a Florida City Gas	
By: Bill Hancock	By: Jeff Sylvester	
William Hancock	Jeffrey S. Sylvester	
Title: Assistant Vice President	Title: President and Chief Operating Officer of Pivotal Utilities Holdings, Inc	
Date: 03/21/2024	Date:	

EXHIBIT A TO

FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

PENINSULA PIPELINE COMPANY, INC. AND

PIVOTAL UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. d/b/a FLORIDA CITY GAS

DATED

March 18, 2024

Description of Transporter Delivery Point(s)

Total MDTQ (Dekatherms) Dt/Day

1. Interconnect with Florida Gas Transmission at or near Pioneer Road

Description of Point(s) of Delivery

1. Meters until the terminus at or near the intersection of W Palm Road and US Highway 27 S

MHTP:	
Total Monthly Reservation Charge: \$	Dekatherm)
This charge is subject to adjustment pursuant	to the terms of this Agreement.

ATTACHMENT B

Pioneer Pipeline Map

