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BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20200004-GU

NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION
COST RECOVERY.

PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY
PREHEARING OFFICER

DATE: Monday, October 26, 2020

TIME: Commenced: 1:30 p.m.
Concluded: 2:52 p.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
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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: We'll move on to the 04
3 docket. Preliminary matters -- Ms. Passidomo, any
4 preliminary matters we need to address before
5 taking up the draft prehearing order?

6 MS. PASSIDOMO: Yes, Commissioner. All issues
7 have been stipulated in this docket, and the
8 parties have agreed to excuse all witnesses and to
9 include all exhibits on the comprehensive exhibit
10 list in the record.

11 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Any other party
12 have any other preliminary matters?

13 With that, we'll begin moving through the
14 draft prehearing order. Similar to 02 and 03,
15 please feel free to speak up if there's an issue
16 you want to address under the case background,
17 conduct of proceedings, and jurisdiction.

18 Section IV, procedure for handling
19 confidential information.

20 Section V, prefiled testimony and exhibits,
21 witnesses -- the same -- same issue that was raised
22 in 02 and 03?

23 MS. PASSIDOMO: Yes, Commissioner. This is
24 Gabriella Passidomo. We suggest that, for any
25 witnesses who is not excused, that the summary

1 their testimony be no longer than three minutes.

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

3 Any parties have any objections?

4 With that, we'll move on to Section VI, order
5 of witnesses.

6 MS. PASSIDOMO: Staff will confirm with each
7 Commissioner that the witnesses can be excused. If
8 no Commissioner has any questions of those
9 witnesses, the witnesses may be excused from the
10 hearing and his or her testimony and exhibits may
11 be entered into the record as though read.

12 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

13 Section VII, basic -- basic positions. Any of
14 the parties have any changes to their position?

15 Great. Thank you.

16 And staff, anything to add to that?

17 MS. PASSIDOMO: No, Commissioner. Same as the
18 other dockets, if there are any changes, as long as
19 they're submitted in writing by the close of
20 business tomorrow, October 27th.

21 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

22 Section VIII, issues and positions.

23 MS. PASSIDOMO: Commissioner, issues and
24 positions are included in the draft prehearing
25 order. Staff notes that there are Type 2

1 stipulations on all issues.

2 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Similar to the
3 other dockets, if there's any specific issues that
4 the -- the party would like to raise here, please
5 do so; otherwise, we'll move on.

6 All right. Section IX, exhibit list.

7 MS. PASSIDOMO: Staff has prepared a
8 comprehensive exhibit list that includes all
9 prefiled exhibits and also includes those exhibits
10 staff wishes to include in the record.

11 All parties agree that all exhibits on the
12 comprehensive exhibit list may be stipulated into
13 the hearing record.

14 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

15 Section X, proposed stipulations.

16 MS. PASSIDOMO: The proposed stipulations for
17 all issues are set forth in the draft prehearing
18 order. Stipulations include the excusal of
19 witnesses and the inclusion of testimony and
20 exhibits in the record.

21 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

22 And then Sections XI and XII, pending motions
23 and pending confidentiality motions -- are there
24 any of those?

25 MS. PASSIDOMO: No, Commissioner.

1 COMMISSIONER FAY: Thank you.

2 Section XIV [sic], post-hearing procedures.

3 MS. PASSIDOMO: A bench decision may be
4 possible in this docket; however, if there is no
5 bench decision, staff recommends post-hearing
6 briefs be no longer than 40 pages.

7 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great, thank you.

8 Any parties have any objection to that?

9 With that, we'll move on to the Section XIV,
10 rulings. And I apologize here. It looks like
11 there's -- that's Section XV -- Section XIV.

12 Go ahead, Ms. Passidomo. Thank you.

13 MS. PASSIDOMO: Sorry, Commissioner.

14 Staff recommends that the prehearing officer
15 make a ruling that opening statements, if any,
16 should not exceed five minutes per party, unless
17 any party chooses to waive its opening statement.

18 Because this case has been stipulated and the
19 parties have agreed to excuse the witnesses, no
20 cross-examination is anticipated; however, should
21 cross-examination exhibits be needed, all cross-
22 examination exhibits that a party intends to use at
23 the hearing must be provided to the Commission
24 clerk by the close of business on October 27th,
25 2020, in order to be processed and made available

1 digitally.

2 Attachment A to the draft prehearing order
3 explains the process for parties to follow when
4 providing cross-examination exhibits to the clerk.
5 Exhibits that are prefiled and designated as cross-
6 examination or impeachment exhibits shall not be
7 viewed by opposing witnesses or opposing counsel or
8 otherwise have their contents or identity
9 communicated to such witnesses or counsel.

10 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

11 And all parties in agreement to that?

12 And just -- just for staff's clarification,
13 I'm mentioning Section XIV there -- that -- that
14 section is correct. It was the one above it that I
15 had in my notes that was referenced, Section XIV,
16 Section XIII, which was properly labeled in the
17 prehearing order.

18 So, with that, we'll move on to -- any other
19 matters to be addressed?

20 MS. PASSIDOMO: Staff would just like to note
21 that any edits to the draft prehearing order will
22 be circulated to the parties for review before the
23 order is issued and the comprehensive exhibit list
24 has already been circulated.

25 COMMISSIONER FAY: Great. Thank you.

1 And any parties have anything else to be
2 addressed in this docket?

3 With that, we will close this prehearing 04
4 docket, and proceed to the 07 docket.

5 (Docket concluded.)

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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.

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DATED THIS 6th day of November, 2020.



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