

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment  
(PGA) true-up.

DOCKET NO. 980003-GU  
ORDER NO. PSC-98-1689-FOF-GU  
ISSUED: December 14, 1998

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK  
JOE GARCIA  
E. LEON JACOBS, JR.

APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG).

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On behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida (OPC).

WM. COCHRAN KEATING, IV, Esquire, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850  
On behalf of the Commission Staff (Staff).

FINAL ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AMOUNTS AND ESTABLISHING PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO BE APPLIED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1999 THROUGH DECEMBER 1999

BY THE COMMISSION:

As part of the continuing fuel cost recovery, energy conservation cost recovery, purchased gas cost recovery, and environmental cost recovery proceedings, a hearing was held November 23, 1998, in this docket and in Docket Nos. 980001-EI, 980002-EG, and 980007-EI. Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Florida Division (CUC), City Gas Company of Florida (CGC), Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC), Indiantown Gas Company (IGC), Peoples Gas System, Inc. (PGS), Sebring Gas System, Inc. (SGS), St. Joe Natural Gas Company (SJNG), and South Florida Natural Gas Company (SFNG) submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their proposed

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purchased gas cost recovery factors. Prior to hearing, the parties reached agreement concerning all issues identified for resolution at hearing. Therefore, the case was presented to us as a stipulation.

Final True-Ups, Estimated True-Ups, and Cost Recovery Factors

The parties stipulated to the final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each utility. We accept and approve the stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record.

We find that the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1997 through March 1998 are as follows:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$133,533	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,706,048	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$516,932	Underrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$67,692	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$1,014,745	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$14,074	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$99,666	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$19,668	Underrecovery

We find that the estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period April 1998 through December 1998 are as follows:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$60,458	Overrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$73,153	Underrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$783,237	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$22,934	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$804,877	Underrecovery

Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$7,257	Underrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$61,834	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$101,779	Overrecovery

We find that the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 1999 through December 1999 are as follows:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	\$73,075	Underrecovery
City Gas Company of Florida	\$1,632,896	Overrecovery
Florida Public Utilities	\$266,305	Overrecovery
Indiantown Gas Company	\$90,626	Underrecovery
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	\$209,981	Overrecovery
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	\$6,817	Overrecovery
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	\$161,500	Overrecovery
South Florida Natural Gas Company	\$82,111	Overrecovery

We find that the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 1999 through December 1999 are as follows:

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation	41.668 cents per therm
City Gas Company of Florida	46.082 cents per therm
Florida Public Utilities	49.397 cents per therm
Indiantown Gas Company	44.710 cents per therm
Peoples Gas System, Inc.	49.786 cents per therm
Sebring Gas System, Inc.	40.930 cents per therm
St. Joe Natural Gas Company	60.800 cents per therm
South Florida Natural Gas Company	30.644 cents per therm

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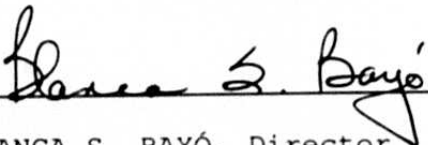
We find that these factors shall be effective for all meter readings taken on or after January 1, 1999, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 1999 through December 1999.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the findings set forth in the body of this Order are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the purchased gas cost recovery amounts and utilize the factors approved herein for bills rendered for meter readings taken between January 1, 1999, and December 31, 1999.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 14th day of December, 1998.

  
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BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative

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hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.