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DATE: April 27, 2009
TO: Daniel Q. Lee, Engineering Specialist IV, Division of Economic Regulation
FROM: Denise N. Vandiver, Chief of Auditing, Division of Regulatory Compliance *DN*
RE: Docket No: 090003-GU; Company Name: Florida Public Utilities Company;
Audit Purpose: Purchased Gas Adjustment; Company Code: GU603;
Audit Control No: 09-041-4-2;

Attached is the final audit report for the utility stated above. I am sending the utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of the Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

CC: Division of Regulatory Compliance (Salak, Mailhot, Harvey,
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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY
PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2008

Docket No. 090003-GU

Audit Control No. 09-041-4-2

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*Kathy L. Welch
Audit Manager*

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DIVISION OF REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

AUDITOR'S REPORT

April 22, 2009

TO: FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

We have performed the procedures enumerated later in this report to meet the agreed upon objectives set forth by the Division of Economic Regulation in its audit service request. We have applied these procedures to the attached schedules, prepared by Florida Public Utilities Company, in support of its purchased gas adjustment filing, Docket 090003-GU.

This audit was performed following general standards and field work standards found in the AICPA Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements. Our report is based on agreed upon procedures and the report is intended only for internal Commission use.

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OBJECTIVES AND PROCEDURES:

Objective: To determine if the revenue recorded in the filing agrees with the ledger reported revenue and to determine if the customers were billed according to the utility billing schedule. And, to determine that the billing schedules were under the cap authorized by the Commission.

Procedure: We verified that the revenues contained in the Company's General Ledger are reflected on Schedule A-2. We reconciled these revenues to the billing registers.

We tested a sample of customer bills to verify that the appropriate PGA factor was charged.

Objective: To determine that the cost of gas in the filing agreed with the ledger and could be traced to source documentation.

Procedures: We traced the filing to the ledger. We traced the ledger detail to the transfers from inventory and traced a sample of the inventory account to invoices.

Objective: To determine that the calculation of the true up was correct and calculated using the appropriate interest rates and was properly recorded in the ledger.

Procedures: We recomputed the true-up for the period. We verified that the beginning true-up amount and interest rates as stated by the Company on the January A-2 filing were approved by the Florida Public Service Commission. The monthly true-up amounts, as recorded on Schedule A-2, were reconciled to the General Ledger.

We recomputed the final true-up filing, Schedule A-7. The amounts on A-7 were reconciled to the December cumulative A-2 and to appropriate Commission orders.

EXHIBITS

Company Schedule A-2

COMPANY: FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY			CALCULATION OF TRUE-UP AND INTEREST PROVISION				SCHEDULE A-2			
FOR THE PERIOD OF: JANUARY 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 2008										
			CURRENT MONTH: DECEMBER				YEAR-TO-DATE: 2008			
			ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	DIFFERENCE		ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	DIFFERENCE	
					AMOUNT	%			AMOUNT	%
TRUE-UP CALCULATION										
1	PURCHASED GAS COST	Sch. A-1 Line 4, Estimate include Sch. A-1 Line 10	3,249,924.15	2,935,904.00	(314,020.15)	(10.7)	36,610,499.97	43,922,035.00	7,311,535.03	16.7
2	TRANSPORTATION COST	Sch. A-1 Lines 1, 2, 3, 5, 6	569,529.64	525,507.00	(44,022.64)	(8.4)	4,403,367.25	4,088,218.00	(315,149.25)	(7.7)
3	TOTAL COST		3,819,453.79	3,461,411.00	(358,042.79)	(10.3)	41,013,867.22	48,010,253.00	6,996,385.78	14.6
4	FUEL REVENUES (NET OF REVENUE TAX)		3,065,951.08	3,453,411.00	387,459.92	11.2	38,850,694.41	47,928,553.00	9,077,858.59	18.9
5	TRUE-UP - (COLLECTED) OR REFUNDED *		309,784.92	309,784.92	-	0.0	3,717,419.00	3,717,419.00	-	0.0
6	FUEL REVENUE APPLICABLE TO PERIOD	Add Lines 4 + 5	3,375,736.00	3,763,195.92	387,459.92	10.3	42,568,113.41	51,645,972.00	9,077,858.59	17.6
7	TRUE-UP - OVER(UNDER) - THIS PERIOD	Line 6 - Line 3	(443,717.79)	301,784.92	745,502.71	247.0	1,554,246.19	3,635,719.00	2,081,472.81	57.3
8	INTEREST PROVISION - THIS PERIOD	Line 21	(320.57)	17,001.01	17,321.58	101.9	28,819.60	555,137.55	526,317.95	94.8
9	BEGINNING OF PERIOD TRUE-UP AND INTEREST: over/(under)		(2,251.03)	20,103,719.33	20,105,970.36	100.0	1,378,278.90	19,639,282.79	18,261,003.89	93.0
10	TRUE-UP COLLECTED OR (REFUNDED)	Reverse of Line 5	(309,784.92)	(309,784.92)	-	0.0	(3,717,419.00)	(3,717,419.00)	-	0.0
10a	FLEX RATE REFUND (if applicable)		-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	0.0
11	TOTAL ACTUAL/ESTIMATED TRUE-UP: over/(under)	Add Lines 7 + 8 + 9 + 10 + 10a	(756,074.31)	20,112,720.34	20,868,794.65	103.8	(756,074.31)	20,112,720.34	20,868,794.65	103.8
INTEREST PROVISION										
12	BEGINNING TRUE-UP AND INTEREST	Line 9	(2,251.03)	20,103,719.33	20,105,970.36	100.0				
13	ENDING TRUE-UP BEFORE INTEREST	Add Lines 12 + 7 + 5	(755,753.74)	20,095,719.33	20,851,473.07	103.8				
14	TOTAL (12+13)	Add Lines 12 + 13	(758,004.77)	40,199,438.66	40,957,443.43	101.9				
15	AVERAGE	50% of Line 14	(379,002.39)	20,099,719.33	20,478,721.72	101.9				
16	INTEREST RATE - FIRST DAY OF MONTH		0.01490	0.01490	-	0.0				
17	INTEREST RATE - FIRST DAY OF SUBSEQUENT MONTH		0.00540	0.00540	-	0.0				
18	TOTAL	Add Lines 16 + 17	0.02030	0.02030	-	0.0				
19	AVERAGE	50% of Line 18	0.01015	0.01015	-	0.0				
20	MONTHLY AVERAGE	Line 19 / 12 mos.	0.00085	0.00085	-	0.0				
21	INTEREST PROVISION	Line 15 x Line 20	(320.57)	17,001.01	17,321.58	101.9				

Beginning of period True-up & Interest (Line 9) comes from the most recently filed E-4 if we do not flex down. If we flex down, the beginning of the period True-up & Interest (Line 9) comes from the prior periods end of period net true-up.
The prior period write-off will be the estimated over/under recovery estimated on Schedule E-4 regardless if we flex down.

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