

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for rate increase by Florida  
City Gas

Docket No. 20220069-GU

Filed: June 30, 2023

**FLORIDA CITY GAS RESPONSE TO  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL  
REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

Florida City Gas (“FCG” or “the Company”), hereby files this response in opposition to the Office of Public Counsel’s (“OPC”) Request for Oral Argument (“Request”) on OPC’s Motion for Reconsideration of the Florida Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Order No. PSC-2023-0177-FOF-GU issued on June 9, 2023 (“Rate Order”). As explained below, oral argument is entirely unnecessary and would be nothing more than a needless waste of time and resources.

In support, FCG states as follows:

1. Granting or denying a request for oral argument is within the sole discretion of the Commission. Rule 25-22.0022(3), F.A.C. However, a “request for oral argument *shall state with particularity why oral argument would aid the Commissioners ... in understanding and evaluating the issues to be decided.* Rule 25-22.0022(1), F.A.C. (emphasis).

2. Other than merely repeating the standard required by the Rule, OPC’s Request fails to offer any reason **why** oral argument would aid the Commission in understanding and evaluating the issues in OPC’s Motion for Reconsideration.

3. The two contentions raised in OPC’s Motion for Reconsideration are straightforward and do not require any further explanation through oral argument. Indeed, OPC has offered nothing specific to support its request for oral argument.

4. FCG submits that OPC’s Motion for Consideration and FCG’s Response are

sufficient on their face to evaluate and decide OPC's Motion for Reconsideration without the need for further argument or explanation.

5. Under the specific facts and circumstances present here, FCG submits that oral argument is entirely unnecessary and would not be a prudent use of time and resources of the Commission, Staff, or the parties.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, FCG respectfully requests that the Commission deny OPC's Request for Oral Argument.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of June 2023,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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