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FROM :

CHRISTIANA T. MOORE, ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL CTM

RE :

DOCKET NO. 980275-GU, RULE 25-7.0131

Enclosed is a Notice of Proposed Rule Development. Industry distribution is <u>GU (Investor-owned gas utilities</u>. This document must be issued within <u>5</u> working days.

PD70131.MRD Attachments cc: Wanda Terrell

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO: 980275-GU

IN RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF RULE 25-7.0131, F.A.C. INVESTOR-OWNED GAS UTILITY REGULATORY ASSESSMENT FEES

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT

TO

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

ISSUED: March 11,1998

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 120.54, Florida Statutes, that the Florida Public Service Commission staff has initiated the development of Rule 25-7.0131, Florida Administrative Code, to amend provisions relating to investor-owned gas utility regulatory assessment fees.

The attached Notice of Proposed Rule Development will appear in the March 20, 1998, edition of the Florida Administrative Weekly. If timely requested and not deemed unnecessary by the Commission, a rule development workshop will be held at the following time and place:

> Florida Public Service Commission 10:00 a.m., April 23, 1998 Gerald Gunter Building, Room 111 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida

The request must be submitted in writing and received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850, no later than April 10, 1998.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop because of a physical impairment should call the Division of Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least five calendar days prior to the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Florida Public Service Commission by using the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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By Direction of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 11th day of March, 1998.

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director Division of Records & Reporting

Bv:

Kay Flynn, Chief Bureau of Records

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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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RULE TITLE: Regulatory Assessment RULE NO.: RULE 25-7.0131

Fees; Gas Utilities, Gas Municipals,

and Gas Districts

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To amend the rule to increase the regulatory assessment fee.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Investor-owned gas utility regulatory assessment fees.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 350.127(2), 366.14, F.S. (1989)

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 350.113, 366.14, F.S. (1989)

A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD AT THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE SHOWN BELOW:

TIME AND DATE: 10 A.M., APRIL 23, 1998

PLACE: ROOM 111, GERALD GUNTER BUILDING, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BLVD., TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850. THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: Evelyn Sewell, Division of Administration, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0862.

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:
25-7.0131 Regulatory Assessment Fees; Gas Utilities, Gas
Municipals, and Gas Districts.

- (1) No Change.
- (a) Each investor-owned gas utility shall pay a regulatory assessment fee in the amount of .005 0.00375 of its gross operating revenue derived from intrastate business, excluding sales for resale between public utilities, municipal gas utilities, and gas districts or any combination thereof.
 - (b) No Change.
 - (2) (8) (b) No Change.

Specific Authority: 350.127(2), F.S., 366.14, F.S. (1989)

Law Implemented: 350.113, F.S., 366.14, F.S. (1989)

History: New 5/18/83, formerly 25-7.131, Amended 10/16/86,

4/25/90, 07/08/96_____