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STAFF'S SIXTH DATA REQUEST NOS. 194-210

Re: Docket No. 090125-GU-Petition for increase in rates by Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Dear Ms. Keating:

By this letter, the Commission staff requests that Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake) provide responses to the following data and document requests:

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194. Of the regulated gas utilities, which of them currently have a Commission approved Competitive Rate Adjustment (CRA) mechanism. As part of this response, please explain or describe how each gas utility with a CRA mechanism recovers the shortfall (ratepayers, sharing between ratepayers and company, etc).
195. Please refer to Chesapeake's response to Staff's First Data Request, No. 1 and explain or describe how many consumers used the CRA mechanism in 2008 and in 2009.
196. Please refer to the response to Staff's First Data Request, No. 1c, and provide the same excel spreadsheet for January through December 2008.
197. Please explain or describe whether Chesapeake has filed tariff sheets for approval showing the CRA adjustment factors. If not, please explain.
198. Please explain or describe the CRA differential for the years 2005 through 2007.
199. Please supply a description of a typical customer who has an alternative fuel capability and describe which alternative fuels these customers typically have.

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200. Please refer to the response to Staff's Second Data Request, No. 79. Please explain or describe the difference between the Special Contracts and the Flexible Gas Service Contracts. As part of this response, please explain or describe whether Chesapeake is proposing to change any of the rates, or terms and conditions, contained in those contracts.
201. Please refer to the testimony of Witness Householder, page 29, lines 1-2. Since the eight Special Contract consumers receive service through Commission-approved special contracts, please explain or describe the purpose of conducting a cost of service study for the special contract consumers.
202. Please refer to the testimony of Witness Householder, page 30, lines 8-11 and explain or describe why the Flexible Gas Service (FGS) Consumers were eliminated from the cost of service study, while the Special Contract consumers were included in the cost of service.
203. Please refer to the testimony of Witness Householder, page 31, lines 9-11 and explain or describe why it is appropriate to assign the entire plant investment in Automated meter reading (AMR) technology to the shipper rate classes. As part of this response, please reference or cite to the specific MFR Schedule, page number, and line where that assignment was done.
204. Please refer to the response to Staff's Second Data Request, Nos. 86c and 87c. Please supply responses to the following:
 - a. Since the closing of the Winter Haven and Citrus County offices, please list the locations, including local businesses, where a customer may pay its bill with cash?
 - b. Does a customer pay a transaction fee when paying over the phone by credit card, debit card, or direct debit (EFT)? If so, how much?
 - c. Does a customer pay a transaction fee when paying at a local business that accepts utility bill payments? If so, how much?
 - d. Does a customer pay a transaction fee when paying on-line through Chesapeake's website? If so, how much?
 - e. Besides making on-line payments through Chesapeake's website, are there other on-line payment options available to the customer (e.g., PayPal, etc.)?
205. Please refer to Witness Geoffroy's testimony, page 36, lines 13-18, where Chesapeake proposes a surcharge mechanism to more timely recover these costs from consumers and eliminate the environmental cleanup recovery of \$71,114 annually from base rates. He also states that, once all cleanup costs are incurred, the proposed surcharge will allow Chesapeake to immediately cease recovery of these costs from ratepayers without an expensive rate filing. Besides these things mentioned in his testimony, what else does the surcharge mechanism provide to Chesapeake and/or the ratepayers? Conversely, what does recovering these environmental clean-up costs in base rates provide Chesapeake and/or the ratepayers?

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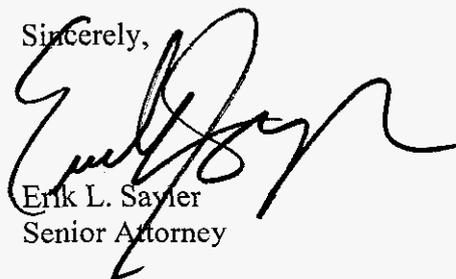
206. Please refer to MFR Schedule H-2, page 5, lines 6 and 13, special assignment. Please explain or describe whether Chesapeake proposing to move \$744,367 from a capacity to a customer allocation. As part of this response, please explain or describe the allocation of the special assignment costs to the various rate classes on line 6, with some classes receiving an increase, and others a decrease.
207. Please refer to the direct testimony of Witness Householder, page 16, lines 1-2. Please cite to where in the MFRs (page number and line) any differences in cost of service between FTS-2 and FTS-2.1, and FTS-3 and FTS-3.1 are shown.
208. MFR Schedule E-7, line 4, does not appear to show a difference in the service line, meter, and regulator costs between the FTS-2 and FTS-2.1 class. Please explain or describe why Chesapeake is proposing a higher customer charge for the FTS-2.1 class than the FTS-2 class.
209. MFR Schedule E-7, line 4, does not appear to show a difference in the service line, meter, and regulator costs between the FTS-3 and FTS-3.1 class. Please explain or describe why Chesapeake is proposing a higher customer charge for the FTS-3.1 class than the FTS-3 class.

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210. Please refer to the response to Staff's First Data Request, No. 1c, and provide the same excel spreadsheet for January through December 2008.

Please file the original and five copies of the requested information by Monday, October 5, 2009, with Ms. Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0850. Please feel free to call me at (850) 413-6084 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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