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Florida Public Service Commission  
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*Docket 120311-GU*


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**Re: Petition for Approval of a Positive Acquisition Adjustment by Florida Public Utilities Company to Reflect the Acquisition of Indiantown Gas Company**

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed is Florida Public Utilities Company's Petition for Approval to Record a Positive Acquisition Adjustment, submitted by hand delivery in the above-referenced matter.

If you have any questions, please call me at 850-521-1980.

Sincerely,  
  
Lila A. Jaber

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**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In re: Petition for Approval of a Positive Acquisition)  
Adjustment by Florida Public Utilities Company to )  
Reflect the Acquisition of Indiantown Gas )  
Company )

Docket No. 120311-6U

PETITION FOR APPROVAL  
TO RECORD A POSITIVE ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT

Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC" or Company), by and through undersigned counsel, hereby seeks approval, pursuant to Section 366.076, Florida Statutes, of the appropriate accounting recognition of a positive acquisition adjustment to reflect the purchase by FPUC of Indiantown Gas Company ("Indiantown," "IGC" n/k/a "FPUC-Indiantown Division") and to place the positive acquisition adjustment on the books of FPUC-Indiantown, recorded "above-the-line." At this time, the Company is not requesting approval of any rate adjustment.

In support of this Petition, the Company hereby states:

1. Notices and communications with respect to this petition and docket should be addressed to:

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Tallahassee, FL 32301-1804

Cheryl Martin  
Director, Regulatory Affairs  
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West Palm Beach, FL 33409

2. FPUC is an investor-owned natural gas utility providing retail natural gas service to customers in Florida and, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 366 of the Florida Statutes, it is subject to economic regulation by the Commission. FPUC also has an electric division that likewise is subject to Commission regulation under Chapter 366. FPUC serves approximately 54,000 natural gas distribution customers and 31,000 electric distribution customers in various parts of Florida. FPUC's unregulated propane distribution business operates in various parts of Florida through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Flo-Gas. FPUC is a Florida corporation, with its

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principal offices are located at 1641 Worthington Road, Suite 220, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409. It is a subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (“CUC”), a Delaware Corporation traded on the New York Stock Exchange (CPK) with an investment grade bond rating of Category 1, as rated by the NAIC. CUC’s corporate headquarters are located at 909 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware 19904.

3. On August 6, 2010, FPUC acquired Indiantown Gas Company (“Indiantown”) and with it, approximately 700 additional customers. FPUC now asks that the Commission: (1) allow FPUC to record the \$745,800 purchase price premium associated with the acquisition of Indiantown as a positive acquisition adjustment in Account 114 – Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustment on the books of FPUC-Indiantown Division; (2) authorize the Company to amortize the positive acquisition adjustment over fifteen (15) years, beginning August 1, 2010, using the straight line amortization method and that this amortization expense be recorded in Account 406 – Amortization of Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustments; and (3) find that earnings are within the allowable rate of return range as of December 31, 2011.

4. The Company’s filing made today provides the documentation and justifications consistent with the Commission’s historical five-part test for acquisition adjustments, as more fully outlined herein. The proposed acquisition adjustment meets the Commission’s standard, as set forth in the Direct Testimonies and Exhibits of Mr. Matthew Kim, Ms. Cheryl Martin, and Ms. Mariana Perea, which are submitted on behalf of the Company with this filing.

#### **Petition**

5. Having successfully acquired Indiantown in 2010, the Company now respectfully asks that the Commission allow the Company to record the \$745,800 purchase price premium associated with the subsequent successful purchase of Indiantown Gas on the books of FPUC-

Indiantown Division as a positive acquisition adjustment in Account 114 – Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustment. The Company further seeks approval to amortize the recorded amount over a 15-year period beginning August 1, 2010, under a straight line amortization schedule, reflecting the approximate date the corporate transaction between FPUC and Indiantown was consummated. In addition, the Company seeks permission to record the amortization expense in Account 406 – Amortization of Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustments. The Company is not, however, requesting approval to recover any transaction or transition costs attributable to the acquisition of IGC’s natural gas business.

6. Consistent with the standard of review applied by the Commission to such requests, the Company will demonstrate that the requested accounting recognition is appropriate because these transactions have resulted in: (1) substantial benefits for existing customers of the acquired companies in the area of improved quality of service; (2) lower operating costs; (3) increased ability to attract capital for improvements; (4) a lower overall cost of capital; and (5) more professional and experienced managerial, financial, technical and operational resources.<sup>1</sup> The testimonies and exhibits of Ms. Cheryl Martin and Ms. Mariana Perea, which are attached hereto, reflect that the Company and its customers have received significant benefits as a result of the acquisition and that these benefits are consistent with those upon which the Commission has based its approvals of prior cases addressing requests for accounting recognition of acquisition adjustments. The Direct Testimony of Mr. Matthew Kim provides additional explanation and

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<sup>1</sup> See Order No. 23858, issued in Docket No. 891353-GU – Application of Peoples Gas Systems, Inc. for a Rate Increase; Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU, issued in Docket No. 040216-GU – Application for a Rate Increase by Florida Public Utilities Company; and Order No. 07-0913-PAA-GU, issued in Docket No. 060657-GU - Petition for approval of acquisition adjustment and recognition of regulatory asset to reflect purchase of Florida City Gas by AGL Resources, Inc. See also, Order No. 18716, issued in Docket No. 870118 – GU - In re: Petition of Central Florida Gas Company to increase its rates and charges and related Order No. 23166, issued in Docket No. 891179-GU - In re: Petition of Central Florida Gas Co. and Plant City Natural Gas Co., divisions of Chesapeake Utilities, Corp., for rate increase, approving and then disallowing upon subsequent review, respectively, an acquisition adjustment.

justification for the calculation of the purchase price, the positive acquisition adjustment, and the requested amortization treatment.

7. As more fully explained in the Testimonies attached, the Company has already experienced significant, permanent savings across the new FPUC – Indiantown Division. In total, the Testimony of Ms. Cheryl Martin will reflect that the Company has achieved overall operating savings of \$187,792, all of which inure to the benefit of customers.

8. In further support of this request, the acquisition has resulted in a reduction in the cost of capital for the Indiantown Division of .24%, which amounts to an overall reduction in the Division’s annual revenue requirement of \$2,215 when applied to the 13-month average rate base for the Division. Moreover, as further reflected in Ms. Martin’s testimony, the actual operating cost savings of \$187,792 exceed the total revenue requirements of \$138,631 associated with recognition of the Positive Acquisition Adjustment.

9. In addition, if the positive acquisition is recorded as requested, the FPUC-Indiantown Division achieved Average Rate of Return (“ROR”) on the December 31, 2011 Earnings Surveillance Report (“ESR”) is 9.14%, which is below the authorized high point ROR of 9.24%. The Company also anticipates the FPUC-Indiantown Division achieved Average Rate of Return (“ROR”) on the December 31, 2012 Earnings Surveillance Report (“ESR”) with the positive acquisition adjustment, will be below the high point authorized rate of return.

10. The Commission has jurisdiction to address the Company’s request under Sections 366.06 and 366.076, Florida Statutes. The testimony and exhibits appended hereto are submitted in general conformance with the requirements of Rule 25-7.039, Florida Administrative Code, even though the Company is not seeking a rate increase.

11. Similarly, the Company respectfully requests that this matter be addressed consistent with the Proposed Agency Action process, as contemplated by Section 366.06(4), Florida Statutes. Should, however, this matter be set for hearing at any point, the Company reserves the right to provide additional testimony and exhibits, as may be necessary. Consistent with Rule 28-106.301(h), Florida Administrative Code, the Company states that it is unaware of any material facts that are in dispute at this time.


Based on the foregoing, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission:

A. authorize the Company to reflect an acquisition adjustment of \$745,800 on the books of FPUC Consolidated Natural Gas to be amortized over a 15-year period using a straight line amortization schedule;

C. find that no overearnings exist for FPUC-Indiantown;

E. conduct this proceeding in accordance with the Commission's Proposed Agency Action procedures.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 11th day of December, 2012.

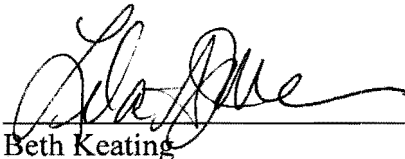


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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY ATTEST that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following by U.S. Mail this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012:

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1                   **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2                                   **DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3                                   **OF MATTHEW KIM**

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5   **Q.   PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS**  
6   **ADDRESS.**

7   A.   My name is Matthew Kim. I serve as Vice President and Corporate Controller  
8       of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake"), which is the parent  
9       company of Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC"). My business address  
10      is 909 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

11   **Q.   PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**  
12   **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

13   A.   I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree,  
14       with a major in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude, from Georgetown University  
15       in Washington, DC in 1998. I am a Certified Public Accountant, licensed in  
16       the District of Columbia. I have 15 years of professional accounting  
17       experience. I joined Chesapeake in 2009 as Corporate Controller and was  
18       appointed as Assistant Vice President and Vice President by Chesapeake's  
19       Board of Directors in 2010 and 2012, respectively. Prior to joining  
20       Chesapeake, I was Vice President and Assistant Controller at The Carlyle  
21       Group, a global private equity firm, from 2005 to 2009. I also held various  
22       audit positions with public accounting firms for over seven years, from Staff  
23       Auditor to Senior Manager. Prior to leaving public accounting, I was a Senior

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1 Manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLC.

2 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

3 A. As Vice President and Corporate Controller, I am responsible for the  
4 accounting, financial reporting and tax compliance functions within  
5 Chesapeake and all of its subsidiaries, which includes daily oversight,  
6 management, compliance and policy functions. I am also involved in the  
7 financial planning and budgeting functions within Chesapeake.

8 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED TESTIMONY BEFORE THE**  
9 **FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION?**

10 A. Yes. In 2011, I provided testimony before the Florida Public Service  
11 Commission (the "Commission") in Docket Number 110133-GU, which was  
12 FPUC's petition for approval of acquisition adjustment related to  
13 Chesapeake's acquisition of FPUC.

14 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

15 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the acquisition by FPUC of the  
16 natural gas assets of Indiantown Gas Company ("IGC" or "Indiantown") and  
17 support the calculation of and the request for recovery of the positive  
18 acquisition adjustment resulting from the transaction.

19 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS TO YOUR TESTIMONY?**

20 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following Exhibits to my testimony:

- 21 • Exhibit\_\_(MK-1) – Calculation of Natural Gas Premium;
- 22 • Exhibit\_\_(MK-2) – Fair Value Calculation of Purchased Assets; and

- 1           • Exhibit\_\_\_(MK-3) – Proposed Amortization Schedule of the Natural  
2           Gas Premium.

3   **Q.   PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ACQUISITION TRANSACTION.**

4   A.   On August 6, 2010, FPUC entered into an asset purchase agreement with  
5   IGC, whereby FPUC acquired substantially all of the natural gas assets of  
6   IGC and assumed certain liabilities, primarily customer deposits and a  
7   regulatory liability, effective July 31, 2010. The total cash paid by FPUC in  
8   this acquisition transaction was \$1,188,305. There was no non-cash  
9   consideration paid or exchanged in this transaction. Unlike Chesapeake's  
10   acquisition of FPUC, which was an exchange of stock treated as a tax-free  
11   reorganization for income tax purposes, FPUC's acquisition of IGC assets  
12   was treated as a cash purchase of assets in a taxable transaction. In a  
13   taxable asset purchase, the premium paid over the book value of the assets  
14   is eligible for future tax deduction based on applicable tax rules. Subsequent  
15   to the acquisition, FPUC established a new operating entity, FPUC-  
16   Indiantown Division, to maintain separate books and records for this division  
17   from the rest of Chesapeake's and FPUC's natural gas operation.

18   **Q.   DID THE ACQUISITION BY FPUC RESULT IN A PURCHASE PRICE  
19   GREATER THAN THE BOOK VALUE OF THE ACQUIRED NATURAL GAS  
20   ASSETS FROM IGC?**

21   A.   Yes. The amount paid by FPUC for the acquisition of the IGC natural gas  
22   assets (net of certain liabilities assumed as previously described) was  
23   \$1,188,305. The net book value of those assets at the time of the acquisition

1 was \$442,504, including a small adjustment of \$3,909 made to reduce the  
2 book value of certain assets subsequent to the acquisition. Thus, the  
3 purchase price paid by FPUC exceeded the book value of the acquired  
4 assets of the IGC natural gas business by \$745,800, as shown in  
5 Exhibit\_\_(MK-1).

6 **Q. HOW DID THE COMPANY DETERMINE THE PURCHASE PRICE FOR THE**  
7 **IGC NATURAL GAS ASSETS?**

8 A. Since only the IGC natural gas assets were acquired by FPUC, the purchase  
9 price used in the calculation of the premium as previously described was the  
10 total cash paid in the acquisition transaction. For accounting purposes, the  
11 Company prepared a bottom-up valuation calculation to support the fair value  
12 of the IGC natural gas operation. This bottom-up valuation calculation was  
13 prepared for the sole purpose of accounting and in accordance with the  
14 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("US  
15 GAAP"). This bottom-up valuation calculation used the similar methodology  
16 as the one utilized in the Discounted Cash Flow ("DCF") method of the  
17 Income Approach by the independent valuation experts to determine the fair  
18 value of FPUC's natural gas business in Chesapeake's acquisition of FPUC  
19 (Docket 110133-GU). The resulting fair value of IGC's natural gas operation  
20 under the DCF method was approximately \$1.2 million, as shown in  
21 Exhibit\_\_(MK-2). This fair value matches the \$1,188,305 paid by FPUC in  
22 this acquisition transaction (the difference is less than \$24,000 or 2 percent).

1 **Q. DID THE COMPANY USE ANY OTHER METHOD OF VALUATION TO**  
2 **VALIDATE THE FAIR VALUE PAID BY FPUC IN THIS ACQUISITION**  
3 **TRANSACTION?**

4 A. Under US GAAP, fair value can also be determined by the Market Approach  
5 and Cost Approach, in addition to the DCF method of the Income Approach.  
6 In this case, IGC's natural gas operation was too small to identify comparable  
7 companies and similar acquisitions with the publicly available information.  
8 Due to this limitation, the Company did not utilize the Guideline Company  
9 Method and Similar Transaction Method of the Market Approach, which were  
10 two other methods utilized in addition to the DCF method in the independent  
11 valuation of FPUC's natural gas business in Chesapeake's acquisition of  
12 FPUC (Docket 110133-GU). It should be noted that even in the independent  
13 valuation of FPUC in Docket 110133-GU, only a small weight of 20 percent  
14 was given to the Market Approach, with the remaining 80 percent of the  
15 weight given to the DCF method of the Income Approach. The Cost  
16 Approach is usually not utilized when valuing an on-going, profitable  
17 operation and therefore, it was not utilized in this valuation. The use of only  
18 the DCF method in calculating the fair value of IGC's natural gas operation in  
19 this case is reasonable, given the limitation and relatively small size, and is in  
20 accordance with US GAAP.

21 **Q. DID THE COMPANY OBTAIN THE VALUATION FROM INDEPENDENT**  
22 **VALUATION EXPERTS?**

1 A. No. Due to the small size of the transaction, this bottom-up valuation  
2 calculation (Exhibit\_\_(MK-2)) was prepared by the Company's accounting  
3 staff, rather than independent valuation experts as was the case for  
4 Chesapeake's acquisition of FPUC in Docket 110133-GU. In other words, it  
5 would not have been cost effective to seek an independent valuation of the  
6 IGC transaction.

7 **Q. WHY DID THE COMPANY PAY THE PREMIUM TO ACQUIRE IGC'S**  
8 **ASSETS? WHY IS THIS PREMIUM APPROPRIATE FOR THE IGC**  
9 **TRANSACTION?**

10 A. IGC was a small, family-owned natural gas distribution company. It provided  
11 natural gas transportation service to approximately 700 customers in  
12 Indiantown, Florida, with two large industrial customers accounting for the  
13 majority of the natural gas delivery volume. Like many small, family-owned  
14 businesses, IGC had a relatively high cost of service due to their lack of  
15 economies of scale. IGC also experienced difficulty attracting capital and  
16 lacked the depth of operational and management resources to expand the  
17 system beyond the existing distribution footprint, which are typical to small  
18 utility operations. It is located adjacent to FPUC's largest natural gas  
19 distribution operating division, West Palm Beach. This geographic proximity  
20 provides the opportunity for significant synergies and cost savings to be  
21 harvested. IGC provides unbundled transportation service with the majority of  
22 its delivery volume to serve large industrial customers, which Chesapeake  
23 has significant experience through the similar operational background in its

1 Florida division. Based on these facts, IGC was an attractive acquisition  
2 target and was consistent with the FPUC strategic plan for natural gas system  
3 growth. In small acquisitions such as this one, it is not unusual for the  
4 premium to appear high relative to the book value of the assets acquired due  
5 to the low book value of assets as a result of lack of growth in the business  
6 prior to the acquisition and significant opportunities for synergies and savings.

7 **Q. IS THE COMPANY SEEKING APPROVAL OF THE NATURAL GAS**  
8 **POSITIVE ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT OF \$745,800?**

9 A. Yes, as further described in the testimony of Ms. Cheryl Martin and Ms.  
10 Mariana Perea, the Company believes that it has demonstrated, through the  
11 “five factor test,” that extraordinary circumstances exist and is therefore  
12 appropriate for the Commission to approve the \$745,800 positive acquisition  
13 adjustment in this case.

14 **Q. WHAT REGULATORY TREATMENT OF THE POSITIVE ACQUISITION**  
15 **ADJUSTMENT IS BEING REQUESTED BY FPUC?**

16 A. FPUC is requesting that the Commission approve a) the total purchase  
17 premium or positive acquisition adjustment of \$745,800 to be recorded on  
18 FPUC – Indiantown Division’s natural books in Account 114 – Gas Plant  
19 Acquisition Adjustment; and b) the amortization of the positive acquisition  
20 adjustment to Account 406, Amortization of Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustment,  
21 as an above-the-line expense over 15 years for ratemaking and earnings  
22 surveillance purposes.

1 **Q. IS FPUC SEEKING ANY OTHER REGULATORY TREATMENT**  
2 **ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACQUISITION?**

3 A. No. FPUC is not requesting approval to recover any transaction or transition  
4 costs attributable to the acquisition of IGC's natural gas business.

5 **Q. IS FPUC REQUESTING AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS CURRENTLY**  
6 **APPROVED RATES IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

7 A. No. The Company is seeking Commission approval to place the positive  
8 acquisition adjustment into the FPUC – Indiantown Division's rate base and  
9 the associated amortization amount to be recorded "above-the-line" in the  
10 FPUC – Indiantown Division's cost of service and earnings surveillance  
11 reports.

12 **Q. WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMORTIZATION POLICY OF**  
13 **THE COMMISSION?**

14 A. The Commission has authorized positive acquisition adjustments in several  
15 natural gas cases, including Peoples Gas' acquisition of Southern Gas  
16 Company (Order No. 23858); FPUC's acquisition of South Florida Natural  
17 Gas (Order No. PSC-04-1110-PAA-GU); AGL's acquisition of NUI (Order No.  
18 PSC-07-0913-PAA-GU); Chesapeake's acquisition of Central Florida Gas  
19 (Order No. 18716); and, most recently, Chesapeake's acquisition of FPUC  
20 (Order No. PSC-12-0010-PAA-GU). In most of these cases, the Commission  
21 has approved a 30-year amortization period although the Commission  
22 approved a shorter amortization period for a smaller acquisition adjustment,  
23 as was the case for the Chesapeake acquisition of Central Florida Gas where

1 the amortization period was 15-years. The Commission approved the  
2 amortization to begin essentially at the acquisition closing date using the  
3 straight-line method.

4 **Q. IS THE COMPANY PROPOSING SIMILAR TREATMENT?**

5 A. Yes, the Company is proposing a fifteen (15) year amortization period for the  
6 positive acquisition adjustment, based on the Commission's approval in the  
7 Chesapeake acquisition of Central Florida Gas. Due to the size of this  
8 acquisition, and the relatively low revenue requirement for the acquisition  
9 premium, the Company believes that a shorter amortization period than that  
10 generally approved by the Commission for larger transactions, like  
11 Chesapeake's acquisition of FPUC, is appropriate. Exhibit\_\_\_ (MK-3) shows  
12 the Company's proposed amortization schedule.

13 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

14 A. Yes.



	Originally Recorded At Acquisition	Subsequent Adjustment in 2010	Total	
Purchase price	\$ 1,188,305	\$ -	\$ 1,188,305	See Note 1
Net assets purchased - at book value:				
Assets purchased at closing:				
Mains - plastic	192,545		192,545	See Note 2 & Note 4
Mains - steel	249,316		249,316	
Measuring and regulator equipment	47,982		47,982	
Services - plastic	106,771		106,771	
Meters	64,830		64,830	
Meter installations	15,792		15,792	
House regulators	20,316		20,316	
Measuring and regulator equipment-industrial	99,570		99,570	
Utility land and rights	12,500		12,500	
Building, structures and improvement	171,895		171,895	
Office furniture	27,774		27,774	
Computer equipment	13,228		13,228	
Tools, shop and garage equipment	13,438		13,438	
Power operated equipment	25,970		25,970	
Other equipment - miscellaneous	13,647		13,647	
Computer software	26,589		26,589	
A/D - mains - plastic	(168,630)	67,967	(100,663)	
A/D - mains - steel	(223,677)	(23,782)	(247,459)	
A/D - mains replacement	1,924		1,924	
A/D - Measuring and regulator equipment	(5,453)	(11,885)	(17,338)	
A/D - Services - plastic	(26,904)	(31,721)	(58,625)	
A/D - Meters	(19,347)	(7,653)	(27,000)	
A/D - Meter Installations	(4,370)	968	(3,402)	
A/D - House regulators	(5,593)	(842)	(6,435)	
A/D - House regulators install	-		-	
A/D - Measuring and regulator equipment-industrial	(71,229)	4,243	(66,986)	
A/D - Building, structures and improvement	(50,000)		(50,000)	
A/D - Office furniture	(13,870)		(13,870)	
A/D - Computer equipment	(2,758)	(1,204)	(3,962)	
A/D - Tools, shop and garage equipment	927		927	
A/D - Power operated equipment	(7,951)		(7,951)	
A/D - Other equipment miscellaneous	(6,646)		(6,646)	
A/D - Computer software	(9,755)		(9,755)	
Liabilities assume at closing				
Property tax payable	(2,128)		(2,128)	See Note 3
Customer deposit	(19,898)		(19,898)	
ECCR over-recovery (regulatory liability)	(16,263)		(16,263)	
Interest on customer deposits	(2,883)		(2,883)	
Accrued taxes	(1,245)		(1,245)	
Net assets purchased - book value	<u>446,414</u>	<u>(3,909)</u>	<u>442,505</u>	
Purchase premium	<u>\$ 741,891</u>	<u>\$ 3,909</u>	<u>\$ 745,800</u>	

- Note 1 No outside valuation work was prepared due to lack of materiality. The Company's accounting staff prepared the fair value calculation of Indiantown Gas Company's natural gas operation, which resulted in the value of approximately \$1.2 million, which supports the fairness of this price paid by Florida Public Utilities Company.
- Note 2 The only assets acquired in the transaction were plant assets. Transportation equipment-vehicle was excluded from the acquisition as specified in the asset purchase agreement. The book value of the plant assets and accumulated depreciation at acquisition reflects that general ledger balance at July 31, 2010 maintained by Indiantown Gas Company.
- In December 2010 after the further review of the accumulated depreciation balance, the Company made certain adjustments to the initial acquisition entry. The net impact was not material (a reduction of assets by \$3,909).
- Note 3 Since the transaction was an asset purchase, most of Indiantown Gas Company's liabilities were not assumed by Florida Public Utilities Company. Certain liabilities, mostly customer deposit, regulatory liability and accrued expenses that Florida Public Utilities Company will pay along with the regularly scheduled future payment, were assumed in the transaction.
- Note 4 No intangible asset from Indiantown Gas Company was acquired in the transaction. The former owners of Indiantown Gas Company signed a non-compete agreement; however, the non-compete agreement had no previous book value and determined not to have any material fair value due the following reasons:
- (a) regulatory restriction in providing the service to the existing or future customers in the franchised areas;
  - (b) physical restriction and intensive capital requirement to compete; and
  - (c) lack of economic substance to such agreement in a rate-regulated environment.

Calculation of total invested capital

Sum of present value of DFNCF	\$	408,380										
Present value of terminal value	\$	803,586										
<b>Fair value of net assets</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,211,965</b>										
Growth assumption			2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%						
Operating expense increase assumption			3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%						
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5					
Gross margin	\$	557,577	\$	568,729	\$	580,103	\$	591,705	\$	603,540		
Operating expenses	\$	319,489	\$	329,074	\$	338,946	\$	349,115	\$	359,588		
Add back - Depreciation and ARC	\$	(48,283)	\$	(49,731)	\$	(51,223)	\$	(52,760)	\$	(54,343)		
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>286,371</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>289,386</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>292,380</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>295,351</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>298,294</b>		
Tax depreciation	\$	35,491	\$	70,248	\$	69,691	\$	70,605	\$	73,608		
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>250,880</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>219,138</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>222,690</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>224,745</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>224,686</b>		
Income taxes - at 38.575%	\$	96,777	\$	84,532	\$	85,903	\$	86,696	\$	86,673		
<b>Debt-free net income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>154,103</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>134,605</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>136,787</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>138,050</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>138,014</b>		
Plus: Tax depreciation	\$	35,491	\$	70,248	\$	69,691	\$	70,605	\$	73,608		
Less: Capital expenditures	\$	(98,283)	\$	(99,731)	\$	(101,223)	\$	(102,760)	\$	(104,343)		
Less: Pension contribution	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$			
(Increase)/decrease in DFNWC	\$	5,576	\$	112	\$	114	\$	116	\$	118		
<b>Debt-free net working capital</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>96,887</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105,234</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>105,368</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>106,011</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>107,397</b>		
Present value factor - at 10.0%		95.143%		86.124%		77.961%		70.571%		63.882%		
<b>Present value of DFNCF</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>92,181</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>90,632</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>82,146</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>74,813</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>68,607</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>408,380</b>

Discount rate

Equity	60%	13.8%	8.3%
Debt	40%	3.7%	1.5%
			9.8%

Terminal value

EBITDA	\$	295,342
Less: Tax depreciation	\$	86,424
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>208,918</b>

Cost of debt

Debt borrowing rate	6.1%
Income tax rate	38.575%
<b>After tax cost of debt</b>	<b>3.7%</b>

Income taxes - at 38.575%	\$	80,590
<b>Debt-free net income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>128,328</b>

Plus: Tax depreciation	\$	86,424
Less: Capital expenditures	\$	(102,775)
Less: Pension contribution	\$	-
(Increase)/decrease in DFNWC	\$	116
<b>Debt-free net working capital</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>112,092</b>

Debt-free net working capital	\$	112,092
Terminal growth rate		1.00%
	\$	113,213

Divided by capitalization rate		9.00%
	\$	1,257,926

Present value factor - at 10.0%		63.882%
	\$	803,586

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY  
**Proposed Amortization Schedule of the Natural Gas Premium**  
**15 YEAR AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE**

Exhibit (MK-3)  
Page 1 of 1

\$ 745,800 Acquisition Premium  
\$ - Regulatory Assets  
\$ 745,800 Total

Per the Commission Practice (Straight Line)

Calendar Year	No of Months	Amortization Expense			Remaining Balance - at year-end		
		Reg Asset Amortization	Acq Premium Amortization	Total Amortization	Reg Asset	Acq Premium	Total
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 745,800	\$ 745,800
2010	5	\$ -	\$ 20,717	\$ 20,717	\$ -	\$ 725,083	\$ 725,083
2011	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 675,363	\$ 675,363
2012	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 625,643	\$ 625,643
2013	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 575,923	\$ 575,923
2014	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 526,203	\$ 526,203
2015	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 476,483	\$ 476,483
2016	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 426,763	\$ 426,763
2017	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 377,043	\$ 377,043
2018	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 327,323	\$ 327,323
2019	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 277,603	\$ 277,603
2020	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 227,883	\$ 227,883
2021	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 178,163	\$ 178,163
2022	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 128,443	\$ 128,443
2023	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 78,723	\$ 78,723
2024	12	\$ -	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ -	\$ 29,003	\$ 29,003
2025	7	\$ -	\$ 29,003	\$ 29,003	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0
	<u>180</u>	\$ -	\$ 745,800	\$ 745,800			

1                   **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2                                   **DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3                                   **OF CHERYL MARTIN**

4   **Q.   PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION AND BUSINESS**  
5   **ADDRESS.**

6   A.   My name is Cheryl Martin. I am the Director of Regulatory Affairs for  
7       Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPUC"). My business address is 1641  
8       Worthington Road, Suite 220, West Palm Beach, Florida 33409.

9   **Q.   PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND**  
10 **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

11 A.   I attended Florida State University and graduated in 1984 with a Bachelor  
12       of Science degree in Accounting. I am also a Certified Public Accountant  
13       in the State of Florida. I have been employed by FPUC since 1985 and  
14       have performed numerous accounting and regulatory roles and functions  
15       including regulatory accounting (Fuel, PGA, conservation, rate  
16       proceedings, Earnings Surveillance Reports (ESR) and regulatory  
17       reporting), tax accounting, external reports, corporate accounting and  
18       Florida accounting. In August 2011, I was promoted to my current position  
19       of Director of Regulatory Affairs. I have been an expert witness for  
20       numerous proceedings before the Florida Public Service Commission  
21       (FPSC).

22 **Q.   PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES.**

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1 A. In my current position, I am responsible for all Florida regulatory functions  
2 for the Company's natural gas and electric operating units.

3 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE COMPANY'S FILING?**

4 A. The Company is seeking Commission approval for recovery of a positive  
5 acquisition adjustment for the natural gas asset purchase of Indiantown  
6 Gas Company (IGC) on the books of FPUC – Indiantown Division and  
7 authority to amortize the requested amount over a fifteen (15) year period.

8 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

9 A. My testimony explains and supports the Company's request for recovery  
10 of a positive acquisition adjustment related to the FPUC acquisition of  
11 IGC. I will also describe, in conjunction with Ms. Mariana Perea, Director  
12 of Customer Care and Mr. Matthew Kim –Vice President and Corporate  
13 Controller, the qualitative and quantitative benefits to customers that are a  
14 direct result of FPUC's acquisition of IGC. I will outline how, as a result of  
15 these benefits, the Company has met the five-factor test traditionally  
16 applied by the Commission for determining whether a Company should be  
17 allowed to recover a positive acquisition adjustment.

18 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS TO YOUR TESTIMONY?**

19 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following Exhibits to my testimony:

- 20 • Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-1) – Indiantown Gas Company June 30, 2010 ESR
- 21 • Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-2) – FPUC – Indiantown Division December 31, 2011  
22 ESR
- 23 • Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-3) – Calculation of Operating Savings

- 1 • Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-4) – Calculation of Acquisition Premium Revenue
- 2 Requirements and Comparison to Operating Savings
- 3 • Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-5) – Cost of Capital Savings Calculation

4 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COMPANY’S SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR**  
5 **COMMISSION ACTION INCLUDED IN ITS PETITION.**

6 A. The Company requests that the Commission take the following actions:

- 7 1. Grant the Company authority to record the \$745,800 purchase
- 8 price premium as a positive acquisition adjustment in Account 114
- 9 – Gas Plant Acquisition Adjustment;
- 10 2. Authorize the Company to amortize the positive acquisition
- 11 adjustment over fifteen (15) years, beginning August 1, 2010, using
- 12 the straight line amortization method and that this amortization
- 13 expense be recorded in Account 406 – Amortization of Gas Plant
- 14 Acquisition Adjustments; and
- 15 3. Find that no over-earnings exist as of December 31, 2011 and,
- 16 therefore, no refund to customers is required.

17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT**  
18 **COMMISSION POLICY REGARDING ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENTS.**

19 A. It is my understanding that the Commission looks at each particular  
20 acquisition individually. If there are extraordinary circumstances that can  
21 be demonstrated, then the Commission may allow recovery of the positive  
22 acquisition adjustment. The Commission has historically utilized a “Five  
23 Factor Test” to determine whether such extraordinary circumstances exist.

1 The Five Factor Test assesses the beneficial nature of the acquisition with  
2 regard to the existing customers of the Company. The Five Factors  
3 included in the Commission test are: 1) Increased quality of service; 2)  
4 Lower operating costs; 3) Increased ability to attract capital for  
5 improvements; 4) Lower overall cost of capital; and 5) More professional  
6 and experienced managerial, financial, technical and operational  
7 resources.

8 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COMPANY'S POSITION ON WHETHER**  
9 **EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN DEMONSTRATED**  
10 **THAT WARRANT A POSITIVE ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT.**

11 A. The Company believes that in the short span of time between the  
12 consummation of the acquisition and this filing, it has met - and/or  
13 exceeded - the "Five Factor Test" criteria historically used by the  
14 Commission to determine whether extraordinary circumstances exist to  
15 support approval of a positive acquisition adjustment. The Company can  
16 demonstrate that it has: 1) significantly improved the quality of service  
17 provided to customers, without the Commission receiving a single  
18 consumer complaint since the acquisition; 2) achieved a reduction in  
19 operating costs (inclusive of cost of capital savings) that exceed the  
20 revenue requirements associated with a positive acquisition adjustment,  
21 thus providing net benefits to consumers. 3) provided IGC with superior  
22 access to capital for system growth and improvements; 4) reduced IGC's  
23 post-merger cost of capital; and 5) strengthened the managerial, financial,



1 technical and operational resources of the combined company. Therefore,  
2 the Company requests Commission approval of the Positive Acquisition  
3 Adjustment resulting from the transaction.

4 **Q. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THE COMPANY'S SERVICE QUALITY**  
5 **IMPROVEMENTS?**

6 A. Ms. Perea's testimony provides an overview of the philosophical,  
7 organizational and technical improvements the Company has  
8 implemented to improve service quality.

9 **Q. WHAT HAS THE COMPANY USED AS ITS BASIS FOR DETERMINING**  
10 **THE LEVEL OF OPERATING SAVINGS DERIVED FROM THE**  
11 **ACQUISITION?**

12 A. The Company has used for comparative purposes the Operations &  
13 Maintenance (O&M) costs of IGC immediately prior to the acquisition (the  
14 June 30, 2010 ESR, attached as Exhibit\_\_(CM-1)) with the FPUC –  
15 Indiantown ESR as of December 31, 2011 (attached as Exhibit\_\_(CM-2).  
16 The Company believes that this is the most appropriate data to compare  
17 in this instance, because IGC's last general rate proceeding occurred well  
18 in the past using a Historic Test Year ending December 31, 2002.

19 **Q. WHAT LEVEL OF OPERATING SAVINGS HAS THE COMPANY**  
20 **ACHIEVED?**

21 A. As shown on Exhibit\_\_(CM-3), the comparison of ESR reports shows  
22 that Operating (O&M) expenses reflect a savings of \$187,792 per year.  
23 The primary savings results from the reduction of IGC personnel. No

1 employees were retained, but an O&M Agreement with IGC was  
2 implemented so that local service (turn-ons and offs, walk-in payments,  
3 etc.) to customers remained intact. FPUC, due to the proximity of its West  
4 Palm Beach service territory now performs most services (customer  
5 service, accounting & regulatory, scheduled operational and maintenance  
6 tasks, etc.) with its existing employees, rather than the hiring or retention  
7 of IGC employees. Although the FPUC employees charge their time  
8 appropriately to FPUC – Indiantown Division, significant savings have  
9 occurred when compared to IGC as a stand-alone entity.

10 **Q. ARE THE SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY THE COMPANY PERMANENT OR**  
11 **TEMPORARY?**

12 A. The savings achieved by the Company are permanent. The  
13 Commission's practice has been to continue to review the permanency of  
14 the cost savings supporting the approval of the positive acquisition  
15 adjustment in all future rate proceedings. The level of savings over the  
16 proposed fifteen year amortization period is expected to be greater than  
17 the revenue requirements of the positive acquisition adjustment, which  
18 decline over time. Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-4) compares the achieved savings with  
19 the revenue requirements of the positive acquisition adjustment over the  
20 proposed fifteen year amortization life.

21 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COST OF CAPITAL SAVINGS.**

22 A. The IGC June 30, 2010 ESR reflects an overall cost of capital of 8.92%.  
23 The December 31, 2011 FPUC – Indiantown Division ESR filed with the

1 Commission reflected an overall cost of capital of 8.68%. The overall cost  
2 of capital has declined by 0.24%, which results in a lower annual revenue  
3 requirement of \$2,215 when applied to the 13-month average rate base at  
4 December 31, 2011 (without the acquisition related rate base items) of  
5 \$569,879. Exhibit \_\_ (CM-5) shows the calculation of the cost of capital  
6 savings.

7 **Q. WITH REGARD TO INCREASED ABILITY TO ATTRACT CAPITAL AND**  
8 **LOWER OVERALL COST OF CAPITAL, THE THIRD AND FOURTH**  
9 **FACTORS OF THE "FIVE FACTOR TEST," IS THERE ADDITIONAL**  
10 **INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THE COMPANY'S DEMONSTRATION**  
11 **ON THESE POINTS?**

12 A. Yes. IGC, due to its size,\* did not have a credit rating and was extremely  
13 limited in its ability to attract capital, either debt or equity. At the time of  
14 the acquisition, IGC's long-term debt outstanding was under \$400,000. By  
15 comparison, Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's ("Chesapeake"), FPUC's  
16 parent company, long-term debt is rated NAIC 1, which is equivalent to  
17 Standard and Poor's AAA to A- rating. Chesapeake's ratings result in a  
18 superior ability to attract capital at lower costs. In conjunction with the  
19 merger with FPUC, Chesapeake successfully negotiated the re-financing  
20 of four series of FPUC's secured first mortgage bonds, with lower cost  
21 unsecured Chesapeake Senior Notes. Chesapeake has access to \$140  
22 million of short-term debt via four short-term lines of credit and one  
23 revolving facility. The short-term debt includes two committed facilities

1 totaling \$60 million and three uncommitted facilities totaling \$80 million. In  
2 addition, Chesapeake, over the 10-year period immediately prior to the  
3 IGC acquisition, had obtained well over \$100 million of competitively  
4 priced, unsecured long-term debt.

5 **Q. THE FIFTH FACTOR OF THE TEST PERTAINS TO MORE**  
6 **PROFESSIONAL AND EXPERIENCED RESOURCES OF THE**  
7 **ACQUIRING COMPANY. WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD THE**  
8 **COMMISSION CONSIDER WITH REGARD TO THIS FACTOR?**

9 A. Chesapeake, including its FPUC subsidiary owns and operates several  
10 business units: 1) natural gas utility operations in Florida, Delaware and  
11 Maryland; 2) a FERC-regulated natural gas interstate transmission  
12 pipeline which interconnects with three major interstate pipelines in  
13 Pennsylvania, traverses through Delaware and terminates in Maryland on  
14 the Delmarva peninsula; 3) a Commission-regulated natural gas intrastate  
15 transmission pipeline; 4) electric utility operations in Florida; and 5)  
16 propane distribution operations in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia,  
17 Pennsylvania and Florida, as well as, a propane trading company located  
18 in Houston, Texas. The Company is experienced in both mild and cold  
19 climates and serves both urban and rural areas. When one compares the  
20 Company's performance related to both growth and return on investment,  
21 it consistently ranks at or near the very top in its peer group. In addition,  
22 the strength and commitment of the Company's leadership team is  
23 reflected by the fact that Chesapeake is a multiple winner of the AGA Gas

1 Safety Award. Thus, at the corporate parent level, the Company has  
2 extensive experience and resources in financing, operations, and  
3 regulatory management. With regard to the Company's Florida operation,  
4 the Florida system itself encompasses a wide variety of operational  
5 characteristics within the system. Its most extreme system operating  
6 parameters include 12" distribution mains, operating pressures of up to  
7 721 pounds, providing service to electric cogeneration facilities and other  
8 industrial customers who, individually, consume up to 35 million therms  
9 per year. Many of these facilities fall under the Pipeline Integrity  
10 Management rules. The Florida operation serves approximately 70  
11 industrial customers that consume over 100,000 therms per year. The  
12 Company serves customers in 13 counties throughout the state of Florida.  
13 Chesapeake's Florida operations have approximately 35 city gate stations  
14 interconnected with three major interstate transmission pipelines: FGT,  
15 Gulfstream and SONAT. The experience gained from operating and  
16 maintaining these system facilities have resulted in technical and  
17 operational skills and knowledge that can be used to further strengthen  
18 IGC, and sets the combined company apart from most other utilities in  
19 Florida. The Company's personnel have become very proficient with  
20 electronic measurement, communications, odorizing equipment and other  
21 highly technical distribution and transmission system devices.

22 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY AS IT RELATES**  
23 **SPECIFICALLY TO THE "FIVE FACTOR" TEST?**

1 A. Yes.

2 **Q. CAN YOU QUANTIFY THE AMOUNT FOR THE POSITIVE**  
3 **ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT?**

4 A. Yes, the Positive Acquisition Adjustment amount for which the Company is  
5 seeking rate base treatment is \$745,800. The testimony of Mr. Matthew  
6 Kim explains in more detail how this amount is derived.

7 **Q. HAS THE COMPANY CALCULATED THE REVENUE REQUIREMENTS**  
8 **OF THE POSITIVE ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT?**

9 A. Yes. There are two components that comprise the total revenue  
10 requirements of the positive acquisition adjustment: the “return on  
11 investment” component and the “return of investment” component. Exhibit  
12 CM-4 details the calculation of the revenue requirements of the \$745,800  
13 positive acquisition adjustment. The Company calculated the 13-month  
14 average premium amount and the 13-month average accumulated  
15 amortization (reflecting the straight-line amortization) for the period ending  
16 December 31, 2011. The Company utilized the 13-month average FPUC  
17 – Indiantown Division capital structure reflected in the as-filed ESR to  
18 determine the after-tax return requirements and then, applying the  
19 appropriate federal and state income tax rate, calculated the total revenue  
20 requirement of this component (return on investment) of the positive  
21 acquisition adjustment. The revenue requirements for the “return on  
22 investment” component of the positive acquisition adjustment are \$88,911  
23 for 2011.

1 **Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE REVENUE**  
2 **REQUIREMENT RELATED TO THE POSITIVE ACQUISITION**  
3 **ADJUSTMENT?**

4 A. Yes. In addition to the "return on investment" component, there is the  
5 "return of investment" or amortization component. The revenue  
6 requirements for the "return of investment" component of the positive  
7 acquisition adjustment are \$49,720. Therefore, the total revenue  
8 requirements in 2011 for the positive acquisition adjustment, as calculated  
9 herein, utilizing the straight-line amortization method are \$138,631.

10 **Q. HOW DO THE ACHIEVED SAVINGS COMPARE TO THE COSTS OF**  
11 **THE POSITIVE ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT?**

12 A. The total amount of actual operating cost savings is \$191,449, which is  
13 greater than the total revenue requirements of \$138,631 for the Positive  
14 Acquisition Adjustment.

15 **Q. WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE POSITIVE ACQUISITION**  
16 **ADJUSTMENT ON THE DECEMBER 31, 2011 ESR FOR FPUC –**  
17 **INDIANTOWN DIVISION?**

18 A. If the Commission grants the Company's request for approval of the  
19 positive acquisition adjustment for all financial purposes, with an effective  
20 date of August 1, 2010, then, as shown on Exhibit\_\_\_(CM-2), FPUC –  
21 Indiantown Division would have achieved an Average ROR of 9.14% on  
22 the December 31, 2011 ESR, which is below the authorized high point  
23 ROR of 9.24%.

1 Q. BASED ON YOUR ANALYSIS, ARE THERE ANY OVER-EARNINGS  
2 FOR FPUC – INDIANTOWN DIVISION FOR THE PERIOD ENDING  
3 DECEMBER 31, 2011?

4 A. No.

5 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

6 A. Yes.



**Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_ (CM-1)**  
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INDIANTOWN GAS COMPANY  
 RATE OF RETURN REPORT SUMMARY  
 08/30/2010

SCHEDULE 1

	(1) ACTUAL PER BOOKS	(2) FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(3) FPSC ADJUSTED	(4) PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	(5) PRO FORMA ADJUSTED
<b>I. AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN (JURISDICTIONAL)</b>					
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$ 22,183	\$ 3,324	-\$ 18,827	\$ 0	-\$ 18,827
AVERAGE RATE BASE	\$ 201,445	\$ 413,513	\$ 614,958	\$ 0	\$ 614,958
AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN	-11.00%		-3.06%		-3.06%
<b>II. YEAR-END RATE OF RETURN (JURISDICTIONAL)</b>					
NET OPERATING INCOME	-\$ 22,169	\$ 3,326	-\$ 18,827	\$ 0	-\$ 18,827
YEAR-END RATE BASE	\$ 157,794	\$ 440,301	\$ 598,085	\$ 0	\$ 598,085
YEAR-END RATE OF RETURN	-14.05%		-3.15%		-3.15%

**III. REQUIRED RATES OF RETURN  
 AVERAGE CAPITAL STRUCTURE  
 (FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS)**

LOW	8.38%
MIDPOINT	8.82%
HIGH	9.46%

**IV. EARNED RETURN ON EQUITY  
 (FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS)**

A.	INCL COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	-10.96%
B.	EXCL COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	-10.88%

I am aware that Section 687.08, Florida Statutes, provides:

Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Melissa Powers  
 Chief Financial Officer

Signature

Date

*Melissa M. Powers*      9-8-10

INDIANTOWN GAS COMPANY  
AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED 06/30/2010  
RATE BASE

	(1) PLANT IN SERVICE	(2) ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	(3) PLANT IN SERVICE	(4) NET PROPERTY HELD FOR FUTURE USE	(5) CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS	(6) NET UTILITY PLANT	(7) WORKING CAPITAL	(8) TOTAL RATE BASE
PER BOOKS	\$1,202,801	(625,423)	\$577,173	\$0	\$124	\$577,297	(\$378,862)	\$201,445
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:								
ELIMINATIONS TO WORKING CAPITAL								
COMMON PLANT - NON-UTILITY OPERATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$418,613	\$418,613
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$1,202,801	(625,423)	\$577,173	\$0	\$124	\$577,297	\$37,261	\$614,938
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUE	\$1,202,801	(625,423)	\$577,173	\$0	\$124	\$577,297	\$37,261	\$614,938
PRO FORMA REVENUE INCREASE AND ANNUALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$1,202,801	(625,423)	\$577,173	\$0	\$124	\$577,297	\$37,261	\$614,938

SCHEDULE 2  
PAGE 2 OF 2

INDIAN TOWN GAS COMPANY  
AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED 06/30/2010  
INCOME STATEMENT

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	OPERATING REVENUES	O & M GAS EXPENSE	O & M OTHER	DEPR. & AMORTIZATION	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES	INCOME TAXES CURRENT	D.I.T. (NET)	I.T.C. (NET)	GAINS/LOSSES ON DISPOSITION	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(11) NET OPERATING INCOME
PER BOOKS	\$628,613	\$0	\$622,306	\$66,446	\$17,610	\$0,369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,162)
PP&G ADJUSTMENTS:											
1) Cleaning Expenses			\$0			\$0					\$0
2) Employee Uniforms			\$0			\$0					\$0
3) CEO Car Projects			\$0			\$0					\$0
4) Non-Jury Damages Expense Allocations			\$0			\$0					\$0
5) Intellectual Property			\$0			\$0					\$0
6) AAA & YMCA Membership Dues			\$0			\$0					\$0
7) Unallocated CFO Salary			\$0			\$0					\$0
8) Employee Activities			\$0			\$0					\$0
9) Executive Retirement Expenses			\$0			\$0					\$0
10) Health Life Insurance Expenses			\$0			\$0					\$0
11) ADA Dues			\$0			\$0					\$0
12) Advertising Expenses			\$0			\$0					\$0
13) Elfraine Charitable Contributions			\$0			\$0					\$0
14) Non-Utility Property Taxes			\$0			\$0					\$0
15) Internal Stockpurchases			\$0		\$2	(\$3,334)				(\$3,334)	\$3,334
16) Depreciation Expense - Contract Plant			\$0	\$0		\$0				\$0	\$0
17) Depreciation Expense - pre-1970 Plant			\$0	\$0		\$0				\$0	\$0
18) Depreciation Expense - New Hope Substation			\$0	\$0		\$0				\$0	\$0
TOTAL PP&G ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PP&G ADJUSTED	\$628,613	\$0	\$622,306	\$66,446	\$17,610	\$0,369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,162)
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES - DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	\$0										
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$628,613	\$0	\$622,306	\$66,446	\$17,610	\$0,369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,162)
PRO FORMA REVENUE INCREASE & AMORTIZATION ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$628,613	\$0	\$622,306	\$66,446	\$17,610	\$0,369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,162)

INDIAN TOWN GAS COMPANY  
YEAR END RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 06/30/2010  
RATE BASE

	(1) PLANT IN SERVICE	(2) ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	(3) PLANT IN SERVICE	(4) NET PROPERTY HELD FOR FUTURE USE	(5) CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS	(6) NET UTILITY PLANT	(7) WORKING CAPITAL	(8) TOTAL RATE BASE
PER BOOKS	\$1,190,037	(8538,263)	\$551,874	\$0	\$0	\$551,874	(8599,690)	\$157,794
FP&C ADJUSTMENTS:								
	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ELIMINATIONS TO WORKING CAPITAL							\$440,301	\$440,301
COMMON PLANT - NON-UTILITY OPERATIONS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL FP&C ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440,301	\$440,301
FP&C ADJUSTED	\$1,190,037	(8538,263)	\$551,874	\$0	\$0	\$551,874	\$46,421	\$598,095
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADMITTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUE	\$1,190,037	(8538,263)	\$551,874	\$0	\$0	\$551,874	\$46,421	\$598,095
PRO FORMA REVENUE INCREASE AND ANNUALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$1,190,037	(8538,263)	\$551,874	\$0	\$0	\$551,874	\$46,421	\$598,095

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INDIANTRON GAS COMPANY  
YEAR END STATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 12/31/2010  
INCOME STATEMENT

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	OPERATING REVENUES	O & M GAS EXPENSE	O & M OTHER	DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME	INCOME TAXES CURRENT	D.I.T. (NET)	INTL. (NET)	CASH LOSS ON DISPOSITION	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	NET OPERATING INCOME
PER BOOKS	\$565,613	\$0	\$622,395	\$55,945	\$17,610	\$7,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,163)
FFSC ADJUSTMENTS:											
1) Consulting Expenses			\$0								\$0
2) Employee Utilities			\$0								\$0
3) O&M Car Repairs			\$0								\$0
4) Non-Utility Dominion Expense Allocations			\$0								\$0
5) Indef-C&G Seafire			\$0								\$0
6) AAAA & YORCA Membership Dues			\$0								\$0
7) Unallocated O&M Utility			\$0								\$0
8) Employee Activities			\$0								\$0
9) Employees Life Insurance Expense			\$0								\$0
10) AGM Dues			\$0								\$0
11) Advertising Expenses			\$0								\$0
12) Charitable Contributions			\$0								\$0
13) Non-Utility Property Taxes			\$0								\$0
14) Interest Expense			\$0								\$0
15) Depreciation Expense - Common Plant			\$0								\$0
16) Depreciation Expense - pre-1970 Plant			\$0								\$0
17) Depreciation Expense - New Hope Substation			\$0								\$0
18) Depreciation Expense - New Hope Substation			\$0								\$0
TOTAL FFSC ADJUSTMENTS			\$0								\$0
FFSC ADJUSTED	\$565,613	\$0	\$622,395	\$55,945	\$17,610	\$7,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,163)
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES - DEPRECIATION (PLUS)	\$0										\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$565,613	\$0	\$622,395	\$55,945	\$17,610	\$7,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,163)
PRO FORMA REVENUE INCREASE & AMALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS	\$0										\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$0										\$0
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$565,613	\$0	\$622,395	\$55,945	\$17,610	\$7,990	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$697,775	(\$22,163)

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INDIANAPOLIS GAS COMPANY  
CAPITAL STRUCTURE  
GREENWOOD  
FPCG ADJUSTED BASIS

PER BOOKS	ADJUSTMENTS		SPECIFIC	ADJUSTED	LIABILITY	BALANCE	RATIO (%)	LOW POINT		MIDPOINT		HIGH POINT	
	PRO RATA							COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)
\$ 427,085	-\$ 98,451		\$ 327,228	\$ 0	\$ 327,228	53.38%	10.80%	5.99%	11.00%	6.13%	12.00%	6.00%	
\$ 844,110	-\$ 82,873		\$ 772,437	\$ 0	\$ 772,437	44.30%	8.38%	2.78%	8.25%	2.78%	6.59%	2.78%	
\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
\$ 14,412	-\$ 4,519		\$ 14,289	\$ 14,289	\$ 14,289	2.42%	0.87%	0.81%	0.87%	0.81%	0.87%	0.81%	
\$ 801,672	-\$ 188,814		\$ 614,658	\$ 0	\$ 614,658	100.00%	8.32%	5.87%	8.57%	5.87%	8.48%	5.81%	
TOTAL AVERAGE													

YEAR-END

COMMON EQUITY  
LONG TERM DEBT  
SHORT TERM DEBT  
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

PER BOOKS	ADJUSTMENTS		SPECIFIC	ADJUSTED	LIABILITY	BALANCE	RATIO (%)	LOW POINT		MIDPOINT		HIGH POINT	
	PRO RATA							COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)
\$ 452,312	-\$ 104,721		\$ 347,591	\$ 347,591	\$ 347,591	66.44%	10.50%	5.00%	11.60%	6.40%	12.00%	7.00%	
\$ 232,104	-\$ 77,404		\$ 258,208	\$ 258,208	\$ 258,208	43.18%	8.88%	2.89%	8.88%	2.89%	6.88%	2.89%	
\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	
\$ 2,884	-\$ 670		\$ 2,224	\$ 2,224	\$ 2,224	0.37%	3.80%	0.01%	3.80%	0.01%	3.80%	0.01%	
\$ 778,311	-\$ 188,215		\$ 590,096	\$ 0	\$ 590,096	100.00%	8.89%	2.30%	8.30%	2.30%	8.30%	2.30%	
TOTAL YEAR-END													

YEAR-END

COMMON EQUITY  
LONG TERM DEBT  
SHORT TERM DEBT  
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS

RATE OF RETURN REPORT SUMMARY  
DECEMBER 31, 2011

	(1) ACTUAL PER BOOKS	(2) FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(3) FPSC ADJUSTED	(4) PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	(5) PRO FORMA ADJUSTED
<b>I. AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN (JURISDICTIONAL)</b>					
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$173,551	(\$26,896)	\$146,655	(\$30,541)	\$116,115
AVERAGE RATE BASE	\$1,315,679	(\$745,800)	\$569,879	\$700,225	\$1,270,104
AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN	13.19%		26.73%		9.14%
<b>II. YEAR-END RATE OF RETURN (JURISDICTIONAL)</b>					
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$173,551	(\$25,204)	\$148,347	(\$30,541)	\$117,806
YEAR-END RATE BASE	\$1,851,087	(\$745,800)	\$905,287	\$875,365	\$1,580,632
YEAR-END RATE OF RETURN	10.51%		16.39%		7.45%
<b>III. REQUIRED RATES OF RETURN AVERAGE CAPITAL STRUCTURE (FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS)</b>			<b>IV. EARNED RETURN ON EQUITY (FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS)</b>		
LOW	8.12%		A.	INCL COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	42.51%
MIDPOINT	8.68%		B.	EXCL COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	42.51%
HIGH	9.24%				

I am aware that Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides:

Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

Cheryl M. Martin  
Director of Regulatory Affairs

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED 12/31/2011  
RATE BASE

	(1) PLANT IN SERVICE	(2) ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	(3) PLANT IN SERVICE	(4) NET PROPERTY HELD FOR FUTURE USE	(5) CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS	(6) NET UTILITY PLANT	(7) WORKING CAPITAL	(8) TOTAL RATE BASE
PER BOOKS	\$1,925,489	(\$690,265)	\$1,235,204	\$0	\$0	\$1,235,204	\$80,476	\$1,315,679
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:								
ELIMINATIONS TO WORKING CAPITAL ELIMINATE ACQUISITION ADJ.	(\$745,800)		(\$745,800)			(\$745,800)	\$0	\$0 (\$745,800)
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(\$745,800)	\$0	(\$745,800)	\$0	\$0	(\$745,800)	\$0	(\$745,800)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$1,179,689	(\$690,265)	\$489,404	\$0	\$0	\$489,404	\$80,476	\$569,679
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUE	\$1,179,689	(\$690,265)	\$489,404	\$0	\$0	\$489,404	\$80,476	\$569,679
PROFORMA ADJUSTMENTS								
ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT	\$745,800	(\$45,575)	\$700,225	\$0	\$0	\$700,225	\$0	\$700,225
TRANSACTION & TRANSITION COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$745,800	(\$45,575)	\$700,225	\$0	\$0	\$700,225	\$0	\$700,225
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$1,925,489	(\$735,840)	\$1,189,629	\$0	\$0	\$1,189,629	\$80,476	\$1,270,104



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AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED 12/31/2011  
INCOME STATEMENT

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	OPERATING REVENUES	O & M GAS EXPENSE	O & M OTHER	DEPREC. & AMORTIZATION	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME	INCOME TAXES CURRENT	D.I.T. (NET)	I.T.C. (NET)	GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSITION	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	NET OPERATING INCOME
PER BOOKS	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$283,359	\$39,071	\$8,088	\$108,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$430,791	\$173,551
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:											
1) Interest Synchronization						(\$4,971)				(\$4,971)	\$4,971
2) Income Tax Effective Rate Adjustment						\$444				\$444	(\$444)
3) Bad Debt Provision for Indiantown Coyon			\$21,688			(\$8,368)				\$13,322	(\$13,322)
4) Natural Gas Allocation Adjustment			\$28,469			(\$11,368)				\$18,101	(\$18,101)
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$51,157	\$0	\$0	(\$24,281)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$26,896	(\$26,896)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$334,516	\$39,071	\$8,088	\$83,939	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$466,687	\$146,655
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES - DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	\$0					\$0				\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$334,516	\$39,071	\$8,088	\$83,939	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$466,687	\$146,655
ACQUISITION ADJ. - AMORT EXP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,720	\$0	(\$19,179)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,541	(\$30,541)
TRANSACTION/TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,720	\$0	(\$19,179)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,541	(\$30,541)
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$334,516	\$88,791	\$8,088	\$64,759	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$497,227	\$116,115

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YEAR END RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED 12/31/2011  
RATE BASE

	(1) PLANT IN SERVICE	(2) ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION & AMORTIZATION	(3) PLANT IN SERVICE	(4) NET PROPERTY HELD FOR FUTURE USE	(5) CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS	(6) NET UTILITY PLANT	(7) WORKING CAPITAL	(8) TOTAL RATE BASE
PER BOOKS	\$2,052,897	(\$713,351)	\$1,339,546	\$0	\$0	\$1,339,546	\$311,721	\$1,651,067
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:								
ELIMINATIONS TO WORKING CAPITAL ELIMINATE ACQUISITION ADJ.	(\$745,800)		(\$745,800)			(\$745,800)	\$0	\$0 (\$745,800)
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(\$745,800)	\$0	(\$745,800)	\$0	\$0	(\$745,800)	\$0	(\$745,800)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$1,308,897	(\$713,351)	\$593,546	\$0	\$0	\$593,546	\$311,721	\$905,267
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUE	\$1,308,897	(\$713,351)	\$593,546	\$0	\$0	\$593,546	\$311,721	\$905,267
PROFORMA ADJUSTMENTS								
ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT	\$745,800	(\$70,435)	\$675,365	\$0	\$0	\$675,365	\$0	\$675,365
TRANSACTION & TRANSITION COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$745,800	(\$70,435)	\$675,365	\$0	\$0	\$675,365	\$0	\$675,365
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$2,062,897	(\$783,786)	\$1,268,911	\$0	\$0	\$1,268,911	\$311,721	\$1,580,632

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YEAR END RATE OF RETURN  
FOR THE THIRTEEN MONTHS ENDED 12/31/2011  
INCOME STATEMENT

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
	OPERATING REVENUES	O & M GAS EXPENSE	O & M OTHER	DEPREC. & AMORTIZATION	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME	INCOME TAXES CURRENT	D.I.T. (NET)	I.T.C. (NET)	GAIN/LOSS ON DISPOSITION	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	NET OPERATING INCOME
PER BOOKS	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$283,359	\$39,071	\$8,066	\$106,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$499,791	\$173,551
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:											
1) Interest Synchronization						(\$6,654)				(\$6,654)	\$6,654
2) Income Tax Effective Rate Adjustment						\$445				\$445	(\$445)
3) Bad Debt Provision for Indiantown Cogen			\$21,888			(\$8,366)				\$13,322	(\$13,322)
4) Natural Gas Allocation Adjustment			\$29,489			(\$11,368)				\$18,101	(\$18,101)
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
						\$0				\$0	\$0
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$51,157	\$0	\$0	(\$25,953)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,204	(\$25,204)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$334,516	\$39,071	\$8,066	\$82,247	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$484,935	\$148,347
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES - DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	\$0					\$0				\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$334,516	\$39,071	\$8,066	\$82,247	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$484,935	\$148,347
ACQUISITION ADJ. - AMORT EXP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,720	\$0	(\$19,179)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,541	(\$30,541)
TRANSACTION/TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,720	\$0	(\$19,179)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,541	(\$30,541)
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$613,342	\$3,095	\$334,516	\$88,791	\$8,066	\$63,068	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$495,536	\$117,806

CAPITAL STRUCTURE  
DECEMBER 31, 2011  
FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS

AVERAGE	ADJUSTMENTS							LOW POINT		MIDPOINT		HIGH POINT	
	PER BOOKS	PRO RATA	SPECIFIC	ADJUSTED	NON-UTILITY	BALANCE	RATIO (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)
COMMON EQUITY	\$ 317,112			\$ 317,112		\$ 317,112	55.65%	10.60%	5.84%	11.50%	6.40%	12.60%	6.86%
LONG TERM DEBT	\$ 147,411			\$ 147,411		\$ 147,411	25.87%	6.91%	1.79%	6.91%	1.79%	6.91%	1.79%
SHORT TERM DEBT	\$ 32,570			\$ 32,570		\$ 32,570	5.72%	1.24%	0.07%	1.24%	0.07%	1.24%	0.07%
SHORT TERM DEBT REFINANCED LTD	\$ 17,932			\$ 17,932		\$ 17,932	3.15%	6.33%	0.20%	6.33%	0.20%	6.33%	0.20%
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$ 19,197			\$ 19,197		\$ 19,197	3.37%	6.57%	0.22%	6.57%	0.22%	6.57%	0.22%
DEFERRED TAXES	\$ 35,657			\$ 35,657		\$ 35,657	6.26%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$ 669,878</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 669,878</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 669,878</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>8.12%</b>		<b>8.68%</b>		<b>9.24%</b>

YEAR-END	ADJUSTMENTS							LOW POINT		MIDPOINT		HIGH POINT	
	PER BOOKS	PRO RATA	SPECIFIC	ADJUSTED	NON-UTILITY	BALANCE	RATIO (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)
COMMON EQUITY	\$ 485,763			\$ 485,763		\$ 485,763	63.66%	10.50%	5.63%	11.50%	6.17%	12.60%	6.71%
LONG TERM DEBT	\$ 235,120			\$ 235,120		\$ 235,120	26.97%	6.52%	1.69%	6.52%	1.69%	6.52%	1.69%
SHORT TERM DEBT	\$ 70,021			\$ 70,021		\$ 70,021	7.74%	1.34%	0.10%	1.34%	0.10%	1.34%	0.10%
SHORT TERM DEBT REFINANCED LTD	\$ 0			\$ 0		\$ 0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$ 18,548			\$ 18,548		\$ 18,548	2.06%	6.57%	0.13%	6.57%	0.13%	6.57%	0.13%
DEFERRED TAXES	\$ 95,815			\$ 95,815		\$ 95,815	10.58%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL YEAR-END</b>	<b>\$ 905,267</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 905,267</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 905,267</b>	<b>100.00%</b>		<b>7.56%</b>		<b>8.09%</b>		<b>8.63%</b>

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CALCULATION OF OPERATING SAVINGS

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June 30, 2010 IGC ESR - O&M Expense	\$522,308
Dec 31, 2011 FPUC - IND. DIV. O&M Expense	<u>\$334,516</u>
Annual Operating Savings	<u><u>\$187,792</u></u>

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY - INDIANTOWN DIVISION  
 CALCULATION OF ACQUISITION PREMIUM  
 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS AND COMPARISON  
 TO OPERATING SAVINGS

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			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	\$ 745,800	Average Premium	\$ 735,442	\$ 700,223	\$ 650,503	\$ 600,783	\$ 551,063	\$ 501,343	\$ 451,623	\$ 401,903
		Non-Deductible	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	\$ 745,800	Deductible	\$ 725,083	\$ 675,363	\$ 625,643	\$ 575,923	\$ 526,203	\$ 476,483	\$ 426,763	\$ 377,043
	<b>Cost Rate</b>	<b>Ratio</b>	<b>Weighted Cost</b>							
Equity	11.50%	55.65%	6.40%	\$ 19,611	\$ 44,813	\$ 41,631	\$ 38,449	\$ 35,267	\$ 32,085	\$ 28,903
LT Debt	6.91%	25.87%	1.79%	\$ 5,478	\$ 12,517	\$ 11,629	\$ 10,740	\$ 9,851	\$ 8,962	\$ 8,073
LT Debt - Refinance	6.33%	3.15%	0.20%	\$ 611	\$ 1,396	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,198	\$ 1,099	\$ 1,000	\$ 901
ST Debt	1.24%	5.72%	0.07%	\$ 217	\$ 497	\$ 461	\$ 426	\$ 391	\$ 356	\$ 320
Cost Deposits	6.57%	3.36%	0.22%	\$ 676	\$ 1,545	\$ 1,436	\$ 1,325	\$ 1,216	\$ 1,107	\$ 997
Deferred Inc Tax	0.00%	6.25%	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>8.68%</b>	<b>\$ 26,594</b>	<b>\$ 60,768</b>	<b>\$ 56,454</b>	<b>\$ 52,139</b>	<b>\$ 47,824</b>	<b>\$ 43,509</b>	<b>\$ 39,194</b>	<b>\$ 34,879</b>
<b>Income Taxes</b>	<b>38.575%</b>	<b>4.02%</b>	<b>\$ 12,316</b>	<b>\$ 28,142</b>	<b>\$ 26,144</b>	<b>\$ 24,146</b>	<b>\$ 22,148</b>	<b>\$ 20,149</b>	<b>\$ 18,151</b>	<b>\$ 16,153</b>
<b>Pre-tax Return on Capital</b>		<b>12.70%</b>	<b>\$ 38,909</b>	<b>\$ 88,911</b>	<b>\$ 82,598</b>	<b>\$ 76,284</b>	<b>\$ 69,971</b>	<b>\$ 63,658</b>	<b>\$ 57,345</b>	<b>\$ 51,092</b>
Amortization Expense (tax deductible)			\$ 20,717	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720
Amortization Expense (not tax deductible)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Tax Gross-up			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Revenue Requirement (Premium)</b>			<b>\$ 59,626</b>	<b>\$ 138,631</b>	<b>\$ 132,318</b>	<b>\$ 126,004</b>	<b>\$ 119,691</b>	<b>\$ 113,378</b>	<b>\$ 107,065</b>	<b>\$ 100,752</b>
<b>O&amp;M Savings</b>	<b>0.00%</b>		<b>\$ 78,247</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>	<b>\$ 187,792</b>
<b>Cost of Capital Savings</b>	<b>0.00%</b>		<b>\$ 923</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>	<b>\$ 2,215</b>
<b>Total Savings</b>			<b>\$ 79,170</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>	<b>\$ 190,007</b>
<b>Net Annual Savings</b>			<b>\$ 19,544</b>	<b>\$ 51,376</b>	<b>\$ 57,690</b>	<b>\$ 64,003</b>	<b>\$ 70,316</b>	<b>\$ 75,629</b>	<b>\$ 82,942</b>	<b>\$ 89,256</b>
<b>Cumulative Savings</b>			<b>\$ 19,544</b>	<b>\$ 70,920</b>	<b>\$ 128,610</b>	<b>\$ 192,613</b>	<b>\$ 262,929</b>	<b>\$ 338,558</b>	<b>\$ 422,500</b>	<b>\$ 511,756</b>

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY - INDIANTOWN DIVISION  
 CALCULATION OF ACQUISITION PREMIUM  
 REVENUE REQUIREMENTS AND COMPARISON  
 TO OPERATING SAVINGS

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			2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	2024	
	\$ 745,800	Average Premium	\$ 952,183	\$ 302,463	\$ 252,743	\$ 203,023	\$ 153,303	\$ 105,583	\$ 53,663	\$ 14,502	
	\$ -	Non-Deductible	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	\$ 745,800	Deductible	\$ 927,323	\$ 277,603	\$ 227,883	\$ 178,163	\$ 128,443	\$ 78,723	\$ 29,003	\$ 0	
	Cost Rate	Ratio	Weighted Cost								
Equity	11.50%	55.65%	6.40%	\$ 22,539	\$ 19,357	\$ 16,175	\$ 12,993	\$ 9,811	\$ 6,529	\$ 3,447	\$ 541
LT Debt	6.91%	25.87%	1.79%	\$ 6,296	\$ 5,407	\$ 4,518	\$ 3,629	\$ 2,740	\$ 1,852	\$ 963	\$ 151
LT Debt - Refinance	6.33%	3.15%	0.20%	\$ 702	\$ 603	\$ 504	\$ 405	\$ 306	\$ 207	\$ 107	\$ 17
ST Debt	1.24%	5.72%	0.07%	\$ 250	\$ 215	\$ 179	\$ 144	\$ 109	\$ 73	\$ 38	\$ 6
Cust Deposits	6.57%	3.36%	0.22%	\$ 777	\$ 668	\$ 558	\$ 448	\$ 338	\$ 229	\$ 119	\$ 19
Deferred Inc Tax	0.00%	6.25%	0.00%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Subtotal	100.00%	8.68%	\$ 30,564	\$ 26,249	\$ 21,934	\$ 17,619	\$ 13,304	\$ 8,989	\$ 4,674	\$ 734	
Income Taxes	38.575%	4.02%	\$ 14,154	\$ 12,156	\$ 10,158	\$ 8,160	\$ 6,161	\$ 4,163	\$ 2,165	\$ 340	
Pre-tax Return on Capital		12.70%	\$ 44,718	\$ 38,405	\$ 32,082	\$ 25,779	\$ 19,466	\$ 13,152	\$ 6,839	\$ 1,074	
Amortization Expense (tax deductible)			\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 49,720	\$ 29,003	
Amortization Expense (not tax deductible)			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Tax Gross-up			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Revenue Requirement (Premium)			\$ 94,438	\$ 88,125	\$ 81,812	\$ 75,499	\$ 69,186	\$ 62,872	\$ 56,559	\$ 30,077	
O&M Savings	0.00%		\$ 187,792	\$ 187,792	\$ 187,792	\$ 187,792	\$ 187,792	\$ 187,792	\$ 187,792	\$ 109,545	
Cost of Capital Savings	0.00%		\$ 2,215	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,215	\$ 2,215	\$ 1,292	
Total Savings			\$ 190,007	\$ 190,007	\$ 190,007	\$ 190,007	\$ 190,007	\$ 190,007	\$ 190,007	\$ 110,838	
Net Annual Savings			\$ 95,569	\$ 101,882	\$ 108,195	\$ 114,508	\$ 120,822	\$ 127,135	\$ 133,448	\$ 80,760	
Cumulative Savings			\$ 607,325	\$ 709,207	\$ 817,402	\$ 931,910	\$ 1,052,732	\$ 1,179,867	\$ 1,313,315	\$ 1,394,075	

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY - INDIANTOWN DIVISION  
 COST OF CAPITAL SAVINGS CALCULATION

EXHIBIT \_\_\_(CM-5)

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INDIANTOWN GAS COMPANY  
 NATURAL GAS  
 13-MONTH AVERAGE CAPITAL STRUCTURE  
 JUNE 30, 2010 EARNINGS SURVEILLANCE REPORT

AVERAGE	RATIO (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)
COMMON EQUITY	53.28%	11.50%	6.13%
LONG TERM DEBT	44.30%	6.28%	2.78%
SHORT TERM DEBT	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	2.42%	0.57%	0.01%
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL	100.00%		8.92%



FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY - INDIANTOWN DIVISION  
 COST OF CAPITAL SAVINGS CALCULATION

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FPUC - INDIANTOWN DIVISION  
 NATURAL GAS  
 13-MONTH AVERAGE CAPITAL STRUCTURE  
 DECEMBER 31, 2011 EARNINGS SURVEILLANCE REPORT

AVERAGE	RATIO (%)	COST RATE (%)	WEIGHTED COST (%)
COMMON EQUITY	55.65%	11.50%	6.40%
LONG TERM DEBT	25.87%	6.91%	1.79%
SHORT TERM DEBT	5.72%	1.24%	0.07%
LONG TERM DEBT - REFINANCED	3.15%	6.33%	0.20%
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	3.36%	6.57%	0.22%
DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	6.25%	0.00%	0.00%
TOTAL	100.00%		8.68%

DIFFERENCE IN AVERAGE ROR	0.24%
RATE BASE AT DECEMBER 31, 2011	\$569,879
REQUIRED NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,368
NET OPERATING INCOME MULTIPLIER	1.61970
COST OF CAPITAL SAVINGS	\$2,215



1 A. As Director, Customer Care, I am responsible for establishing the strategy,  
2 goals and objectives for our customer contact centers.

3 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

4 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the improvements that the  
5 Company has made in the customer service quality. I will describe the  
6 strategic goals and objectives of the Company in this area and the initiatives  
7 that have been implemented in support of the strategy. I will further describe  
8 specific technology improvements and other initiatives that benefit customers.  
9 Finally, I will discuss the level of customer complaints to the Commission  
10 since the acquisition of Indiantown Gas Company ("IGC" or "Indiantown").

11 **Q. ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS TO YOUR TESTIMONY?**

12 A. Yes. Exhibit\_\_\_(MP-1) is a synopsis of the service and culture building  
13 process that the Company has implemented.

14 **INCREASED QUALITY OF SERVICE**

15 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMER  
16 SERVICE.**

17 A. The Company's goal is to establish a process to evaluate and implement  
18 changes that will result in a positive experience for our customers. This  
19 experience is defined as one which results in customers not just being  
20 satisfied customers, but results in customers becoming promoters of our  
21 Company. "Promoters" are defined as customers who refer potential  
22 customers to our Company, creating retention and profitable growth. In  
23 order to achieve this positive customer experience, the Company is

1 committed to consistently exceeding our customer's needs during critical  
2 touch points. These touch points include, phone calls, walk-in contact, web  
3 site visits, billing, energy conservation program, sales & marketing activities,  
4 meter turn-on's, leak investigations at the customer premise and other  
5 opportunities to interact with customers. The Company has identified, and is  
6 implementing, best practices throughout its operational departments that are  
7 aligned with the goal of customers becoming promoters. One of the key  
8 components that are required to achieve and maintain the goal of providing a  
9 positive customer experience is the gathering of critical performance  
10 measurements. Prior to the acquisition, this practice was not occurring at  
11 IGC. The Company has identified many standard metrics that are critical to  
12 determining whether we are moving in the direction of providing a positive  
13 customer experience. Based on these metrics, the Company is able to  
14 improve processes, enhance employee training programs and better focus  
15 collateral material messaging that enables the Company to deliberately  
16 provide services that meet and exceed customer expectations. This process  
17 encompasses all aspects of the Company, from Customer Care to Sales &  
18 Marketing to Operations and Engineering.

19 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PROCESS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMPANY**  
20 **TO IMPROVE THE SERVICE QUALITY TO CUSTOMERS.**

21 A. The Company has developed and implemented a Customer Care strategy  
22 with a goal to be recognized as an industry leader in the execution of all  
23 meter-to-cash activities, including Contact Center services, while ensuring all

1 processes are designed to deliver a positive customer experience. There are  
2 four strategic objectives to the plan: 1) Customer Centric – excellent service  
3 to our customers is our number one priority; 2) Consistent Quality – we will  
4 provide professional, courteous, timely and accurate service to every  
5 customer in a fair, consistent and accessible manner; 3) Efficient and  
6 Effective – we will measure and improve work processes by implementing  
7 innovative ideas, apply appropriate technology and training staff to be helpful  
8 and knowledgeable; and 4) Accountable – we will use feedback from  
9 processes and customers to improve our performance.

10 **Q. WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC INITIATIVES THAT THE COMPANY IS**  
11 **IMPLEMENTING IN SUPPORT OF THE CUSTOMER CARE STRATEGY?**

12 A. The Company has identified five (5) key initiatives that support the Customer  
13 Care strategy: 1) Consolidate; 2) Performance Management; 3) Development  
14 and Training; 4) Process Improvement; and 5) Technology.

15 **Q. CAN YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE EACH INITIATIVE?**

16 A. Yes. First, the Company needed to consolidate its Customer Care activities  
17 organizationally. Prior to the acquisitions of FPUC and IGC, this function was  
18 performed at each physical location, under different managers who utilized  
19 different practices, resulting in an inconsistent customer service experience.  
20 The Company has now consolidated the Customer Care functions in one  
21 department, which meets the first objective of having a singular focus on the  
22 delivery of meter-to-cash activities efficiently, and in a manner that is easy for  
23 the customer and produces high-quality service at a lower cost. Second, the

1 Company has established standards for each meter-to-cash discipline and  
2 the reporting requirements necessary to provide valuable feedback to those  
3 employees performing the activity. By establishing these clear standards, the  
4 Company is able to measure and manage performance of its employees as  
5 we strive to deliver a positive customer experience. Third, the Company has  
6 developed and implemented a series of employee training modules, and has  
7 hired The Profitable Group to perform that training, which has provided  
8 employees with the skills and knowledge necessary to efficiently and  
9 effectively perform their assigned activities. Fourth, many employees  
10 throughout the Company have been involved in a review of existing  
11 processes designed to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the  
12 activities that are performed. As we move forward, feedback from customers  
13 and employees and the metrics results will be utilized in a continuous  
14 improvement process to move us closer to the strategic objectives of the  
15 Customer Care organization. Finally, the Company has made many  
16 technology improvements that enhance our ability to provide efficient and  
17 effective services to our customers.

18 **Q. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON SOME OF THE TECHONOLOGY**  
19 **IMPROVEMENTS?**

20 **A.** The Company, since the FPUC acquisition, has implemented the following  
21 two technology improvements which provide the foundation for our ability to  
22 provide world-class services to all of our customers, including the Indiantown  
23 customers:

- Consolidation of Customer Information Systems (CIS); and
- Implementation of New Telephony Technology

**Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM BENEFITS INDIANTOWN'S CUSTOMERS?**

A. In June 2010, the Company integrated the Customer Information Systems of Chesapeake's Florida operations with FPU's system, thus providing a consistent basis from which to operate. In November 2011, the Company completed the integration of all IGC customers into the consolidated CIS system. The current CIS platform allows for the combined company to seamlessly coordinate all Customer Care (customer call centers, billing and collections and meter reading) and field services activities (turn-on's and off's, meter changes, etc) that impact customers. As such, customer inquiries can be handled by virtually any customer representative. Previously, Indiantown customers were required to contact the local Indiantown office for service during normal business hours (8:30 am to 5:30 pm). Now, customers can contact the consolidated call center from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm or the after-hours service during all non-business hours. The consolidation has also allowed the Company to implement best practices, consistent training and, as described below, capture valuable customer service metrics to evaluate our success in providing the perfect customer experience.

**Q. HAVE THE INDIANTOWN CUSTOMERS RECEIVED ANY OTHER BENEFITS FROM THEIR INTEGRATION INTO THE CUSTOMER INFORMATION SYSTEM?**

1 A. Yes. The former Indiantown customers now receive a full page bill from the  
2 Company, which clearly describes all components of the bill, compares  
3 current usage with previous usage and provides other important information.  
4 Customers also receive a return envelope to facilitate payments made by  
5 check through the mail. Previously, the former Indiantown customers  
6 received their bill on a post card sized statement, which contained the  
7 minimum required information, with no return envelope. Customers now also  
8 have available multiple payment options, including credit and debit cards,  
9 electronic funds transfer, payment by phone and, as more fully described  
10 below, walk-in payments at a multitude of locations that are available during  
11 and after normal business hours and on weekends.

12 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE BENEFITS INDIANTOWN CUSTOMERS**  
13 **RECEIVE FROM IMPLEMENTING NEW TELEPHONY TECHNOLOGIES.**

14 A. The Company has finalized the installation of state-of-the-art telephone  
15 systems that provide for seamless call center activities from agents located  
16 throughout the state, as well as, for the first time, having the ability to collect a  
17 wide variety of valuable customer call metrics. Information such as call  
18 waiting times, call abandonments and recording of actual customer calls  
19 provides us with the measurements needed to continuously improve our  
20 ability to provide world class customer service. Customer service  
21 representatives are continuing to receive intensive training that enhances  
22 their knowledge of all Company-offered programs, such as Energy



1 Conservation programs, and system-based processes that allow for one-call  
2 resolution for most contacts.

3 **Q. CAN YOU IDENTIFY AND DESCRIBE OTHER SPECIFIC INDIANTOWN**  
4 **CUSTOMER BENEFITS BEYOND THE TECHNOLOGY-BASED**  
5 **IMPROVEMENTS?**

6 A. Yes. The Company has enhanced the customer experience through a variety  
7 of initiatives designed to benefit customers through improved services. The  
8 following specific improvements have been implemented:

- 9 • More thorough and more effective Employee Training
- 10 • Implementation of Third Party Payment Centers
- 11 • Utilization of Third Party Providers for Certain Functions

12 **Q. CAN YOU DISCUSS THE EMPLOYEE TRAINING THAT HAS TAKEN**  
13 **PLACE?**

14 A. Yes. The Company has engaged a firm out of Tampa, Florida, The Profitable  
15 Group, to provide employee training throughout the Company that is  
16 specifically designed to assist in the understanding of the importance of  
17 providing quality customer service, thereby enhancing the skill set of  
18 employees so that they have the capabilities to provide such service and  
19 mechanisms to assist the Company in capturing critical information from  
20 customers and others that will provide the basis for continuous improvement.  
21 Exhibit\_\_\_(MP-1) is a synopsis of the service and culture building process  
22 that has been initiated by the Company and implemented through The  
23 Profitable Group.

1 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS WHAT THIRD-PARTY PAYMENT OPTIONS THE**  
2 **COMPANY HAS IMPLEMENTED.**

3 A. Recently, the Company executed an agreement with Fiserv, Inc., a global  
4 leader in information management and electronic commerce systems and  
5 services, to accept utility payments at its network of locations, primarily at  
6 over 300 Wal-Mart stores in the state. Additional payment locations are also  
7 part of this service arrangement. This is a free service to our customers as  
8 the Company pays for any transaction fees imposed by the contract. This  
9 diverse and extensive access to payment locations is very convenient for  
10 customers and provides all customers, including all Indiantown customers,  
11 access to walk-in payment locations. This agreement with Fiserv, Inc.  
12 provides for a significant enhancement for customers that desire to pay at a  
13 walk-in facility.

14 **Q. HOW HAS THE COMPANY UTILIZED THIRD PARTY PROVIDERS TO**  
15 **ENHANCE SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS?**

16 A. The Company has initiated a comprehensive Dealer Network program that  
17 actively recruits, trains and provides continuous support for third party  
18 providers, such as plumbing and HVAC companies. These providers are able  
19 to perform certain functions that have traditionally been provided by Company  
20 personnel, such as turn-key operations from service line installation through  
21 meter turn-on. This has resulted in timelier customer connections at a lower  
22 cost to the Company.

1 **Q. HOW HAVE THE FORMER INDIANTOWN CUSTOMERS RESPONDED TO**  
2 **THESE SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS?**

3 A. The primary tangible measurement of customer satisfaction is the number of  
4 complaints filed with the Commission. Since the acquisition of IGC on July  
5 31, 2010, there have been no complaints filed with the Commission. The  
6 Company believes that this is an important indicator that the former  
7 Indiantown customers have embraced the changes from the deliberate  
8 implementation of the Customer Care strategy, initiative implementations,  
9 employee training and other customer service improvements made by the  
10 Company.

11 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE EFFORTS OF THE COMPANY TO IMPROVE**  
12 **CUSTOMER SERVICE.**

13 A. The Company's Customer Care strategy, described above, is to provide a  
14 positive customer experience on a consistent basis. As discussed, the  
15 Company believes that it is not enough to have satisfied customers. Instead,  
16 the Company believes that a key component of long-term success is to  
17 develop the customer relationship to the point where the customer actively  
18 promotes the Company to others. In order to achieve the strategy, the  
19 Company has implemented several best practices designed to put the  
20 Company on a continuous improvement path towards the perfect customer  
21 experience. All of these activities are deliberately designed to identify how to  
22 create promoters from our customers and to predict what will be required to  
23 keep them as promoters in a rapidly changing environment. The Company

1 has implemented an extensive employee training program designed to  
2 improve the knowledge and skill sets of employees that provide services to  
3 customers. By implementing systems that capture customer information and  
4 feedback, the Company will be able to modify the employee training programs  
5 and work management processes and procedures that will result in exceeding  
6 the needs of our customers. All of these efforts by the Company have clearly  
7 resulted in an improved quality of customer service to the former Indiantown  
8 Gas Company customers.

9 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

10 **A. Yes.**

## Service & Culture Building Process

The Florida Public Utilities leadership team made a strategic commitment a year ago to dramatically and significantly shift the FPUC culture to one committed to the customers and communities we serve. A key part of those efforts was retaining the services of an Industrial & Organizational Psychologist and Trainer who has invested in-depth time and energy at each of our locations around the state.

The process was intensive. The results are evidenced in comments from both internal and external customers. Employees are actively engaged in improving process flow of customer interactions; and, they report being energized by the tools, support, and commitment the organization has made to improved service levels. Customers at informal touch points (dropping a payment off to a customer care representative or encountering a meter reader in the field) and at formal interactions (Chamber presentations and community meetings) are reporting a marked positive difference in how customers are served.

To briefly highlight the process undertaken to date:

1. Employees at every level of the organization, encompassing all locations, were interviewed one-on-one. The goal was to provide every vested employee with the opportunity to articulate organizational strengths, challenge areas, and obstacles that made serving the customer in an exemplary manner on a consistent basis difficult. Top leadership reviewed results of interviews and made strategic position changes where necessary. New roles were created with the customer in mind. And, a comprehensive culture building process was employed across the organization.
2. The culture building process implemented throughout the organization was a six session process (12 hours of training plus action application assignments). The process covered the following topic areas:
  - a. Success Foundations in Service Interactions – Knowledge, Skills, and Attitude.
  - b. Understanding Ourselves and Others – A detailed look at our work style with a directed focus on the need for flexibility when working with and serving others.
  - c. Communication for Service Excellence – Employees reviewed key communication principles and focused heavily on the importance of ‘listening’ when interacting with both internal and external customers.
  - d. Problem Solving & Conflict Management – Problems will occur; quick, complete, professional recovery is imperative. In this session, participants explored problem solving principles for projects and in tough human interactions.
  - e. Stress Management – A focus on controlling negative stress by focusing on serving others. Key session principles include: Choose Your Attitude; Make the Day for Your Customers; Be Present (Mentally) Each Moment of the Day; Enjoy What You Do (Make a Difference, Take Initiative).
  - f. Managing Multiple Priorities – Ensuring a seamless, focused approach to our day. Covering the bases and ensuring priorities are clear.
3. A “Stamp Out Stupid Rules” exercise which was implemented; 83 new ideas were identified to improve customer processes and remove redundant or unworkable policies. Many of the action suggestions have been acted upon and implemented across the organization.

4. Quarterly Follow-up Sessions were delivered to employees to ensure the culture building process and learning created positive interactions with our customers. Quarterly follow-ups delivered to date include:
  - a. Value Based Customer Service
  - b. Flow Charting Our Customer Process
5. A regular update e-mail reviewing previously delivered concepts and introducing new concepts was sent to participants between scheduled sessions to reinforce desired behaviors.

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Additional actions taken by the organization to date include:

- Identification of core driving values: Initiative, Customer-Centric, Integrity, Safety, Stewardship.
- A Customer-Centric task force made up of top leaders and frontline employees throughout the organization. Five task force groups have currently been identified.
- On-going customer service training through internal and external sources providing a solid service excellence delivery platform.
- Creation of a Quality Assurance Supervisor to monitor, coach, and develop strong customer service advocates in all customer care centers as well as address customer needs.