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FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 120068-GU

PETITION TO INITIATE RULEMAKING
TO AMEND RULE 25-12.045, F.A.C.,
BY FLORIDA NATURAL GAS ASSOCIATION.

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3 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Now we're moving on to Item
4 Number 2.

5 **MS. COWDERY:** Good morning, Commissioners. My
6 name is Kathryn Cowdery with the Office of General
7 Counsel.

8 Item 2 addresses whether the Commission should
9 propose amendments to Rule 25-12.045 concerning inactive
10 gas service lines. Staff is recommending that the rule
11 be changed as shown in Attachment A to the
12 recommendation, and staff is available to answer any
13 questions.

14 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Thank you.

15 Commissioner Balbis.

16 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
17 Excuse me.

18 I have a few questions for staff, and I
19 believe Mr. Moses might be able to answer this.

20 With the accelerated pipeline replacement
21 programs that this Commission approved I believe in
22 August, how do the utilities treat services as they're
23 replacing the mains and they come across a service
24 that's made out of substandard materials?

25 **MR. MOSES:** The services are included in the

1 pipeline replacement program. So those would be
2 replaced at the same time they're doing the mains.

3 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. Because my
4 concern was that new subparagraph (1)(e) of the rule
5 dealing with if there's a service that's inactive for
6 five years and made of substandard materials, then it's
7 replaced, and my concern was if it's less than five
8 years. So, in essence, as the pipeline replacement, the
9 main replacement program moves along, then all of these
10 services will eventually be replaced; is that correct?

11 **MR. MOSES:** That is correct.

12 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Okay. I just wanted to
13 clarify that because I know that's something that this
14 Commission has approved the acceleration of the
15 replacement program with the substandard materials. So
16 with that clarification, I would move staff's
17 recommendation on all of the issues on this item.

18 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay.

19 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Second.

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** It's been moved and seconded.
21 All in favor, say aye.

22 (Vote taken.)

23 All right. Thank you very much.

24 (Agenda item concluded.)

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