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October 27, 2015

**E-PORTAL FILING**

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Clerk  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

**Re: Docket No. 150191-GU** – Joint Petition for Approval to Implement GRIP for Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade and for Approval of GRIP Cost Recovery Factors by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade, and Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation.

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Attached for filing, please find Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade Amended Petition, which amends the Petition filed in this Docket on September 1, 2015, only as it relates to the Fort Meade division.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions whatsoever.

Kind regards,



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cc:/Sevini Guffey (PSC Public Utility Analyst)

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Joint Petition for Approval of Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP) True-Up by Florida Public Utilities Company and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Request for Approval to Implement GRIP for Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade	DOCKET NO. DATED: October 27, 2015
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**AMENDED PETITION FOR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT GRIP FOR FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY-FORT MEADE**

On September 1, 2015, Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Public Utilities Company-Fort Meade ("Fort Meade") (herein jointly "FPUC"), and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("CFG")(also referred to herein individually as "Company" and jointly as "Companies") filed a Joint Petition, pursuant to Section 366.06, Florida Statutes, and Order No. PSC-12-0490-TRF-GU, seeking approval from the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC" or "Commission") of FPUC's and CFG's GRIP cost recovery factors for the period January 2016 through December 2016. In addition, FPUC sought approval to implement the GRIP program for its Fort Meade division, as well as approval of associated cost recovery amounts. Due to the discovery of new information, FPUC now amends that September 1, 2015, Joint Petition as it relates to implementation of GRIP for Fort Meade. In support of this amended request, the Companies hereby state:

- 1) FPUC is a natural gas utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under Chapter 366, Florida Statutes.<sup>1</sup> Its principal business address is:

Florida Public Utilities Company  
1750 S 14th Street, Suite 200  
Fernandina Beach FL 32034

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<sup>1</sup> FPUC's Indiantown Division does not participate in a GRIP program.

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Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade is a division of FPUC with its principal business address being the same as FPUC.

2) CFG is also a natural gas utility subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction under Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. Its principal business address is:

Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation  
1750 S 14th Street, Suite 200  
Fernandina Beach FL 32034

3) The name and mailing address of the persons authorized to receive notices are:

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4) The Commission is vested with jurisdiction in this matter in accordance with Sections 366.04, 366.041, 366.05, and 366.06, Florida Statutes, pursuant to which the Commission is authorized to establish rates and charges for public utilities, including the relief requested herein, and to consider, among other things, the adequacy of facilities, as well as the utility’s ability to improve such facilities. Likewise, in accordance with Section 368.05(2), Florida Statutes, the Commission has the authority to require improvements to natural gas distribution systems as may be necessary to promote the protection of the public.

5) FPUC has recently determined that its purchase agreement with the City of Fort Meade for the acquisition of the Fort Meade natural gas system precludes FPUC from implementing any new “non-fuel” charge prior to the three-year anniversary of the consummation of the transaction. That three-year anniversary will not take place until October 2016. Therefore, FPUC respectfully requests permission to amend its request as it relates to the Fort Meade division to allow the GRIP program to be implemented upon

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approval of the request in this Docket, but allow FPUC to defer implementation of a surcharge for Fort Meade until January 1, 2017.

6) As set forth in Mr. Cassel's previously filed testimony, because FPUC acquired Fort Meade's system after the Companies' initial petition for approval of GRIP, there is currently no GRIP or similar program in place for Fort Meade. Steel tubing has, however, recently been found in the Fort Meade system. Consequently, FPUC is seeking approval to adopt the GRIP for its Fort Meade system as well in order to expedite replacement of these facilities consistent with the purpose of FPUC's and CFG's GRIP programs. If the Company's request is approved, as amended hereby, the Company would be able to move forward with the work necessary to replace the Fort Meade facilities in question, but would simply defer recovery of the associated costs until January 2017.

7) As also noted in its September 1, 2015, Joint Petition, Fort Meade did not have GRIP costs in 2014; therefore, the Company's filing next fall, 2016, would represent the first true-up opportunity for the Fort Meade system, at which time the appropriate surcharge would be calculated for approval by the Commission. The Companies' project total revenue requirements for the program of \$15,086 for Fort Meade. Therefore, for informational purposes, the Companies estimate that the GRIP Cost Recovery factors for Fort Meade at January 1, 2017, will be approximately those set forth below:

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<u>RATE</u> <u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>FACTORS</u> <u>PER THERM</u>
RESIDENTIAL	\$0.24115
COMMERCIAL SMALL (General Service & GS Transportation)	\$0.11508

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COMM. LRG VOLUME (Large Vol & LV Transportation)	\$0.00000
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Int Service & IS Transportation)	\$0.00000
GENERAL LIGHTING SERVICE	\$0.00000


9) The Companies attest that these factors have been calculated correctly and consistent with Commission requirements, but represent projections only given that recovery will be delayed for the Fort Meade system.

10) Fort Meade therefore requests that it be allowed to implement the GRIP and the associated surcharge mechanism consistent with the Commission's approval of the program implementation for FPUC and CFG, as set forth in Order No. PSC-12-0490-TRF-GU, but that it be allowed to delay implementation of the surcharge mechanism until January 1, 2017.

11) Attached to this Petition as Attachment A are copies of amended, proposed Tariff Sheet No. 64 for Fort Meade, in clean and legislative format, reflecting a zero amount for GRIP factors in 2016.

WHEREFORE, the Companies respectfully request that the Commission approve the Joint Petition filed September 1, 2015, as amended hereby with regard to FPUC-Fort Meade.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 27th day of October, 2015.



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following by Electronic Mail this 27th day of October, 2015.

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ATTACHMENT A

Amended Tariff Sheet No. 64  
*(clean and legislative)*

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*BILLING ADJUSTMENTS*

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Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP)

Applicability

The bill for gas or transportation service supplied to a Customer in any Billing Period shall be adjusted as follows:

The GRIP factors for the period from the first billing cycle for January 2016 through the last billing cycle for December 2016 are as follows:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>Rates Per Therm</u>
Rate Schedule RS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule GS-1	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule GS-2	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule GSTS-1	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule GSTS-2	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule LVS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule LVTS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule IS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule ITS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule GLS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule GLSTS	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule NGV	\$0.00000
Rate Schedule NGVTS	\$0.00000



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<u>Rate Schedule GSTS-1</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule GSTS-2</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule LVS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule LVTS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule IS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule ITS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule GLS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule GLSTS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule NGV</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>
<u>Rate Schedule NGVTS</u>	<u>\$0.00000</u>

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