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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up

DOCKET NO. 160003-GU FILED: October 4, 2016

PREHEARING STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

The Citizens of the State of Florida, through the Office of Public Counsel, pursuant to the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, PSC-16-0104-PCO-GU issued March 11, 2016, submit this Prehearing Statement.

APPEARANCES:

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A. <u>WITNESSES:</u>

None.

B. <u>EXHIBITS:</u>

None.

C. <u>STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION</u>

The utilities have the burden of proof to justify and support the recovery of costs and their proposal(s) seeking the Commission's adoption of policy statements (whether new or changed) or other affirmative relief sought, regardless of whether the Interveners provide evidence to the contrary. Regardless of whether the Commission has previously approved a program as meeting the Commission's requirements, the utilities must still meet their burden of demonstrating that the costs submitted for final recovery meet the statutory test(s) and are reasonable in amount and prudently incurred.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTUAL ISSUES AND POSITIONS

GENERIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

ISSUE 1:	What are the final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January
	2015 through December 2015?
<u>OPC</u> :	No position at this time.
<u>ISSUE 2</u> :	What are the actual/estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2016 through December 2016?
<u>OPC</u> :	No position at this time.
ISSUE 3:	What are the purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected during the period January 2017 through December 2017?
<u>OPC</u> :	No position at this time.
<u>ISSUE 4</u> :	What are the levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2017 through December 2017?
<u>OPC</u> :	No position at this time.
ISSUE 5:	What should be the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment charge for billing purposes?
<u>OPC</u> :	No position at this time.
<u>ISSUE 6</u> :	Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts and establishing purchase gas adjustment determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

<u>OPC</u>: No position at this time.

E. <u>STIPULATED ISSUES</u>:

None.

F. <u>PENDING MOTIONS</u>:

None.

G. <u>REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY</u>

Citizens have no pending requests for claims for confidentiality.

H. OBJECTIONS TO QUALIFICATIONS

None.

I. <u>REQUIREMENTS OF ORDER</u>

There are no requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure with which the Office of Public Counsel cannot comply.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 160003-GU

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the Office of Public Counsel's Prehearing Statement has been furnished by electronic mail on this 4th day of October, 2016, to the following:

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