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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20160175-GU

PETITION FOR REVIEW AND  
DETERMINATION ON THE PROJECT  
CONSTRUCTION AND GAS  
TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
NUI UTILITIES, INC. D/B/A CITY  
GAS COMPANY OF FLORIDA AND  
FLORIDA CRYSTALS CORPORATION,  
AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERIM  
SERVICE ARRANGEMENT.

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PROCEEDINGS:                    COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 15

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING:                CHAIRMAN JULIE I. BROWN  
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER RONALD A. BRISÉ  
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN

DATE:                            Thursday, July 13, 2017

PLACE:                           Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 148  
4075 Esplanade Way  
Tallahassee, Florida

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN BROWN: And on to Item 15.

3 MS. DRAPER: Item 15 is a joint petition from  
4 Florida City Gas and Florida Crystals Corporation  
5 for approval of an amended and restated gas  
6 transportation agreement. The agreement is a  
7 special contract that includes the negotiated rates  
8 and terms between City Gas and Crystals that, with  
9 the Commission's approval, will resolve all issues  
10 in this docket.

11 Staff recommends approval of the agreement.  
12 City Gas and Crystals are represented here today  
13 and wish to briefly address the Commission and are  
14 available to answer questions. And also, OPC filed  
15 a notice of intervention yesterday and wishes to  
16 make a statement.

17 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

18 Who would like to go first?

19 MR. SELF: I'll -- I'll jump in, Madam  
20 Chairman, if it's all right.

21 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Sure.

22 MR. SELF: Thank you, Commissioner. Good  
23 morning. Floyd Self, on behalf of Florida City  
24 Gas, the Berger Singerman law firm.

25 We support the staff recommendation. We very

1 much especially appreciate the encouragement that  
2 the Commission has offered to the parties to  
3 settle. We are very happy to be here today with  
4 the opportunity to present you with this  
5 settlement. We also thank the staff for their  
6 support and encouragement throughout this process.

7 I have some folks here, including Carolyn  
8 Bermudez and Archie Hickerson, who can address any  
9 technical or specific questions you have. But we  
10 certainly support the staff recommendation and urge  
11 you to pass it.

12 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

13 MR. SELF: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

15 Mr. Wright.

16 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Madam Chairman,  
17 Commissioners. Schef Wright on behalf of Florida  
18 Crystals Corporation.

19 I'll be brief. We appreciate the staff's and  
20 the Commission's support, encouragement, and  
21 flexibility as we worked through renegotiating our  
22 amended and restated gas transportation agreement.  
23 And we particularly appreciate your expeditious  
24 processing of -- of our joint petition for approval  
25 of the amended GTA.

1           While we've made it clear we don't agree with  
2           every aspect of the staff's analysis, we do  
3           thoroughly, completely support the staff's  
4           recommendation approval. We're very grateful for  
5           your quick processing. And I'm happy to answer any  
6           questions.

7           Thank you, again.

8           CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you, Mr. Wright.

9           And Mr. Rehwinkel.

10          MR. REHWINKEL: Good morning, Madam Chairman  
11          and Commissioners. Charles Rehwinkel with the  
12          Office of Public Counsel.

13          We've -- as staff stated, we filed a notice of  
14          intervention yesterday. We would like to state for  
15          the record that we believe that the contract before  
16          you appears reasonable as presented in the petition  
17          and in staff's recommendation; however, all  
18          financial information, cost support, rates, and  
19          refund calculation and amounts are confidential, as  
20          they should be.

21          The Public Counsel is not here today to raise  
22          an objection to the contract or to the  
23          confidentiality. I want to be clear about that.  
24          We have intervened at this time so that we can have  
25          reasonable access to the information that has been

1 presented under the protections that are available  
2 to a party. And we expect to work with the company  
3 and your staff, perhaps, to access and review that  
4 information.

5 Even though there is an opportunity for a  
6 hearing through the PAA process or the contract/  
7 tariff approval process before you, we are not  
8 contemplating asking for a hearing. We just wanted  
9 to tell you that we do expect to test the  
10 representations that are made today and that are  
11 contained in the recommendation in the next rate  
12 case that City Gas files.

13 So, with that, we're in support of the  
14 recommendation.

15 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Okay. Thank you,  
16 Mr. Rehwinkel.

17 Commissioners, I just want to say, I am elated  
18 that this was resolved amicably and without the  
19 need for a painstaking hearing. So, I really  
20 commend the parties for working together and  
21 collaboratively on resolving this issue. And  
22 appreciate it.

23 Commissioners, any questions or comments? If  
24 not, we're ripe for a motion.

25 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Move staff.

1 COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Any further discussion?

3 Seeing none, all those in favor, say aye.

4 (Chorus of ayes.)

5 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Motion passes. Thank you,  
6 again.

7 MR. SELF: Thank you, Commissioners.

8 CHAIRMAN BROWN: Appreciate it.

9 (Agenda item concluded.)

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I, ANDREA KOMARIDIS, Court Reporter, certify that the foregoing proceedings were taken before me at the time and place therein designated; that my shorthand notes were thereafter translated under my supervision; and the foregoing pages, numbered 1 through 6, are a true and correct record of the aforesaid proceedings.

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DATED this 24th day of July, 2017.



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