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**E-PORTAL** 

Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

RE: Docket No. 20190172-GU: Petition of Florida City Gas for Approval of Safety, Access, and Facility Enhancement Program True-Up and 2020 Cost Recovery Factors

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for electronic filing, please find Florida City Gas's Responses to Staff's First and Second Sets of Data Requests in the referenced docket.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this filing. If you have any questions whatsoever, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

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# Florida City Gas's Responses to Staff's First and Second Data Requests

## First Set of Data Requests

1. Please provide a general overview of the replacement projects undertaken by FCG in 2019 and forecasted for 2020, including location such as neighborhood or city, and provide examples of what was replaced (e.g., 100 feet of backyard mains, 15 services, etc.).

## **<u>RESPONSE</u>**:

A general overview of the actual and projected SAFE replacement projects undertaken or to be undertaken by Florida City Gas during 2019 is provided below, and includes the following projects:

- 1. The Brevard SAFE Area 4 project is located in unincorporated Brevard County, Merritt Island, FL. The project began in 2018 and was completed in 2019. The project included the installation of 22,941 feet of mains and 336 services. The Brevard SAFE 4 project retired 24,925 feet of rear easement mains.
- The Miami SAFE Area 16 project is located in the City of Hialeah, FL. The project began in 2018 and was completed in 2019. The project included the installation of 8,141 feet of mains and 109 services. The Miami SAFE 16 project retired 10,119 feet of rear easement mains.
- 3. The Miami SAFE Area 17 project is located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, FL, near the South Miami Heights neighborhood. This project began in 2018 and was completed in 2019. The project included the installation of 35,497 feet of mains and 318 services. The Miami SAFE 17 project retired 36,737 feet of rear easement mains.
  - 4. The Miami SAFE Area 18 project is located in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. This project began in 2018 and was completed in 2019. The project included the installation of 25,299 feet of mains and 167 services. The Miami SAFE 18 project retired 21,947 feet of rear easement mains.
  - 5. The PSL SAFE 1 project is currently ongoing in an area between the City of Port Saint Lucie and Port Saint Lucie County, FL. The project began in 2019 and is estimated to be completed by year-end 2019. The project includes the installation of

26,331 feet of mains and 154 services. The PSL SAFE 1 project is forecasted to retire 27,172 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2019.

- 6. The Miami SAFE Area 19 project is located in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. The project began in 2019 and has been completed. The project included the installation of 9,760 feet of mains and 55 services. The Miami SAFE 19 project retired 10,181 feet of rear easement mains.
- 7. The Miami SAFE Area 20 project is currently ongoing in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. The project began in 2019 and is estimated to be completed by year-end 2019. The project includes the installation of 15,234 feet of mains and 132 services. The Miami SAFE 20 project is forecasted to retire 19,159 of rear easement mains by year-end 2019.
- 8. The Miami SAFE Area 21 project is currently ongoing in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, FL, within the Sierra neighborhood. The project began in 2019 and is estimated to be completed by year-end 2019. The project includes the installation of 9,586 feet of mains and 46 services. The Miami SAFE 21 project is forecasted to retire 7,170 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2019.
- 9. The Miami SAFE Area 22 project is currently ongoing in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. The project began in 2019 and is estimated to be completed by year-end 2019. The project includes the installation of 21,608 feet of mains and 192 services. The Miami SAFE 22 project is forecasted to retire 20,845 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2019.
- 10. The Miami SAFE Area 23 project is currently ongoing in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. The project began in 2019 and is estimated to be completed by yearend 2020. The project includes the installation of 22,859 feet of mains and 227 services. The Miami SAFE 23 project is forecasted to retire 26,378 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2020.
- 11. The Miami SAFE Area 24 project is currently ongoing in the City of Hialeah, FL. The project began in 2019 and is estimated to be completed by year-end 2019. The project includes the installation of 4,449 feet of mains and 35 services. The Miami SAFE 24 project is forecasted to retire 5,719 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2019.

- 12. The Miami SAFE Area 26 project is located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, FL, in the Westchester neighborhood. The project will begin in 2019 and will be completed in 2020. The project includes the installation of 24,591 feet of mains and 148 services forecasted to be installed by year-end 2020. The Miami SAFE 26 project is forecasted to retire 33,136 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2020.
- 13. The Miami SAFE Area 28 project is currently ongoing in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. This project began in 2019 and will be completed in 2020. The project includes the installation of 22,970 feet of mains and 216 services. The Miami SAFE 28 project is forecasted to retire 25,615 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2020.

A general overview of the projected SAFE replacement projects to be undertaken by Florida City Gas during 2020 is provided below, and includes the following projects:

- The Miami SAFE 25 project will be located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, FL, in the Westchester neighborhood. It is forecasted that by year-end 2020, the project will provide the installation of 26,574 feet of mains and 278 services. The Miami SAFE 25 project is forecasted to retire 31,643 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2020.
- The Miami SAFE 31 project will be located in unincorporated Miami-Dade County, FL, in the Westchester neighborhood. It is forecasted that by year-end 2020, the project will provide the installation of 30,530 feet of mains and 299 services. The Miami SAFE 31 project is forecasted to retire 34,684 feet of rear easement main by year-end 2020.
- 3. The Miami SAFE 27 project will be located in the City of Miami Gardens, FL. It is forecasted that by year-end 2020, the project will provide the installation of 18,144 feet of mains and 98 services. The Miami SAFE 27 project is forecasted to retire 23,206 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2021.
- 4. The PSL SAFE 2 project will be located in Port Saint Lucie County, FL. It is forecasted that by year-end 2020, the project will provide the installation of 36,700 feet of mains and 213 services. The PSL SAFE 2 project is forecasted to retire 50,036 feet of rear easement mains by yea-end 2021.
- The PSL SAFE 3 Phase 1 project will be located in Port Saint Lucie County, FL. It is forecasted that by year-end 2020, the project will provide the installation of 6,130
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feet of mains and 24 services. The PSL SAFE 3 Phase 1 project is forecasted to retire 3,816 feet of rear easement mains by year-end 2020.

2. Please explain how and when FCG plans to notify its customers of the revised 2020 SAFE surcharge. Please also provide a copy of the customer notice to staff.

## **RESPONSE**:

As stated in paragraph 20 of its SAFE Petition, and consistent with standard practice for all changes to customer bills, Florida City Gas will notify customers of the revised 2020 SAFE surcharge to become effective on January 1, 2020, through a customer bill message. The bill message will run from November 26 through December 21, 2019, which will provide customers with 30 days' notice. An updated rate schedule will be available online at: floridacitygas.com/rates-and-tariff.

<u>Bill message content (DRAFT)</u>: The 2020 SAFE Program surcharge was approved by the Florida Public Service Commission and is effective for meter readings on or after Jan. 1, 2020.

#### Visit: floridacitygas.com/rates-and-tariff

3. Please provide Attachment B to the petition, the SAFE Schedules 1 through 7 in Excel format with formulas intact.

### **<u>RESPONSE</u>**:

The excel file with formulas intact that was used to produce SAFE Schedules 1 through 7 is provided as Attachment 1 to this response.

#### Second Set of Data Requests

1. Please provide an explanation of why the year 2014 beginning balance for Total Remaining Services changed from 12462 as shown in FCG's 2019 and previous filings versus the 11443 amount shown for year 2014 in the 2020 filing?

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## **RESPONSE:**

The number of services associated with each main that is replaced as part of the SAFE program is not known until that SAFE project is completed. Therefore, the total number of services that will be replaced under the SAFE program is estimated until the associated SAFE project is completed and the actual number of services replaced during that SAFE project is known.

The amounts reflected in the "Remaining Services at Year End" column represent FCG's estimated total number of services that it projects to replace by the end of the SAFE Program (i.e., 2025), minus the actual/estimated number of services replaced each year, shown in the "Replaced Services (No.)" column. Each year, FCG updates its estimated total number of services projected to be replaced based on the actual SAFE projects completed to date and the SAFE projects that FCG estimates to be completed by the end of the SAFE program. As a result, the estimated amounts reflected in the 2014 beginning balance for "Remaining Services at Year End" may change from year to year.

For example, the 12,462 Remaining Services shown in FCG's 2019 SAFE filing at Docket No. 20180164-GU reflected FCG's estimate of the total services projected to be replaced during the SAFE program period, which was updated based on the actual/estimated number of services to be replaced as of the date of the filing. Similarly, the 11,443 Remaining Services shown in FCG's 2020 SAFE filing reflect FCG's updated estimate, as of the September 3, 2019 filing date, of the total services projected to be replaced during the SAFE program period.