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BY E-PORTAL

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

Re: Docket No. 20220067-GU: Petition for rate increase by Florida Public Utilities Company, Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, Florida Public Utilities Company - Fort Meade, and Florida Public Utilities Company - Indiantown Division.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for electronic filing, please find the attached affidavit of Kira Lake, on behalf of Florida Public Utilities Company and the Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, attesting to the mailing and publication of notices by the Company in accordance with Rule 25-22.0406, Florida Administrative Code, as well as copies of additional proof of such notice.

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

Sincerely,

Beth Keating
Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, P.A.
215 South Monroe St., Suite 601
Tallahassee, FL 32301
(850) 521-1706

Cc: Certificate of Service

It is our honor to provide energy that makes life better for the people and communities we serve. You are a valued customer and we appreciate your business.

On May 24, 2022, the Company filed a petition for a rate increase with the Florida Public Service Commission (“PSC”) seeking a permanent increase in rates and charges to produce an additional \$24.1 million in revenues. The Company is also requesting to consolidate the rate structure of all its natural gas utilities in Florida: Florida Public Utilities, Central Florida Gas, FPUC-Indiantown, and FPUC-Fort Meade. While rates vary from rate class to rate class, the proposed increase, if approved, would increase a typical residential customer on FPUC by \$12.12/month, or 24%, CFG would be \$9.11/month, or 14%, Fort Meade \$8.34/month, or 19%, and Indiantown \$4.85/month, or 12%, including GRIP and gas costs (PGA). The Company is also requesting interim rate relief to temporarily increase its revenues by \$7.7 million pending the Commission’s decision on the Company’s request for a permanent increase. The Commission approved the Company’s request for interim rate relief at its August 2, 2022, Agenda Conference. The interim increase will be placed into effect subject to refund, with interest, 30 days after approval.

The Docket Number assigned by the PSC for this proceeding is Docket No. 20220067-GU.

While the Company has been able to delay its filing through cost saving measures, certain key factors have now made it necessary to seek rate relief. These key factors include: (1) significant capital investments to expand service to new customers, and underserved areas of the state; (2) significant technology investments to upgrade the reliability of the Company’s internal network, its billing and communications systems, and to address cyber security measures, as well as protect customer information; (3) significant investments tied to enhancing safety for the Company and its customers, as well as investment necessary to respond to changes in facility compliance requirements; and (4) the impact of historically high inflation, particularly for insurance premiums, cost of materials, and labor.

Habla Español, visit es.fpuc.com/NGnotification



The PSC will conduct customer service hearings virtually and in-person to receive comments from customers regarding the Company's quality of service and request for a base rate increase. The dates and locations of those service hearings are as follows:

VIRTUAL SERVICE HEARINGS

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

6:00 p.m. EST

Spanish Interpreter Available
Tallahassee, FL

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. EST

Tallahassee, FL

IN-PERSON SERVICE HEARINGS

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

4:00 p.m. EST

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County
7501 N Jog Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33412

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:00 p.m. EST

Winter Haven Garden Center
715 3rd Street NW
Winter Haven, FL 33882

If you would like to testify before the PSC by phone at one of the virtual customer service hearings, you must sign up by emailing the PSC at speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us or by calling **1-850-413-7080**. You will need to provide your name, address, and the date and time of the hearing you want to participate. Once you sign up, either by email or by phone, you will be provided further instructions on how to participate, including the call-in number.

Please note these hearings will begin as scheduled and will continue until all witnesses have been heard. All persons who wish to present testimony at the in-person hearings are urged to appear at the beginning of the hearings since a hearing may be adjourned early if no witnesses are present to testify. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing accommodations to participate should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing in which you plan to participate by contacting the PSC 1-850-413-5770. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should contact the Commission by using the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8771.

Information regarding the Company's requested rate increase is available by visiting the Company's website at www.fpuc.com or calling the Company at 1-800-524-1495. You may also obtain information about this request by calling the Florida Public Service Commission at 1-800-342-3552 or visiting the Commission's website at: www.psc.state.fl.us/ClerkOffice/DocketDetail?docket=20220067.

Any written customer comments regarding the Company's proposed rate increase should include the docket number assigned to this case, Docket No. 20220067-GU, and should be addressed to:

Office of Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

	PRESENT RATES	INTERIM RATES	PROPOSED RATES
	SERVICE CHARGE(S)		
Service Connection (Residential)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$75.00
	\$50.00 (FT)	\$50.00 (FT)	
	\$52.00 (FPUC)	\$52.00 (FPUC)	
	\$52.00 (CFG)	\$52.00 (CFG)	
Service Connection (Non-Residential)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$125.00
	\$50.00 (FT - GS)	\$50.00 (FT - GS)	
	\$112.00 (FT - LVS)	\$112.00 (FT - LVS)	
	\$75.00 (FPUC -GS)	\$75.00 (FPUC -GS)	
	\$112.00 (FPUC - LVS)	\$112.00 (FPUC - LVS)	
	\$75.00 (CFG - FTS 4-6)	\$75.00 (CFG - FTS 4-6)	
	\$200.00 (CFG - FTS-7 and above)	\$200.00 (CFG - FTS-7 and above)	
Reconnection (Residential)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$60.00
	\$30.00 (FT)	\$30.00 (FT)	
	\$81.00 (FPUC)	\$81.00 (FPUC)	
	NA (CFG)	NA (CFG)	
Reconnection (Non-Residential)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$35.00 (FI)	\$70.00
	\$30.00 (FT)	\$30.00 (FT)	
	\$104.00 (FPUC - GS)	\$104.00 (FPUC - GS)	
	\$141.00 (FPUC - LVS)	\$141.00 (FPUC - LVS)	
	NA (CFG)	NA (CFG)	

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Comparison of Current & Proposed Rates

	PRESENT RATES	INTERIM RATES	PROPOSED RATES
	SERVICE CHARGE(S)		
Change of Account	\$15.00 (FI)	\$15.00 (FI)	\$45.00
	\$23.00 (FT)	\$23.00 (FT)	
	\$23.00 (FPUC)	\$23.00 (FPUC)	
	\$13.00 (CFG)	\$13.00 (CFG)	
Failed Trip Charge	NA (FI)	NA (FI)	\$ 55.00
	\$23.00 (FT)	\$23.00 (FT)	
	\$23.00 (FPUC)	\$23.00 (FPUC)	
	\$20.00 (CFG)	\$20.00 (CFG)	
Temporary Disconnect	NA (FI)	NA (FI)	\$ 55.00
	\$29.00 (FT)	\$29.00 (FT)	
	\$29.00 (FPUC)	\$29.00 (FPUC)	
	\$21.00 (CFG)	\$21.00 (CFG)	
Field Collection Charge	NA	NA	\$50.00
Bill Collect with Service Disconnect Charge	\$10.00 (FI)	\$10.00 (FI)	\$50.00
	\$25.00 (FT)	\$25.00 (FT)	
	\$25.00 (FPUC)	\$25.00 (FPUC)	
	\$40.00 (CFG)	\$40.00 (CFG)	
Meter re-read	\$28.00 (CFG)	\$28.00 (CFG)	NA
Same Day/After Hours Charge	NA	NA	\$200.00
Returned Check Charge	Per Statute		
Late Payment	1.5% or \$5.00 whichever is greater		



Comparison of Current & Proposed Rates

NEW RATE CLASS	PRIOR RATE CLASS	PRESENT RATES				INTERIM RATES				PROPOSED RATES			
		Customer		Total Per Therm	Customer		Total Per Therm	Customer		Total Per Therm			
		Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	FN-RS	\$11.00	\$0.49828	\$0.31642	\$0.81470	\$11.00	\$0.62340	\$0.31642	\$0.93982	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-A	\$13.00	\$0.46358	\$0.71307	\$1.17665	\$13.00	\$0.84533	\$0.71307	\$1.55840	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-A (Fixed)	\$17.00	\$0.00000	\$0.71307	\$0.71307	\$19.72	\$0.00000	\$0.71307	\$0.71307	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-B	\$15.50	\$0.49286	\$0.21508	\$0.70794	\$15.50	\$0.80367	\$0.21508	\$1.01875	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-B (Fixed)	\$23.00	\$0.00000	\$0.21508	\$0.21508	\$26.68	\$0.00000	\$0.21508	\$0.21508	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-1	\$19.00	\$0.46310	\$0.11405	\$0.57715	\$19.00	\$0.73194	\$0.11405	\$0.84599	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-1 (Fixed)	\$29.00	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$33.64	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-2	\$34.00	\$0.31960	\$0.15536	\$0.47496	\$34.00	\$0.47507	\$0.15536	\$0.63043	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-2 (Fixed)	\$48.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15536	\$0.15536	\$55.69	\$0.00000	\$0.15536	\$0.15536	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	CF-FTS-2.1	\$40.00	\$0.30827	\$0.15932	\$0.46759	\$40.00	\$0.41912	\$0.15932	\$0.57844	\$16.50	\$0.65229	\$0.00000	\$0.65229
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	FI-TS-1	\$9.00	\$0.37835	\$0.00000	\$0.37835	\$9.00	\$0.62109	\$0.00000	\$0.62109	\$11.50	\$0.37835	\$0.00000	\$0.37835
Residential - 1 (Less Than 100 Therms)	FT Meade RS	\$8.50	\$0.55700	\$0.15245	\$0.70945	\$8.50	\$0.81470	\$0.15245	\$0.96715	\$11.50	\$0.58026	\$0.00000	\$0.58026
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	FN-RS	\$11.00	\$0.49828	\$0.31642	\$0.81470	\$11.00	\$0.62340	\$0.31642	\$0.93982	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-A	\$13.00	\$0.46358	\$0.71307	\$1.17665	\$13.00	\$0.84533	\$0.71307	\$1.55840	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-A (Fixed)	\$17.00	\$0.00000	\$0.71307	\$0.71307	\$19.72	\$0.00000	\$0.71307	\$0.71307	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-B	\$15.50	\$0.49286	\$0.21508	\$0.70794	\$15.50	\$0.80367	\$0.21508	\$1.01875	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-B (Fixed)	\$23.00	\$0.00000	\$0.21508	\$0.21508	\$26.68	\$0.00000	\$0.21508	\$0.21508	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-1	\$19.00	\$0.46310	\$0.11405	\$0.57715	\$19.00	\$0.73194	\$0.11405	\$0.84599	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-1 (Fixed)	\$29.00	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$33.64	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-2	\$34.00	\$0.31960	\$0.15536	\$0.47496	\$34.00	\$0.47507	\$0.15536	\$0.63043	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-2 (Fixed)	\$48.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15536	\$0.15536	\$55.69	\$0.00000	\$0.15536	\$0.15536	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-2.1	\$40.00	\$0.30827	\$0.15932	\$0.46759	\$40.00	\$0.41912	\$0.15932	\$0.57844	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-2.1 (Fixed)	\$87.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$100.93	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	CF-FTS-3	\$108.00	\$0.24102	\$0.05948	\$0.30050	\$108.00	\$0.33554	\$0.05948	\$0.39502	\$19.50	\$0.65272	\$0.00000	\$0.65272
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	FI-TS-1	\$9.00	\$0.37835	\$0.00000	\$0.37835	\$9.00	\$0.62109	\$0.00000	\$0.62109	\$12.50	\$0.37835	\$0.00000	\$0.37835
Residential - 2 (100 to 249 Therms)	FT Meade RS	\$8.50	\$0.55700	\$0.15245	\$0.70945	\$8.50	\$0.81470	\$0.15245	\$0.96715	\$12.50	\$0.58026	\$0.00000	\$0.58026
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	FN-RS	\$11.00	\$0.49828	\$0.31642	\$0.81470	\$11.00	\$0.62340	\$0.31642	\$0.93982	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-A	\$13.00	\$0.46358	\$0.71307	\$1.17665	\$13.00	\$0.84533	\$0.71307	\$1.55840	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386



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		Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-A (Fixed)	\$17.00	\$0.00000	\$0.71307	\$0.71307			\$0.71307	\$0.00000	\$1307	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-B	\$15.50	\$0.49286	\$0.21508	\$0.70794	\$15.50	\$0.80367	\$0.21508	\$1.01875	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-B (Fixed)	\$23.00	\$0.00000	\$0.21508	\$0.21508	\$26.68	\$0.00000	\$0.21508	\$0.21508	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-1	\$19.00	\$0.46310	\$0.11405	\$0.57715	\$19.00	\$0.73194	\$0.11405	\$0.84599	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-1 (Fixed)	\$29.00	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$33.64	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-2	\$34.00	\$0.31960	\$0.15536	\$0.47496	\$34.00	\$0.47507	\$0.15536	\$0.63043	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-2 (Fixed)	\$48.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15536	\$0.15536	\$55.69	\$0.00000	\$0.15536	\$0.15536	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-2.1	\$40.00	\$0.30827	\$0.15932	\$0.46759	\$40.00	\$0.41912	\$0.15932	\$0.57844	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-2.1 (Fixed)	\$87.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$100.93	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
Residential - 3 (250 Therms and up)	CF-FTS-3	\$108.00	\$0.24102	\$0.05948	\$0.30050	\$108.00	\$0.33554	\$0.05948	\$0.39502	\$26.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
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Residential Standby Generator	FN-RS-GS	\$21.25	\$0.49828	\$0.31642	\$0.81470	\$21.25	\$0.85816	\$0.31642	\$1.17458	\$36.50	\$0.65386	\$0.00000	\$0.65386	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FN-GS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.46700	\$0.22966	\$0.69666	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FN-GSTS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.44895	\$0.22966	\$0.67861	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FN-GS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.45658	\$0.22966	\$0.68624	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FN-GSTS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.44753	\$0.22966	\$0.67719	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FN-LVS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40866	\$0.16008	\$0.56874	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-A	\$13.00	\$0.46358	\$0.71307	\$1.17665	\$13.00	\$0.84533	\$0.71307	\$1.55840	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	
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General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-2.1	\$40.00	\$0.30827	\$0.15932	\$0.46759	\$40.00	\$0.41912	\$0.15932	\$0.57844	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124	

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General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-2.1 (Fixed)	\$87.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$100.93	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-3	\$108.00	\$0.24102	\$0.05948	\$0.30050	\$108.00	\$0.33554	\$0.05948	\$0.39502	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-3 (Fixed)	\$162.00	\$0.00000	\$0.05948	\$0.05948	\$187.94	\$0.00000	\$0.05948	\$0.05948	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1	\$134.00	\$0.20383	\$0.07553	\$0.27936	\$134.00	\$0.27258	\$0.07553	\$0.34811	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-4	\$210.00	\$0.18900	\$0.08381	\$0.27281	\$210.00	\$0.24759	\$0.08381	\$0.33140	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-5	\$380.00	\$0.16580	\$0.08987	\$0.25567	\$380.00	\$0.21747	\$0.08987	\$0.30734	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	CF-FTS-6	\$600.00	\$0.15137	\$0.05768	\$0.20905	\$600.00	\$0.18955	\$0.05768	\$0.24723	\$40.00	\$0.70124	\$0.00000	\$0.70124
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FI-TS-2	\$25.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762	\$25.00	\$0.09093	\$0.00000	\$0.09093	\$25.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FT-FT Meade GS1	\$17.50	\$0.55700	\$0.01456	\$0.57156	\$17.50	\$0.68010	\$0.01456	\$0.69466	\$25.00	\$0.55700	\$0.00000	\$0.55700
General Service - 1 (Less than 1,000 therms)	FT-FT Meade GSTS-1	\$17.50	\$0.55700	\$0.01456	\$0.57156	\$17.50	\$0.67020	\$0.01456	\$0.68476	\$25.00	\$0.55700	\$0.00000	\$0.55700
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FN-GS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.46700	\$0.22966	\$0.69666	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FN-GSTS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.44895	\$0.22966	\$0.67861	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FN-GS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.45658	\$0.22966	\$0.68624	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FN-GSTS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.44753	\$0.22966	\$0.67719	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FN-LVS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40866	\$0.16008	\$0.56874	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-1	\$19.00	\$0.46310	\$0.11405	\$0.57715	\$19.00	\$0.73194	\$0.11405	\$0.84599	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-1 (Fixed)	\$29.00	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$33.64	\$0.00000	\$0.11405	\$0.11405	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-2	\$34.00	\$0.31960	\$0.15536	\$0.47496	\$34.00	\$0.47507	\$0.15536	\$0.63043	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-2.1	\$40.00	\$0.30827	\$0.15932	\$0.46759	\$40.00	\$0.41912	\$0.15932	\$0.57844	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-2.1 (Fixed)	\$87.00	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$100.93	\$0.00000	\$0.15932	\$0.15932	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3	\$108.00	\$0.24102	\$0.05948	\$0.30050	\$108.00	\$0.33554	\$0.05948	\$0.39502	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3 (Fixed)	\$162.00	\$0.00000	\$0.05948	\$0.05948	\$187.94	\$0.00000	\$0.05948	\$0.05948	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1	\$134.00	\$0.20383	\$0.07553	\$0.27936	\$134.00	\$0.27258	\$0.07553	\$0.34811	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1 (Fixed)	\$263.00	\$0.00000	\$0.07553	\$0.07553	\$305.11	\$0.00000	\$0.07553	\$0.07553	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-4	\$210.00	\$0.18900	\$0.08381	\$0.27281	\$210.00	\$0.24759	\$0.08381	\$0.33140	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-5	\$380.00	\$0.16580	\$0.08987	\$0.25567	\$380.00	\$0.21747	\$0.08987	\$0.30734	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	CF-FTS-6	\$600.00	\$0.15137	\$0.05768	\$0.20905	\$600.00	\$0.18955	\$0.05768	\$0.24723	\$70.00	\$0.69902	\$0.00000	\$0.69902



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		Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge	Charge	Energy/Transport	GRIP	Charge
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	FI-TS-2 FT-FT Meade	\$25.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762	\$25.00	\$0.09093	\$0.00000	\$0.09093	\$35.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	GS1 FT-FT Meade	\$17.50	\$0.55700	\$0.01456	\$0.57156	\$17.50	\$0.68010	\$0.01456	\$0.69466	\$50.00	\$0.55700	\$0.00000	\$0.55700
General Service - 2 (1,000 - 4,999 therms)	GSTS-1	\$17.50	\$0.55700	\$0.01456	\$0.57156	\$17.50	\$0.67020	\$0.01456	\$0.68476	\$50.00	\$0.55700	\$0.00000	\$0.55700
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FN-GS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.46700	\$0.22966	\$0.69666	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FN-GSTS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.44895	\$0.22966	\$0.67861	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FN-GS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.45658	\$0.22966	\$0.68624	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FN-GSTS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.44753	\$0.22966	\$0.67719	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FN-LVS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40866	\$0.16008	\$0.56874	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-2	\$34.00	\$0.31960	\$0.15536	\$0.47496	\$34.00	\$0.47507	\$0.15536	\$0.63043	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-2.1 CF-FTS-2.1 (Fixed)	\$40.00 \$87.00	\$0.30827 \$0.00000	\$0.15932 \$0.15932	\$0.46759 \$0.15932	\$40.00 \$100.93	\$0.41912 \$0.00000	\$0.15932 \$0.15932	\$0.57844 \$0.15932	\$150.00 \$150.00	\$0.62475 \$0.62475	\$0.00000 \$0.00000	\$0.62475 \$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3 CF-FTS-3 (Fixed)	\$108.00 \$162.00	\$0.24102 \$0.00000	\$0.05948 \$0.05948	\$0.30050 \$0.05948	\$108.00 \$187.94	\$0.33554 \$0.00000	\$0.05948 \$0.05948	\$0.39502 \$0.05948	\$150.00 \$150.00	\$0.62475 \$0.62475	\$0.00000 \$0.00000	\$0.62475 \$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1 CF-FTS-3.1 (Fixed)	\$134.00 \$263.00	\$0.20383 \$0.00000	\$0.07553 \$0.07553	\$0.27936 \$0.07553	\$134.00 \$305.11	\$0.27258 \$0.00000	\$0.07553 \$0.07553	\$0.34811 \$0.07553	\$150.00 \$150.00	\$0.62475 \$0.62475	\$0.00000 \$0.00000	\$0.62475 \$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-4	\$210.00	\$0.18900	\$0.08381	\$0.27281	\$210.00	\$0.24759	\$0.08381	\$0.33140	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-5	\$380.00	\$0.16580	\$0.08987	\$0.25567	\$380.00	\$0.21747	\$0.08987	\$0.30734	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-6	\$600.00	\$0.15137	\$0.05768	\$0.20905	\$600.00	\$0.18955	\$0.05768	\$0.24723	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	CF-FTS-7	\$700.00	\$0.12300	\$0.07716	\$0.20016	\$700.00	\$0.15084	\$0.07716	\$0.22800	\$150.00	\$0.62475	\$0.00000	\$0.62475
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FI-TS-2	\$25.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762	\$25.00	\$0.09093	\$0.00000	\$0.09093	\$45.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	FI-TS-3 FT-FT Meade	\$60.00	\$0.04785	\$0.00000	\$0.04785	\$60.00	\$0.08111	\$0.00000	\$0.08111	\$45.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762
General Service - 3 (5,000 - 9,999 therms)	GSTS-1	\$17.50	\$0.55700	\$0.01456	\$0.57156	\$17.50	\$0.67020	\$0.01456	\$0.68476	\$100.00	\$0.55700	\$0.00000	\$0.55700
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-GS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.46700	\$0.22966	\$0.69666	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-GSTS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.44895	\$0.22966	\$0.67861	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-GS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.45658	\$0.22966	\$0.68624	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-GSTS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.44753	\$0.22966	\$0.67719	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-LVS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40866	\$0.16008	\$0.56874	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183

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General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FN-ITS	\$280.00	\$0.23080	\$0.09536	\$0.32616	\$280.00	\$0.26042	\$0.09536	\$0.35578	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-2.1	\$40.00	\$0.30827	\$0.15932	\$0.46759	\$40.00	\$0.41912	\$0.15932	\$0.57844	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-3	\$108.00	\$0.24102	\$0.05948	\$0.30050	\$108.00	\$0.33554	\$0.05948	\$0.39502	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1	\$134.00	\$0.20383	\$0.07553	\$0.27936	\$134.00	\$0.27258	\$0.07553	\$0.34811	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1 (Fixed)	\$263.00	\$0.00000	\$0.07553	\$0.07553	\$305.11	\$0.00000	\$0.07553	\$0.07553	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-4	\$210.00	\$0.18900	\$0.08381	\$0.27281	\$210.00	\$0.24759	\$0.08381	\$0.33140	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-5	\$380.00	\$0.16580	\$0.08987	\$0.25567	\$380.00	\$0.21747	\$0.08987	\$0.30734	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-6	\$600.00	\$0.15137	\$0.05768	\$0.20905	\$600.00	\$0.18955	\$0.05768	\$0.24723	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-7	\$700.00	\$0.12300	\$0.07716	\$0.20016	\$700.00	\$0.15084	\$0.07716	\$0.22800	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	CF-FTS-9	\$2,000.00	\$0.09133	\$0.12900	\$0.22033	\$2,000.00	\$0.11331	\$0.12900	\$0.24231	\$275.00	\$0.59183	\$0.00000	\$0.59183
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FI-TS-2	\$25.00	\$0.05762	\$0.00000	\$0.05762	\$25.00	\$0.09093	\$0.00000	\$0.09093	\$55.00	\$0.04962	\$0.00000	\$0.04962
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FT-FT Meade GS1	\$17.50	\$0.55700	\$0.01456	\$0.57156	\$17.50	\$0.68010	\$0.01456	\$0.69466	\$225.00	\$0.31366	\$0.00000	\$0.31366
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FT-FT Meade LVS	\$175.00	\$0.21800	\$0.00000	\$0.21800	\$175.00	\$0.28677	\$0.00000	\$0.28677	\$225.00	\$0.31366	\$0.00000	\$0.31366
General Service - 4 (10,000 - 49,000 therms)	FT-FT Meade LVTS	\$175.00	\$0.21800	\$0.00000	\$0.21800	\$175.00	\$0.26381	\$0.00000	\$0.26381	\$225.00	\$0.31366	\$0.00000	\$0.31366
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	FN-GS-1	\$20.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$20.00	\$0.46700	\$0.22966	\$0.69666	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	FN-GS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.45658	\$0.22966	\$0.68624	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	FN-GSTS-2	\$33.00	\$0.39136	\$0.22966	\$0.62102	\$33.00	\$0.44753	\$0.22966	\$0.67719	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	FN-LVS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40866	\$0.16008	\$0.56874	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-3.1	\$134.00	\$0.20383	\$0.07553	\$0.27936	\$134.00	\$0.27258	\$0.07553	\$0.34811	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-4	\$210.00	\$0.18900	\$0.08381	\$0.27281	\$210.00	\$0.24759	\$0.08381	\$0.33140	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-5	\$380.00	\$0.16580	\$0.08987	\$0.25567	\$380.00	\$0.21747	\$0.08987	\$0.30734	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-6	\$600.00	\$0.15137	\$0.05768	\$0.20905	\$600.00	\$0.18955	\$0.05768	\$0.24723	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-7	\$700.00	\$0.12300	\$0.07716	\$0.20016	\$700.00	\$0.15084	\$0.07716	\$0.22800	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-8	\$1,200.00	\$0.11024	\$0.08318	\$0.19342	\$1,200.00	\$0.13576	\$0.08318	\$0.21894	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000
General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	CF-FTS-9	\$2,000.00	\$0.09133	\$0.12900	\$0.22033	\$2,000.00	\$0.11331	\$0.12900	\$0.24231	\$750.00	\$0.52000	\$0.00000	\$0.52000



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General Service - 5 (50,000 - 249,999 therms)	FT-FT Meade LVTS	\$175.00	\$0.21800	\$0.00000	\$0.21800	\$175.00	\$0.26381	\$0.00000	\$0.26381	\$300.00	\$0.26922	\$0.00000	\$0.26922
General Service - 6 (250,000 - 499,000 therms)	FN-LVS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40866	\$0.16008	\$0.56874	\$2,500.00	\$0.49419	\$0.00000	\$0.49419
General Service - 6 (250,000 - 499,000 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$2,500.00	\$0.49419	\$0.00000	\$0.49419
General Service - 6 (250,000 - 499,000 therms)	CF-FTS-7	\$700.00	\$0.12300	\$0.07716	\$0.20016	\$700.00	\$0.15084	\$0.07716	\$0.22800	\$2,500.00	\$0.49419	\$0.00000	\$0.49419
General Service - 6 (250,000 - 499,000 therms)	CF-FTS-8	\$1,200.00	\$0.11024	\$0.08318	\$0.19342	\$1,200.00	\$0.13576	\$0.08318	\$0.21894	\$2,500.00	\$0.49419	\$0.00000	\$0.49419
General Service - 6 (250,000 - 499,000 therms)	CF-FTS-9	\$2,000.00	\$0.09133	\$0.12900	\$0.22033	\$2,000.00	\$0.11331	\$0.12900	\$0.24231	\$2,500.00	\$0.49419	\$0.00000	\$0.49419
General Service - 7 (500,000 - 999,999 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$4,500.00	\$0.38797	\$0.00000	\$0.38797
General Service - 7 (500,000 - 999,999 therms)	CF-FTS-6	\$600.00	\$0.15137	\$0.05768	\$0.20905	\$600.00	\$0.18955	\$0.05768	\$0.24723	\$4,500.00	\$0.38797	\$0.00000	\$0.38797
General Service - 7 (500,000 - 999,999 therms)	CF-FTS-7	\$700.00	\$0.12300	\$0.07716	\$0.20016	\$700.00	\$0.15084	\$0.07716	\$0.22800	\$4,500.00	\$0.38797	\$0.00000	\$0.38797
General Service - 7 (500,000 - 999,999 therms)	CF-FTS-9	\$2,000.00	\$0.09133	\$0.12900	\$0.22033	\$2,000.00	\$0.11331	\$0.12900	\$0.24231	\$4,500.00	\$0.38797	\$0.00000	\$0.38797
General Service - 7 (500,000 - 999,999 therms)	CF-FTS-10	\$3,000.00	\$0.08318	\$0.07393	\$0.15711	\$3,000.00	\$0.10126	\$0.07393	\$0.17519	\$4,500.00	\$0.38797	\$0.00000	\$0.38797
General Service - 7 (500,000 - 999,999 therms)	CF-FTS-12	\$9,000.00	\$0.06124	\$0.03708	\$0.09832	\$9,000.00	\$0.07612	\$0.03708	\$0.11320	\$4,500.00	\$0.38797	\$0.00000	\$0.38797
General Service - 8-A (1,000,000 - 1,499,999 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$9,500.00	\$0.36797	\$0.00000	\$0.36797
General Service - 8-B (1,500,000 - 1,999,999 therms)	FN-LVTS	\$90.00	\$0.35366	\$0.16008	\$0.51374	\$90.00	\$0.40311	\$0.16008	\$0.56319	\$9,500.00	\$0.34797	\$0.00000	\$0.34797
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DOCKET NO. 20220067-GU

FILED: August 24, 2022

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STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF Volusia)

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of August, 2022, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Kira Lake, who is personally known to me, and he/she acknowledged before me that the attached notices and synopsis have been either sent to customers, published, and/or uploaded to the Company's website in accordance with Rule 25-22.0406, F.A.C..

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal in the State and County aforesaid as of this 24th day of August, 2022.



Natasha J. Brooks
N Brooks
Notary Public
State of Florida, at Large

My Commission Expires: 3/14/2026

A Moment of Truth



"When Will You Be Back?"

As youngster growing up in the hills of West Virginia my brothers and I would often ask our parents when they were going someplace, "When will you be back?" Usually we were assigned chores to do and we wanted to know how much time we had. Also, and more accurately, we were more interested in playing and finally right before they got home finish the chores.

This mentality pervades the thinking of many Christians today. God is longsuffering, therefore, I can put off serving Him with my whole heart and in the meantime do what I want. In other words, play around and piddle away life on the trivial and unimportant with the intentions of serving God later.

This thinking is flawed. Jesus said in: **Luk_12:40** Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. Failure on our part to be ready for the Lord's return spells doom. Jesus said in: **Luk_12:37** Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he comes shall find watching.

Mike Hanlon, Minister

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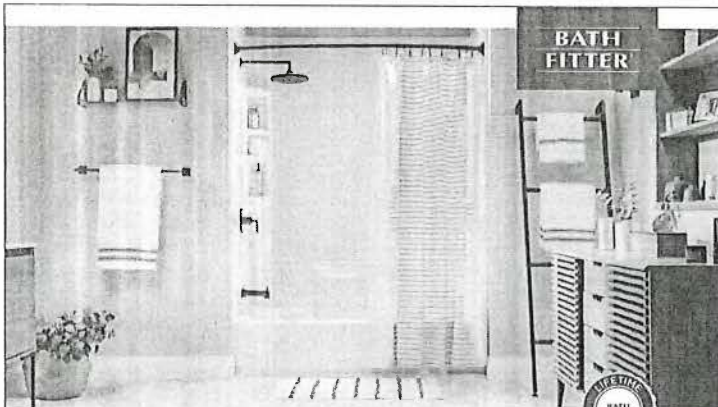
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HAZMAT

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dent around 10 p.m. "According to information gathered from crews on scene, it was a vehicle that had a lot of pool chemicals in the back to it," he said. "After what appeared to be an abrupt stop, shoved them to the front of the vehicle and possibly mixed."

Three Lake City firefighters, Wehinger and assistant chief Dwight Boozer responded to the scene with the department's hazmat trailer. Wehinger estimated the LCFD firefighters were probably on scene for 2.5 hours.

"When I got there, the cloud had pretty well dissipated," Wehinger said, noting it appeared to be just a light fog coming out the back of the truck. "We suited some guys up in chemical suits and set them to do a recon and try



COURTESY LCFD

Both county and city first responders help out a pair of hazmat workers Wednesday night.

to eliminate the issue. "The chemicals that were present created a chlorine gas due to the mixture, which attacks your respiratory system," Wehinger continued. "The deputies and the occupant of the vehicle were already being treated when I got there... I believe they were transported for further evaluation." Wehinger said the fire

departments established a perimeter of a quarter mile to protect the general public and first responders from potential exposure to the hazardous gas.

Crawford said with those types of chemicals, a lot of space is needed based on the volume of chemicals. He said first responders were aware of the chemicals, but they did not know the specific amount which

reacted to create the dangerous cloud.

"Being it was out in the open air, a lot of it will dissipate as it goes out and the volume of it combines with air and lessens the effects a lot," he said. "You still need to take those protections because getting up there breathing it could have been very caustic to your lungs and respiratory system."

both he and his officers are dedicated to doing what they can to make sure that happens.

"I am committed to aggressively go after individuals and anything that's going to jeopardize our school safety," he added. "We're going to do everything we can to arrest them and hold them accountable and charge them."

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nity we will aggressively investigate any concern involving school safety, and we encourage people to speak out when there is a potential threat."

Moreland's intent in bringing the weapon to school remains under investigation.

"The school administration and the sheriff's office partnered together and did a great job of taking this incident and getting this gun off the street," said Lex Carswell, the superintendent of Columbia County Schools.

Hunter said the incident again displayed the good working relationship the sheriff's office and school

system have established in providing safety to students.

"Our partnership with the school system and the school administration out there, it all comes together," he said. "Our working relationship is just phenomenal. This is just a culmination of all of that."

Still, Hunter is aware that success only matters if it continues. And he said

SCHOOLS

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important to donate the book bags to local schools.

"Lake City Correctional Facility, as well as Core Civic, we believe in giving back to the community — anything we can do to help the community out because we're part of the community," he said. "We've been doing it for the last two years since I've been there, and we're going to continue doing it until we can't do it no more."

Deanna Lumpkin, Lake City Correctional Facility program coordinator of the More Recognition Therapy program, said bags would be delivered to Eastside, Niblack, Five Points, Melrose Park and Summers elementary schools.

The foursome was scheduled to provide 20 book bags — 10 for boys and 10 for girls — at each school.

Lumpkin said the concept to provide book bags for the elementary school students was devised by fellow employees Soniah Mitchell and Twylah Queen.

"We decided last year to just try to raise some money to donate a few bags," Lumpkin said. "We started with a few bags and it was Mitchell's idea to try to up the number as much as we could, so we just reached out to coworkers to see who would be willing to donate and it just grew from there."

The schools did not specifically request the book bag donations, but the group of contributors said they recognized in the current economic climate that their contributions could benefit several local families.

"It was just something decided through the employees at Core Civic," Lumpkin said.

Mitchell said last year employees raised close to \$700 for the program, but this year there was less participation.

"This year the participation wasn't as much, we had a late start, but we have a lot of staff that gave



TONY BRITTI/Lake City Reporter

Lake City Correctional Facility representatives speak with Eastside Elementary principal Lori Dopler (middle) on Thursday.

for the project and the company chipped in and helped," she said, noting collection efforts had only lasted a few weeks.

Queen, Lake City Correctional Facility administrative supervisor and secretary to the warden, said she was pleased to see the group come together to make donations at the schools.

"(It's) just to give back to the kids that are less fortunate and are not able to get book bags," she said. "Sometimes it's hard for single like mothers or dads to be able to get school supplies, so we're willing

to reach out and just give back to the community."

Lori Dopler, Eastside Elementary principal, accepted the backpack donations on behalf of the school.

"We're so excited," she said of getting the book bags. "To me, right now with the economy everything is high and expensive and every bit you can help take off the plate of the parent is only benefiting us as a school, the student and everybody involved."

Dopler said the school has several students that she know will benefit from the free backpacks.

"I remember being that single parent who thought one more thing I need to purchase and I was worrying about how to keep the lights on or how to keep food on the table and I know it's happening out there," she said. "I'm excited to be able to offer that help... I don't know every financial detail of parents, but I know that we serve a working class of parents and every bit helps."

It is with a great deal of pleasure VitreoRetina Associates announces the addition of Dr. Iyer to the practice. Dr. Iyer is most recently with UF for the past ten years. Dr. Iyer is a native Floridian, born and raised in Dade City, FL.

Dr. Iyer obtained his undergraduate and medical degree from the University of Florida, followed by an Ophthalmology residency at the University of Tennessee. After completing a surgical vitreoretinal fellowship at Louisiana State University, Dr. Iyer has served on the faculty at both the University of Mississippi and the University of Florida. Dr. Iyer has a passion for taking care of patients with sight threatening conditions with a particular interest in retinal detachment, retinal vascular disease, and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Iyer will begin seeing patients on September 6, 2022. Dr. Iyer will go to all of our office locations to better serve the community need.

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FPL

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acres near the intersection of County Road 25A and U.S. Highway 41 should start construction early next year.

"It's a little different economic development project," Daniels told the board.

That different project, she said, would like only create about 25 year-round jobs for the county.

However, the project will have a minimum capital investment of \$36 million and will lead to the construction of multiple facilities at the site.

It also will potentially have a bigger impact for the county.

The county has been trying to secure funding to extend Bell Road across CR 25A to connect with U.S. 41. Doing so would benefit Werner Trucking, which has a terminal on Bell Road. It also could lead to additional economic development projects in the area.

Currently, Werner's trucks enter and exit to the sharp curve where Bell Road ends at CR 25A.

"This will give us the additional support to get the funding to extend Bell Road," Daniels said after Commissioner Ron Williams addressed the topic.

Project Illumination, when completed, will also lighten the impacts on the community during storm season.

As part of the project, FPL is looking to construct a 100,000-square foot warehouse that will contain mobile sleepers, restrooms with showers and other amenities to support crews coming in for staging prior to storm events.

"It will impact hurricane response not only in the state but the southeast," Daniels said, adding there will be approximate-

ly 450 sleepers built into the facility.

Additionally, there will be a 13,000-square foot office building constructed for FPL to work from, a 7,000-square foot storage warehouse and a two-bay maintenance garage. Fuel bays will also be on site to service vehicles prior to the response.

All that adds up to fewer utility crews staged at the Florida Gateway Fairgrounds as storms threaten Florida. Daniels said the sleepers will also open up additional hotel rooms for travelers, who may be evacuating.

The project came, almost by accident, Daniels told the commission Thursday.

She said two years ago FPL reached out to the economic development office about partnering to market the Bell Road corridor, which led to a video highlighting the development and potential in the area.

What county officials didn't know at the time was FPL's real estate team was in the middle of trying to find a location that would work for Project Illumination.

"We weren't even competing," Daniels said, adding they didn't know about the project.

However, the video produced made its way to the real estate side of FPL and the project ready to commence two years later.

"In economic development, relationships and partnerships are crucial," Daniels said.

Last October, the board agreed to offer an economic development incentive for the project of a 75% tax rebate for eight years on the county's portion of the overall millage assessed on the property.

At that time, the 25 year-round jobs were said to have an annual wage of \$95,000. Additionally, 3,000 people — utility crews — were expected to be on site during storm season.

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Science center adults-only night leans into dinosaurs

By Dewayne Bevil
Orlando Sentinel

Orlando Science Center is preparing for Saturday's Science Night Live, its adults-only event. The entire museum will be available, but there will be a recurring dinosaur theme for the evening.

Jimmy Waldron, host of the "Dinosaurs Will Always Be Awesome" podcast, will give talks on the Discovery Stage. Science center fossil hunters will talk about the gap between the past and today at Dino Digs.

A presentation called "Poo's Choo: A Prehistoric Potty Talk" will be held twice in Digital Adventure Theater. The poo talk will be led by George Frandsen, owner of the Pozeum collection. He has lent the world's largest coprolite (aka fossilized poop) to the museum, which has been on display there.

The event also includes dinosaur dance parties and



George Frandsen has collected dinosaur dung from around the world, using the unusual stash to spur interest in paleontology. Among the finds seen at Orlando Science Center is the world's largest coprolite by a carnivore, certified by Guinness World Records. DEWAYNE BEVIL/ORLANDO SENTINEL

animal encounters. Food and drink from Hard Rock Cafe and the on-site iRoot Cafe will be available for purchase.

The traveling exhibit "Bionic Me" remains at the science center through Sept. 5.

Advance online tickets are required for the Aug. 20 Science Center Live event. Admission is \$19, and it's a 21-and-older crowd only.

The museum is also planning a family-friendly Paleontology Party event during

regular attraction hours on Aug. 27-28.

For more information, go to OSC.org.

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Passholder Appreciation Days underway at Universal

By Dewayne Bevil
Orlando Sentinel

Universal Orlando is launching its Passholder Appreciation Days, which will run through the end of September.

The event includes free swag, such as magnets and passholder-exclusive merchandise while supplies last. There are also passholder-only menu items at restaurants within the theme parks, inside Universal Orlando hotels and at Universal CityWalk.

The giveaway magnet includes a small shoutout to Revenge of the Mummy, a roller coaster that has been closed since January but is expected back in the

Universal Studios lineup in late summer.

The passholder merchandise is available for purchase at AP Lounge at Universal Studios Florida and Toon Extra at Island of Adventure. For merch or magnets, buyers must valid annual or seasonal Pass at time of purchase.

Most of Universal's sit-down restaurants have passholder offerings. Among the choices: Eumoius kawarma at Mythos in Islands of Adventure, the return of the Maloney Steak at Finnegan's Bar & Grill of Universal Studios, Island chicken panini bowl at Volcano Bay water park, calamari pasta at Vivo Italian Kitchen at Univer-

sityWalk and the mango ginger kiss at Voodoo Doughnut at CityWalk.

Universal's promotion also has discounts for select hotels on select nights. Reservations must be made by Sept. 28, and stays must be completed by end of September. For more information, go to Universal Orlando.com and click on "annual passes."

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BONNET CREEK RESORT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 BUDGET; NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE IMPOSITION OF OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, ADOPTION OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL, AND THE LEVY, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE SAME; AND NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING.

Upcoming Public Hearings, and Regular Meeting

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") for the Bonnet Creek Resort Community Development District ("District") will hold the following two public hearings and a regular meeting:

DATE: September 1, 2022
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
LOCATION: JW Marriott Orlando Bonnet Creek Resort, 14900 Chelonia Parkway, Orlando, FL 32821

The first public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statutes, to receive public comment and objections on the District's proposed budget ("Proposed Budget") for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2022 and ending September 30, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2022/2023"). The second public hearing is being held pursuant to Chapters 190 and 197, Florida Statutes, to consider the imposition of operations and maintenance special assessments ("O&M Assessments") upon the lands located within the District, to fund the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022/2023, to consider the adoption of an assessment roll, and to provide for the levy, collection, and enforcement of assessments. At the conclusion of the hearings, the Board will, by resolution, adopt a budget and levy O&M Assessments as finally approved by the Board. A Board meeting of the District will also be held where the Board may consider any other District business.

Description of Assessments

The District imposes O&M Assessments on benefited property within the District for the purpose of funding the District's general administrative, operations, and maintenance budget and providing the funds necessary to pay debt service on outstanding bonds as reflected in the District's debt service budget. A geographic depiction of the property potentially subject to the proposed O&M Assessments is identified in the map attached hereto. The table below shows the schedule of the proposed O&M Assessments, which are subject to change at the hearing:

Property Types	Proposed Annual Assessments
Parcel A	\$341,088
Parcel B Timeshare	\$49,944
Parcel B Hotel	\$62,492
Parcel C/D	\$196,775
Parcel E	\$163,268
Parcel F	\$84,330

The proposed O&M Assessments as stated include collection costs and/or early payment discounts, which Orange County ("County") may impose on assessments that are collected on the County tax bill. Moreover, pursuant to Section 197.363(2)(4), Florida Statutes, the lien amount shall serve as the "maximum rate" authorized by law for O&M Assessments, such that no assessment hearing shall be held or notice provided in future years unless the assessments are proposed to be increased or another criterion within Section 197.363(2)(4), Florida Statutes, is met. Note that the O&M Assessments do not include any debt service assessments previously levied by the District and due to be collected for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

For Fiscal Year 2022/2023, the District intends to directly collect the assessments imposed on the benefited property in the District by sending out a bill prior to, or during, November 2022. It is important to pay your assessment because failure to pay may result in a foreclosure action, which may result in a loss of title. If the District elects to collect assessments on the tax roll for certain property, the failure to pay will cause a tax certificate to be issued against the property which may result in loss of title. The District's decision to collect assessments on the tax roll or by direct billing does not preclude the District from later electing to collect those or other assessments in a different manner at a future time.

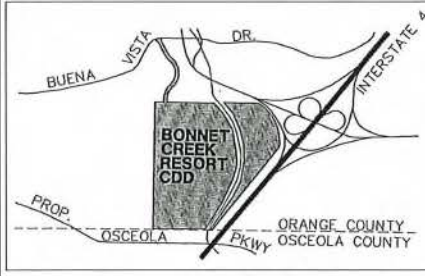
Additional Provisions

The public hearings and meeting are open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida law. A copy of the Proposed Budget, proposed assessment roll, and the agenda for the hearings and meeting may be obtained at the offices of the District Manager, located at 219 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida 32801, Ph: (407) 841-5524 ("District Manager's Office"), during normal business hours. The public hearings and meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the hearings or meeting. There may be occasions when staff or board members may participate by speaker telephone.

Any person requiring special accommodations at this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact the District Manager's Office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service by dialing 7-1-1, or 1-800-955-8771 (TTY) / 1-800-955-8770 (Voice), for aid in contacting the District Manager's Office.

Please note that all affected property owners have the right to appear at the public hearings and meeting, and may also file written objections with the District Manager's Office within twenty days of publication of this notice. Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the public hearings or meeting is advised that person will need a record of proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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Bonnet Creek Resort CDD District Boundary Map

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Bay officials distance themselves from GAC Contractors

Rampant corruption alleged in wake of Hurricane Michael

Tom McLaughlin
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PANAMA CITY — Bay County officials stepped up to defend themselves Friday following the release of a court document that alleged rampant corruption in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

Bay School District's Superintendent Bill Husfelt called a press conference just hours after the Panama City News Herald reported GAC Contractors, a company headed by the now deceased Derwin White and former Speaker of the Florida House Allen Bense, had removed debris from Hurricane Michael from his house at no charge.

Husfelt insisted that no one from GAC had set foot on his property to do debris removal work. The only people who did work at his home, he said, were himself, his brother and a group of workers from Louisiana.

Husfelt said he was "shocked" by the information reported in an affidavit seeking a search warrant at GAC headquarters that was filed in August of 2021 by FBI agent Lawrence Borghini. The warrant was served two days after the affidavit was filed and Borghini's report was released last week.

"No one is more shocked or surprised by this than me," Husfelt said. "It did not happen ... Nobody did any work at my house from any local companies at any time."

The allegation against Husfelt was related to Borghini by a former GAC employee who told the FBI agent he did not have first hand knowledge that work was done at the superintendent's home but "had been informed" by others that it had.

The affidavit did state that Doug Lee, the executive director of operations for the school district, had sent a text message to Derwin White requesting debris removal help. That help was granted, the affidavit stated.

At his press conference Friday, Husfelt spoke primarily of the allegation



Hurricane Michael caused widespread damage throughout Bay County after the Category 5 storm hit the area in October 2018. NEWS HERALD FILE

made that he had debris removal work done at his home. He touched only briefly on the school district itself and its relationship with GAC Contractors.

The school district "did not encounter billing discrepancies in our association with GAC," School District spokeswoman Sharon Michalk said in a text message.

After the story broke, Bay County Manager Bob Majka also requested to clarify the county's status as it pertained to GAC Contractors and debris removal. GAC, according to the affidavit, billed millions of dollars from the school district and local governments throughout Bay County.

Majka said the county largely avoided doing business with GAC Contractors following the 2018 Category 5 storm, but when officials did detect discrepancies in billing by debris removal companies it ran a "parallel audit" to "validate the work we were paying for what was being done."

CDR Maguire was brought in as the third-party disaster management consultant to conduct the audit, which Bay County termed "an ongoing detailed, real-time analysis."

CDR looked at 597 invoices and

600,000 load tickets from debris contractors submitted for review. The county, which ultimately removed more than 10 million cubic yards of debris at the cost of \$209 million, disputed more than \$7 million in invoices or load tickets, Majka said.

The disputed items were not paid by the county nor submitted to FEMA for reimbursement to the county, Majka said.

CDR identified another \$254,621 in unauthorized work that had been completed by Ashbritt, one of the two national companies it worked with. Bay County demanded and received a refund.

Majka confirmed that Borghini's affidavit identifies the work the county was billed for and later reimbursed for by Ashbritt was work done at "residences of local government employees."

When Hurricane Michael hit Bay County on Oct. 10, 2018, the county had contracts in place with both Ashbritt and CrowderGulf for debris removal, Majka said. Those contracts had been finalized in 2016.

Approximately 80% of the cost to a county, school district or municipality following a hurricane is that of debris

removal, Majka said. For this reason county officials were determined to keep a close eye on those it had contracted for work with in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

As early as November 2018, one month after the storm, evidence of billing discrepancies appeared, Majka said. The county has been monitoring billing data ever since and will continue to do so.

"The audit process continues and will for three years beyond when the project is eventually closed out," the county's email said. "Should it produce any additional findings, the county will seek refunds as necessary."

Also issuing a statement late last week was CrowderGulf, whose director of operations determined after being approached by GAC's Derwin White following Hurricane Michael, that GAC "wanted to get paid to do nothing."

"CrowderGulf has enjoyed a decades-long working relationship with local governments in Northwest Florida and has the utmost respect for the vast majority of local government staff and elected officials who are hardworking, dedicated public servants. It's clear that this egregious breach of public trust was limited to a small number of bad actors who chose to enrich themselves in the aftermath of a heartbreaking disaster," CrowderGulf President Ashley Ramsay-Nalle said in a statement.

In the affidavit, Borghini quoted the CrowderGulf director of operations as judging Bay County to be more corrupt than New Orleans or New Jersey, two locations where CrowderGulf had previously done hurricane debris removal work.

"As the affidavit makes clear from the moment our team sensed there was anything amiss, we refused to deal with those pushing inappropriate business dealings," Ramsay-Nalle said in the Friday statement. "We are a family-owned company that was founded on the overarching principle of doing business with honesty, accountability and integrity — as reflected in our proud record of work with Bay County and the communities within. While others may cross the line, we won't even go near it."



The new Santa Rosa County Courthouse is expected to open its doors to the public in September. TONY GIBERSON/TGIBERSON@PNJ.COM

Courthouse

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"It's going to fill the bill for years to come, and it's part of our responsibility as commissioners," Cole said.

He compared his work in bringing in the new courthouse to other large-scale local projects, like the work on the June Atas Arena and the widening of State Road 87.

The new courthouse will feature seven courtrooms, judges' suites, jury rooms, clerk's offices, public defender's

and state attorney's offices and hearing suites.

In September 2017, commissioners approved purchasing the 19-acre lot for \$850,000.

In 2019, commissioners selected the team of Ajax Building Corp., Pensacola-based Sam Marshall Architects and HOK to build the judicial center complex.

After delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic, poor weather and supply chain issues, the new Santa Rosa County courthouse hit substantial completion in February, after a contract change order knocked back the already-extended deadline from early January.

Donald Spencer has been the clerk of court and comptroller in Santa Rosa County since 2013. Before that, he worked in the old courthouse in court security for the sheriff's office.

"There's no doubt in my mind that the courthouse was old, (a new one) needed to be built," Spencer said, adding he never believed renovating the current courthouse was a feasible option.

In February 2021, discussions began ramping up around what should be done with the old courthouse. Trailers and portable units have been added to

the property during the past several years to work around deficiencies in the aging structure.

There was talk of selecting a committee to gauge citizen opinions and determine what should become of the historic structure. But Cole confirmed to the News Journal that there are no set plans for the old courthouse as of now.

If the proposed committee chooses to not raze the downtown Milton court complex, important next steps will include appraising the property to determine what it would cost to restore the building, make it safe and make it Americans with Disabilities Act compliant.

The city of Milton has also proposed building an amphitheater on land behind the courthouse for its Bands on the Blackwater outdoor concert series.

In September 2021, discussions between county commissioners and Milton staff hinted that the commission was far from making a final decision on what happens with the aged courthouse.

Still, as Cole steps away from his seat this year, he said he is happy that he was able to help finish the work of opening the new courthouse.

"We accomplished it as a team, as a Board of Commissioners," Cole said.



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Democrats

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since February, the last time the university surveyed the race.

Michael Binder, a UNF political scientist and the lab's director, cautions the poll may be an outlier because it's the only non-Fried commissioned poll that shows her with a lead.

"Something is propelling her," said Binder, about Fried's latest numbers compared to February.

UNF found Fried has a 20-point lead with women voters over Crist in the poll.

The Fried campaign has been telling reporters for more than a month that their candidate was surging among grassroots organizations.

On Sunday, at a "Roe the Vote" event outside a Tallahassee-only voting site, Fried predicted she would flip two-thirds of the undecided vote and overtake Crist by Election Day — something veteran political reporters, campaign consultants, and political scientists all said was very unlikely.

"They are expecting to draw a royal flush. Or, if you prefer, are expecting to win the billion-dollar lottery," said Jon Ausman, a retired campaign manager and one-time Democratic Party official about the bet Fried's camp is making.

Ausman dismisses talk about a Crist path to victory as political consultant blather.

A former insider of the Gillum campaign said it is nearly impossible to get two-thirds of any group to agree to something.

Others point out there were five candidates in the Democratic race four years ago and that Gillum won with a plurality of 34% of the vote.

In response to the UNF poll, the Crist campaign cited their own internal poll by Change Research that showed their candidate winning over Fried by 10 points, 47-37%. The California-based pollster boasts it was the only pollster to show Gillum leading in the 2018 Democratic gubernatorial primary.

"The UNF poll is clearly an outlier," the Crist campaign wrote in a statement to reporters. "Between public polls and our own internal polls, Nikki Fried at this stage of the race has no path to victory barring a black swan event. And her team also knows that."

The Crist campaign said it knew from the start of the campaign that the race with Fried would be closer than early polls showed, but that Crist "polls better against DeSantis in every poll of the general election."

But Binder and other political scientists said in a primary where the candidates are generally in agreement, like 2018 and 2022, it is hard to know where the support is until voters cast their ballots.

Fried said Gillum was drawing 13% of Democratic voters at this point in 2018 campaign and told reporters Sunday that her real campaigning is being done away from reporters eyes and television cameras.

"You can't test momentum. You can't test the supporters out here who have said 'I voted, and I got my sister, and my mom, and my whole household and my whole neighborhood to vote.' That energy is here," said Fried.

Fried's media advisor is Kevin Cate of Cate Communications, a Tallahassee-based media firm that helped author Gillum's surprise primary election four years ago.

If a "Nikki Surge," as the campaign calls it, is for real, then here is how she built it.

Identify a community

In 2018, Gillum, who is now under federal indictment for misuse of campaign funds, targeted a specific audience: Blacks and White progressives.

Fried's target: grassroots activists and women. She dismisses Crist's string of endorsements by elected officials and labor unions. She said she took her message "straight to the people."

"I want to create a movement from the bottom up, and that's what I've done," said Fried, touting endorsements from a half dozen caucuses recognized by the Florida Democratic Party.

Binder's polling shows Fried support is mostly among women, youth, Hispanics and the LGBTQ community.

Engage supporters and win the Twitter war

The Fried campaign assumes voter turnout will reach 1.3 million — four years ago 1.5 million Democrats participated in the primary. Eight years ago, there were 837,000 voters when Crist bested Nan Rich for the nomination.

The UNF poll finds 78% of Democratic respondents said the U.S. Supreme Court's latest abortion decision — to overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade decision and allow states to make their own laws — made them more likely to vote in this year's elections.

Fried is chasing 1.3 million mail-in ballots and will have made numerous contacts with up to 868,000 likely voters — voters who have participated in at least two of the last three primaries.

Campaign consultants said it takes two messages to convert an undecided voter, persuasive and motivational.

In mailers, television ads, and campaign appearances Fried reminds people she has always supported access to abortion, is the only statewide elected Democrat, and is a fighter who never gives up.

And a constant Fried message is, "If we are not voting then we are giving away our power and our rights," because after the Supreme Court's Dodd's decision, "Democracy is on the ballot, not in November, but in August as well."

Fried has 309,000 followers on Twitter, compared to Crist's 159,000 followers, and the campaign claims to have made contact with more than 1 million voters.

Highlight Dobbs abortion decision

Political upsets in Florida usually occur after an epochal event, according to Tallahassee Democrat columnist and dean of the Florida Press Corps Bill Cotterell. An inter-party segregation feud among Democrats helped elect Republican Claude Kirk governor in 1966. The Gingrich revolution in 1994 ousted two Democratic members of the Florida Cabinet.

Fried's camp said the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which repealed a constitutional right to an abortion, is epic. The decision was released in June and the Fried camp said its internal polling finds it produced a 17-point shift to Fried.

But Charles Zelden, a historian and political scientist at Nova Southeastern University, is skeptical if abortion rights is a factor in a race among Democrats.

"Democrats are focused on the general election," said Zelden. "They are voting for the Democrat against a Republican because of abortion, and because of DeSantis' autocratic governing style. It doesn't matter who the candidates are in the primary."

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Heat

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readings above 100.6 degrees now happen about seven times a year, First Street's projections see that heat being exceeded 29 days a year by 2053.

First Street used each community's top two percent of heat index readings — the "feels like" temperatures affected by humidity — to set a standard it called a "local hot day."

Then the nonprofit's peer-reviewed model projected changes for the next 30 years and forecast how many days a week's worth of today's heat will fill by 2053.

Lee, Manatee, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties were all forecast like Collier to top those top heat-index readings (they varied from 104.9 degrees to 109.1, depending on county) for 29 days per year.

Charlotte and Sarasota counties were projected to exceed today's "local hot day" temperatures for 28 days per year — four times the total now — followed by Pinellas and Broward counties with 27 days and 26 days in Hillsborough County.

Communities that don't top the heat list still face real challenges.

Jacksonville's hot-day standard of 106.7 degrees is only projected to be exceeded 20 days a year by 2053.

But heat-index readings above 100 are projected to increase from 41 days per year now to 86, a 65 percent addition that carries real risks for people whose jobs require working outdoors and people who are vulnerable to heat stress and don't have easy access to air conditioning.

"This is a particularly dangerous issue because extreme heat kills more people per year than any other weather event," said Adam Rosenblatt, a University of North Florida professor who spent part of the summer researching heat islands in Jacksonville in a study partly funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A 2020 report from the Environmental Defense Fund projected Florida experiencing an additional nine deaths for every 100,000 people because of rising temperatures. The level, the report said, was comparable to the number of Floridians dying from kidney disease and higher than the number whose deaths were attributed to high cholesterol.

Being hotter costs more, too, said Dawn Shirreffs, the defense fund's Florida director.

She noted the 2020 research pro-

jected a \$122 yearly increase in a typical Floridian's home electric bills to handle additional cooling needed by 2040.

But Shirreffs said the real costs could be worse because the state's utilities are heavily dependent on natural gas supplies whose prices can be volatile and subject to sudden market shocks.

"There's going to be a lot more risk and cost associated," Shirreffs said, noting that some of that cost will fall on people already struggling to pay basic expenses. Energy bills often consume 8 to 10 percent of low-income households' money, she said, adding the costs her organization projected would make that burden bigger.

In Duval County, First Street's modeling projected that some amount of air conditioning would be needed 298 days out of each year by 2053, an addition of seven days from current levels.

How communities handle the additional challenges heat poses varies from town to town.

In Miami, the city's resilience officer left her job and last year became Miami-Dade County's chief heat officer, the first job of its type at that time.

"My administration is doing everything possible to mitigate the threats of extreme heat — including for our public transit riders," Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava tweeted this week, pointing to examples like planting trees and creating shade to cool bus stops and transit riders.

Jacksonville Chief Resilience Officer Anne Coglianesse has mentioned heat as a subject she wants to include within the city's resilience strategy, which is still being developed. A city spokeswoman said Tuesday that the strategy will be informed by a heat study developed from data collected in June by volunteers monitoring temperature and humidity data along 30 routes driven on the same day.

Rosenblatt said by email that "the most important thing is to decrease the city's emissions of greenhouse gases" by transitioning away from fossil fuels and prioritizing public transit, but that other steps are also available.

Among those: including planting more trees with wide canopies, like oaks; incorporating more tree cover into commercial and industrial zoning requirements; repainting roadways and rooftops lighter colors to reflect sunlight; reducing requirements for parking lots, using that land instead for tree cover; and making "community cooling centers," such as libraries and playgrounds with splash pads widely available.

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COVID by the numbers
August 12-18

Cases drop but risk stays 'high'

BY IAN HODGSON
Times Staff Writer

COVID-19 cases continued to fall in Florida over the last week, but much of the state is still at "high" risk from the virus. The state averaged 6,484 cases per day during the seven-day period from Aug. 12-18, down 40% in two weeks. Florida hospitals had 3,539 confirmed COVID-19 patients on Friday, down another 10% from the week before. Despite decreasing cases and hospitalizations, Tampa Bay remains at "high" risk of COVID-19, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That means

all residents, regardless of age or health, are recommended to wear a well-fitting mask in all public indoor areas. Much of the Panhandle and northeast coast has been downgraded to "medium" risk, which means that only those with preexisting conditions are encouraged to wear a mask indoors. The CDC still recommends that those who are exposed to an infection wear a mask and get tested as soon as possible. People who test positive still should isolate for at least five days, regardless of vaccination status.

Overall numbers

- 45,388:** Number of cases reported in Florida over the most recent seven-day period from Aug. 12-18.
- 6,484:** Average cases a day during that time period last week, down 16% from the prior week.
- 6,854,834:** Total number of cases recorded in Florida.
- 481:** Number of deaths reported in the past week.
- 78,017:** Total pandemic deaths in Florida.

Vaccinations

- 30,088:** Vaccinations (first or second doses) administered in the past week, down 17% compared to the previous week.
- 81%:** Total Florida population that is at least partially vaccinated.
- 68%:** Total Florida population that is fully vaccinated.
- 76%:** Total U.S. population that is at least partially vaccinated.
- 67%:** Total U.S. population that is fully vaccinated.
- 14,928:** Booster doses administered in Florida in the last week, down 20% compared to the previous week.
- 28%:** Total Florida population that is boosted.
- 33%:** Total U.S. population that is boosted.

Positivity rates, by state and area county

- 20%** Florida, down from 22.6% Polk
- 21.4%** last week. **18.3%** Pasco
- 24.1%** Hernando **17.7%** Hillsborough
- 23.7%** Manatee **18%** Pinellas
- 22.7%** Citrus

Hospitalizations

- 3,539:** Florida hospitalizations, down 10% compared to the prior week.
- 1,082:** Tampa Bay admissions, down 13% compared to the prior week.

Local cases

- 9,388:** Cases in Tampa Bay, down 40% compared to the prior week.
- 1,278,713:** Total cases in Tampa Bay to date.
- 132:** Deaths in Tampa Bay.
- 16,602:** Total deaths in Tampa Bay to date.

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Grand jury wants board members removed over school massacre

BY TERRY SPENCER
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE — A Florida grand jury empaneled after a 2018 school massacre has recommended that Gov. Ron DeSantis remove from office four members of the Broward County school board, saying they and district administrators displayed "deceit, malfeasance, misfeasance, neglect of duty and incompetence" in their handling of a campus safety program. In the 122-page report released Friday, the panel recommended that DeSantis suspend board members Patricia Good, Donna Korn, Ann Murray and Laurie Rich Levinson. A former member, Rosalind Osgood, also was targeted, but she has since been elected to the Florida Senate and taken office.

Levinson, the board's chairperson, angrily slammed the report as a "political hatchet job" orchestrated by the governor. "It is nasty partisan politics. He should be ashamed of himself," she said. The grand jury began meeting 15 months after 14 students and three staff members were gunned down on Feb. 14, 2018, at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, a Broward County suburb. The shooter, Nikolas Cruz, pleaded guilty in October and is now on trial to decide whether he will be sentenced to death or life without parole. Former Broward Superintendent Robert Runcie resigned last year after he was indicted for allegedly lying to the grand jury. He

has pleaded not guilty and is awaiting trial. The district is the nation's sixth-largest, with more than 270,000 students at 333 campuses and an annual budget of \$4 billion. The school board has nine members, including two, Debra Hixon and Lori Alhadeff, who were elected after Hixon's husband Chris and Alhadeff's daughter Alyssa died in the Stoneman Douglas shooting. They ran on platforms promoting better campus security. Alhadeff, in particular, has frequently been at odds with the targeted members, particularly over Runcie's performance before his resignation. Stand with Parkland, the group that represents most of the victims' families, issued a statement that applauded the report, saying it "proves what we already suspected — acts of incompetence, negligence and cover-up and a School Board (that) is unwilling to face the facts." President Tony Montalvo, whose 14-year-old daughter Giana died in the attack, called on DeSantis to remove the four members from the board.

The grand jury said that Runcie and the accused board members "uninformed or even misinformed decisions, incompetent management and lack of meaningful oversight" has led to massive cost overruns and delays in a school safety and education program approved by county voters in 2014. The report says the \$1 billion program that was supposed to be completed in 2021 is now projected to cost \$1.5 billion

when it is finished in 2025 — estimates the jury called "wildcasting." "This doubling of time and almost 60 percent increase in cost did not happen overnight," the grand jury wrote. "It was a slow-bolting frog that resulted from years of mismanagement from multiple (district) officials whose mistakes were compounded by the Board, which has refused to hold (district) leadership to account."

Levinson, who is not seeking reelection as her third four-year term expires at the end of the year, said the grand jury was supposed to focus on what caused the Stoneman Douglas shooting, pointing to the victims' parents who stood with DeSantis when he announced its formation. "It is disgusting that on the backs of these families to have a bait-and-switch grand jury," she said. "The majority of the report has nothing to do with Marjory Stoneman Douglas."

Korn said in a statement that "while I respect the grand jury process, I stand on my record, pointing to the district's high graduation rate. The other accused school board members and Osgood did not immediately respond Friday to calls and emails seeking comment. Runcie did not return a message left on his wife's phone and his attorney did not immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

DeSantis fired former Broward Sheriff Scott Israel just after he took office in January 2019, saying Israel's lack of leadership contrib-

uted to the Stoneman Douglas shooting. DeSantis is a Republican, but Broward is a Democratic stronghold by a 2-to-1 margin. If the governor suspends the board members, he would appoint their replacements until the seat's next election.

"We appreciate the work of the grand jury and are reviewing the findings and recommendations at this time," said DeSantis spokesperson Bryan Griffin. Murray, like Levinson, is not seeking reelection in November, but Korn is. Good's term expires in 2024. The grand jury report says the Broward school district seems to be more focused on how it is viewed publicly than on actual accomplishment.

"Broward County has provided a cornucopia of examples of an almost fanatical desire to control data and use it to manipulate public perception, including that surrounding safety," the grand jury wrote. Runcie and the accused board members "are seemingly obsessed with the optics of any situation and control of public impressions of their activities."

"The District produces training materials on 'Building the Brand' as though the district were all important while its students were mere commodities and instructs employees to always consider how situations might affect the perception of the District as opposed to the reality," the jury wrote.

AP writers Brennan Burroughs in Tallahassee and David Fischer in Miami contributed to this report.

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Giuliani says he 'satisfied' obligation with Ga. grand jury

Others have been subpoenaed to testify, including Sen. Graham and Gov. Kemp

Kate Brumback and Larry Neumaister
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ATLANTA — Rudy Giuliani said Wednesday that he had "satisfied his obligation" after facing hours of questioning Wednesday before a special grand jury in Atlanta as a target of an investigation into attempts by former President Donald Trump and others to overturn his 2020 election defeat in Georgia.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Giuliani said Fulton County District Attorney Fan Willis ended his appearance by saying he had "satisfied his obligation under the subpoena."

"So I was very happy that I satisfied my obligation," he said.

Speaking upon his return to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, Giuliani didn't provide any additional details about his appearance or testimony, including the type of questions he was asked. He was pushed through the terminal in a wheelchair alongside his lawyer, Bob Costello.

Giuliani's attorneys tried to delay his appearance before the special grand jury, saying he was unable to fly due to heart stent surgery in early July. On Wednesday, Giuliani said "my plane ride was OK," noting that it was his first since the procedure.

Costello said the session, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a half-hour lunch, "went very well. No disputes." Costello did not immediately address whether Giuliani answered questions or declined.

"Everyone was a lady or gentleman. Professional," he wrote in a text message, adding that Willis came out to greet Giuliani and his lawyers at the end.

The investigation by the Democratic prosecutor has brought heightened scrutiny to the desperate and ultimately failed efforts to overturn Joe Biden's 2020 election win. It's one of several investigations into Trump's actions in office as he lays the groundwork for another run at the White House in 2024.

Willis opened her investigation after the disclosure of a remarkable Jan. 2, 2021, phone call between Trump and Georgia's secretary of state, Brad Raffensperger. On the call, Trump suggested that Raffensperger could "find" the exact number of votes that would be needed to flip the election results in Georgia.

Trump has denied any wrongdoing. He has described the call as "perfect." Willis last month filed petitions to compel testimony from seven Trump associates and advisers. She has also said she's considering calling Trump himself to testify and the former president has hired a legal team in Atlanta that includes a prominent criminal defense attorney.

Other Trump allies swept up in the inquiry include U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. His attorneys filed a legal motion Wednesday asking a federal judge to put Graham's special grand jury appearance set for Aug. 23 on hold while he appeals an order compelling him to testify.

Prosecutors want to ask Graham about phone calls they say he made to Raffensperger and his staff in the weeks following the vote.

Graham's lawyers, including former



Fani Willis, district attorney for Fulton County, opened an investigation last year into any potential attempts to improperly influence the 2020 election in Georgia by then-President Donald Trump and his associates. DUSTIN CHAMBERS/USA TODAY



Rudy Giuliani walks into the Fulton County Courthouse Wednesday, honoring his subpoena to testify before the special grand jury aiding in the Fulton County district attorney's investigation, in Atlanta, Ga. JOHN DAVID MERCER/USA TODAY

Trump White House counsel Don McGahn, are fighting the subpoena in federal court. They argue Graham's position in Congress protects him from having to appear before the grand jury. A federal judge rejected that notion and ordered the senator to testify. Graham has said he plans to appeal.

Also Wednesday, lawyers for Republican Gov. Brian Kemp asked the judge overseeing the special grand jury to quash a subpoena for him to testify Thursday. Kemp had been scheduled to sit for a video recorded voluntary interview with the district attorney's office on July 25, but Willis' team canceled that and issued a subpoena after Kemp's attorneys asked about the scope of the interview, Kemp's motion says.

Kemp's lawyers accused Willis' team of using "delay and artificial deadlines" to cause the governor's "interaction with the investigation to reach a crescendo in the middle of an election cycle." They say it was issued "for political, rather than investigative, reasons."

Kemp faces a rematch with Democrat Stacey Abrams in the November general election.

Kemp's lawyers argue that "sovereign immunity" shields a governor from having to testify about his official duties and they also cited executive privilege and attorney-client privilege. If the

judge doesn't quash the subpoena, they said the judge should establish guidelines regarding what can be asked.

Willis' office declined comment, but Willis was direct in a July letter to Kemp attorney Brian McEvoy that he filed with the court: "You repeatedly referring to it as a politically motivated investigation does not make it so. In fact, you repeating it so many times only proves you have become very comfortable being dishonest."

In seeking Giuliani's testimony, Willis noted that he was both a personal lawyer for Trump and a lead attorney for his 2020 campaign.

She recalled in a petition how Giuliani and others appeared at a state Senate

committee meeting in late 2020 and presented a video that Giuliani said showed election workers producing "suitcases" of unlawful ballots from unknown sources, outside the view of election poll watchers. The claims of fraud were debunked by Georgia election officials within 24 hours. Yet Giuliani continued to make statements to the public and in subsequent legislative hearings claiming widespread election fraud using the debunked video, Willis noted in her filing.

Two of the election workers seen in the video, Ruby Freeman and Wandrea "Shaye" Moss, said they faced relentless harassment online and in person after it was shown at the Dec. 3 legislative hearing in which Giuliani appeared. At another hearing a week later, Giuliani said the footage showed the women "surreptitiously passing around USB ports as if they are vials of heroin or cocaine." They actually were passing a piece of candy.

Willis wrote in the court filing that Giuliani's hearing appearance and testimony were "part of a multi-state, coordinated plan by the Trump Campaign to influence the results of the November 2020 election in Georgia and elsewhere."

Willis also wrote in a petition seeking the testimony of attorney Kenneth Chesbro that he worked with Giuliani to coordinate and carry out a plan to have Georgia Republicans serve as fake electors. Those 16 people signed a certificate declaring falsely that Trump had won the 2020 presidential election and declaring themselves the state's "duly elected and qualified" electors even though Biden had won the state and a slate of Democratic electors was certified.

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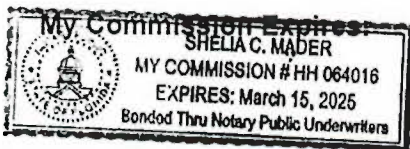
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'Don't Say Gay' law confuses some Florida schools

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Some Florida schools have moved library books and debated changing textbooks in response to a law critics call "Don't Say Gay" — and some teachers have worried that family pictures on their desks could get them in trouble.

As students return from summer break, educators are cautiously adjusting and waiting to see how the new law governing lessons on gender and sexual orientation will be interpreted and enforced.

The new law, championed by Florida's GOP Gov. Ron DeSantis, bans lessons on sexual orientation and gender identity in kindergarten through third grade as well as material that is not deemed age-appropriate. Most educators do not expect a major change in lesson plans — one of the key reasons critics cited in saying the law was unnecessary was that teachers do not cover such subjects in early grades anyway. But some worry it sets a tone that will leave LGBTQ teachers and kids feeling ostracized.

"The messaging of this law is horrible. It's toxic, it's discriminatory," said Gretchen Robinson, a lesbian high school teacher in Orange County. "It targets, very obviously, LGBTQ students, it 'others' them, and that is not OK."

Workshops about the law that her school district's legal team held over the summer caused confusion. Some staff said they were told teachers in kindergarten through third grade could not display pride flags or photos of their same-sex spouses. The district later said the law only applied to classroom instruction and that the photos were allowed. It apologized for offering bad guidance with a hypothetical discussion.

Robinson said schools in her area had given out rainbow-colored lanyards and inclusion stickers, but she was not sure whether teachers would continue to wear or display them. She also worried that some teachers will "err on the side of caution and leave stuff out" during lessons.

The law attracted widespread attention and condemnation earlier this year



Gretchen Robinson, a teacher in Orange County, Fla., worries that some teachers will "err on the side of caution and leave stuff out" during lessons. JOHN BAOUX/AP

when it worked its way through the Republican-controlled Statehouse. Critics dubbed it "Don't Say Gay," though it contains no bans on specific phrases and doesn't bar material on sexual orientation considered age-appropriate for fourth graders and above.

Opponents say the law would stifle classroom discussion, arguing that it doesn't clarify what could be deemed inappropriate. It also establishes an enforcement mechanism that invites parents to file lawsuits against districts, potentially heightening tensions between conservatives and school officials.

The Florida debate reflects one that is playing out nationwide, with fights in school boards and state legislatures over what and how children learn about race, gender, sexual orientation and American history. DeSantis and other Republicans have argued parents should be the ones in control of teaching their children about sexual orientation and gender identity.

DeSantis recently addressed some of the concerns at an unrelated news conference, saying: "You know I hear some people say, 'Wow, school's coming up. But, you know, Florida, they have parent's rights in education, they banned CRT (critical race theory), all this stuff. People, how are they gonna know what to teach or whatever?'"

"And I'm just thinking to myself, you know, you teach reading, math, science, the basic stuff. And you don't teach gender ideology, CRT, the sexuality in the

elementary schools. That's not very difficult to know and that's not very difficult to understand," he said.

Educators say the state Department of Education has not yet explained clearly how the law will be enforced. In June the agency issued a memo on the law to school district superintendents, but it mostly contained a copy and paste of the legislative text. The agency did not immediately return an email seeking comment from AP.

"The guidance we're giving people is that it is confusing and we don't know how it's going to be interpreted. But what we can do is care for kids and provide the good learning environment that they deserve," said Andrew Spar, president of the Florida Education Association union.

The law has been at the heart of a discussion over sex education materials in Miami-Dade County, which has the

state's largest school system. Some school board members said new textbooks showed pictures of condoms, diaphragms and intrauterine devices that were too graphic for middle school students.

When school officials sought the board's approval for the new textbooks in April, after the law had passed, administrators said they would remove chapters that cover gender identity and sexuality. The board members approved the online textbooks, but then reversed their decision last month after coming under public pressure. The board reversed itself again last week to adopt the textbooks without the chapters on gender identity and sexuality.

In Palm Beach County, school officials say they reviewed books and have moved only a handful to a separate section not accessible to children in third grade and younger.

In various school districts, teachers have said they are worried about parents filing complaints over perceived violations while there's still not much clarity around the new law.

Norma Schwartz, mother of a fifth grader and an eighth grader in Miami-Dade schools, said the law may cause some students, families and teachers to feel targeted.

"It goes against our mission and vision, to empower all children, not make them feel like they don't belong," said Schwartz, who is part of the Miami-Dade County Council PTA, which has opposed the law. "As far as parental rights, we are the PTA. We have been around for 100 years. We want parental engagement, we want to empower parents."

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Fried's message in the final week of the primary campaign is that Crist had his chance and it is time for Florida to try something new.

She said in a post that Crist does not deserve to be the Democratic nominee based on his record as a Republican governor in 2006 to 2010 when he appointed judges who have:

- Taken away Black congressional districts.
- Plotted to overthrow Roe vs. Wade.
- Accepted campaign money from the NRA.

Fried compared Crist to a long list of establishment politicians she called "mannequin lawmakers" who created an affordable housing crisis, a property insurance crisis and a loss of personal freedom.

"Look at what happened today. You have a young girl, a minor, being forced to give birth - denied an abortion - because the state of Florida thinks she isn't mature enough to decide for herself. Unfortunately, she doesn't have parents to sign off on it. Think about that. That's 'Handmaid's Tale.' We are living in a dystopian novel. That's not freedom," said Fried.

And Fried concludes, this is why it is time for Florida to try something new, a female governor.

Fried promised to veto any further raids on Florida's affordable housing fund, from which lawmakers have transferred some \$2.3 billion during the past decade.

She proposed a cut to property taxes by expansion of the Homestead Exemption to \$100,000.

And she said, she will lead a drive to place a proposed constitutional amendment on the 2024 ballot to protect a woman's right to an abortion, and if elected will "refuse to sign legislation that infringes upon a woman's right to choose."

Fried reminds voters that the reason why voters should try something new is because the problems she outlined were created in large part by the last three Republican governors, Ron DeSantis, Rick Scott and former Republican, now Democrat, Charlie Crist.

'This election is about good versus bad,' Crist says

The Crist camp is quick to point out that he vetoed an anti-abortion measure as governor, blocked another as a state senator, and has been endorsed by abortion rights advocates including Rep. Anna Eskamani, D-Orlando, and Barbara Zdravceky, former CEO of Planned Parenthood for Southwest and Central Florida.

In an email exchange Tuesday, Crist spokeswoman Samantha Ramirez expressed irritation with Fried's relentless abortion messaging and continual attack on Crist's record.

"Charlie Crist has spent the last 15 months doing what every single Demo-

crat in this race should have been doing, taking the fight to Ron DeSantis. While Nikki has run a campaign based on misleading voters about Charlie's record and dividing our party, she continues to fall her own Democratic purity test with questionable relationships with Matt Gaetz and corporate interests," said Crist spokeswoman Samantha Ramirez.

Fried said Tuesday that Gaetz has changed since his days in the Florida Legislature, and he is not a friend and a "very dangerous" person.

Crist previewed his "Hope For Florida" tour Monday at a Tallahassee meeting held at a historic Black church, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, once led by civil rights leader the Rev. C.K. Steele.

The current pastor, the Rev. R.B. Holmes, Jr., hosted a gathering of Crist and more than 50 Black pastors and reverends.

He introduced Crist as "my friend over the years" and as "bright and brilliant and bold."

Crist focused on his record and the job at hand.

He told stories from his term as Florida's Republican governor, when he defied his own party by extending the hours for early voting during the 2008 presidential election, when Democrat Barack Obama carried Florida.

Crist also touted how he had restored voting rights to ex-felons during his term, a move that drew applause from those gathered even though the policies were reversed by his successor, Scott, and the Florida Cabinet.

And he drew a contrast between how he conducted himself as governor and DeSantis' conduct.

"That's what justice is about. That's what doing the right thing is about," said Crist. "This election is about good versus bad. It's not even ideological right versus wrong. And Ron is wrong."

The Crist camp is confident it will prevail in the primary competition against Fried. The Hill reports it has purchased \$20 million of television ads to begin running in September.

When asked to contrast himself with his primary opponent, Crist was restrained.

"Experience. More than anything, it's experience," Crist said. "I mean, I've done this. I've been your governor before. ... We need somebody who goes into this job who doesn't need on-the-job training and I certainly don't."

Crist's "Hope for Florida" tour was to take him to Pensacola, Hollywood, Pembroke Pines and Fort Lauderdale this week, with stops late this week in Daytona Beach, Gainesville, Jacksonville, Miami, and Orlando.

Fried's "Something New" tour has stops planned for Gainesville, Jacksonville, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Fort Myers, Palm Beach, Orange County, Broward County, and Miami-Dade.

The election is Tuesday. John Kennedy contributed to this report. James Call is a member of the USA TODAY NETWORK-Florida Capital Bureau. He can be reached at jc@tallahassee.com. Follow on him Twitter: @CallTallahassee

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