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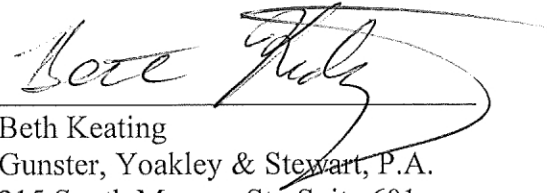
Re: Docket No. 20230124-GU - Petition for approval of limited variance from area extension program (AEP) tariff, by Florida Public Utilities Company.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the referenced docket, please find Florida Public Utilities Company's Responses to Staff's Fifth Set of Data Requests.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing.

Kind regards,



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Enclosure

Re: Docket No. 20230124-GU - Petition for approval of limited variance from area extension program (AEP) tariff, by Florida Public Utilities Company.

- Please explain why FPUC determined it would not include the cost to convert appliances outside of customers' homes (i.e. grill, pool heater, generator) in the AEP.

Company Response

In other jurisdictions where FPUC's parent, Chesapeake Utilities Company, operates, primarily Delaware and Maryland, the regulators have preferred that items outside the home not be covered by these programs, because these appliances are more "lifestyle" related and as such, there can be a wide disparity as to which homeowners have outdoor appliances, as well as what those appliances are. In those jurisdictions, limiting the conversion programs to in-home appliances lessens the likelihood that customers in a neighborhood carry the burden of costs to convert outdoor appliances that only a very limited number of customers in the neighborhood actually have.

That said, FPUC would like to clarify that it does intend to include pool heaters in its conversion program here and intends to modify the noticing materials accordingly. Unlike in its other jurisdictions, pools, and pool heaters, are much more common.

- Please explain the process FPUC would use to convert any rental properties occupied by a tenant, in addition to the work described in response staff's first data request, response no. 14. Would FPUC also need to contact the property owner before conversion?

Company Response

Yes, the Company will contact the property owner for permission in order to perform the gas conversion.