

December 17, 2012

Mr. John Slemkewicz Supervisor Electric & Gas Accounting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0950

Dear Mr. Slemkewicz:

Subject: Earnings Surveillance Report

Enclosed is the earnings surveillance report (Schedules 1 through 4) for Florida Public Utilities' Consolidated Electric divisions and Consolidated Gas divisions, for the twelve months ended September 30, 2012.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Curtis D. Young // Senior Regulatory Analyst

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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY NATURAL GAS RATE OF RETURN REPORT SUMMARY September 30, 2012

(4) (S) (1) (2) (3) FPSC FPSC PRO FORMA PRO FORMA ACTUAL ADJUSTED I. AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN PER BOOKS ADJUSTMENTS ADJUSTED ADJUSTMENTS (JURISDICTIONAL) NET OPERATING INCOME \$ 7,827,575 (\$173,973) \$7,653,602 \$1,465,439 \$9,119,041 AVERAGE RATE BASE \$107,819,711 \$552,160 \$108,371,871 (\$32,578,464) \$75,793,408 7.06% 12.03% AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN 7.26% II. YEAR-END RATE OF RETURN (JURISDICTIONAL) \$1,465,439 \$9,118,405 NET OPERATING INCOME \$7,827,\$75 (\$174,609) \$7,652,966 \$78,039,885 YEAR-END RATE BASE \$110,166,396 (\$338,638) \$109,827,758 (\$31,787,873) 11.68% YEAR-END RATE OF RETURN 7.11% 6.97% III. REQUIRED RATES OF RETURN IV. EARNED RETURN ON EQUITY AVERAGE CAPITAL STRUCTURE (FPSC ADJU5TED BASIS) (FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS) INCL COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES 9.94% A. LOW 7.02% EXCL COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES MIDPOINT 9.94% 7.51% Β. HIGH 8.01%

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I am aware that Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides: Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083. or s. 775.084. 12/12/12 h_ marti Cheryl M. Martin **Director - Regulatory Affairs**

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY NATURAL GAS AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN For the 12 Months Ending September 30, 2012 RATE BASE

	(1) PLANT IN	(2) ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION &	(3) PLANT IN	(4) NET PROPERTY HELD FOR	(5) CONSTRUCTION WORK IN	(6) NET UTILITY	(7) WORKING	(8) TOTAL
	SERVICE	AMORTIZATION	SERVICE	FUTURE USE	PROGRESS	PLANT	CAPITAL	RATE BASE
PER BOOKS	\$163,468,412	(\$49,935,771)	\$113,532,641	\$0	\$2,199,491	\$115,732,132	(\$7,912,421)	\$107,819,711
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:								
ELIMINATIONS TO WORKING CAPITAL	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	(\$1,329,600)	(\$1,329,600)
ELIMINATE ACQUISITION ADJ.	(\$34,377,885)	\$401,533	(\$33,976,352)			(\$33,976,352)		(\$33,976,352)
ELIMINATE REG ASSET	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	(\$1,068,004)	(\$1,068,004)
ELIM. NON-UTILITY PLANT	(\$1,974,859)	\$711,442	(\$1,263,416)			(\$1,263,416)		(\$1,263,416)
ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT	\$34,192,493	(\$2,754,394)	\$31,438,099			\$31,438,099		\$31,438,099
REG ASSET-TRNSCTN & TRNSITN CSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$1,140,364	\$1,140,364
ELIMINATE DEFERRED ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS							\$5,611,069	\$5,611,069
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(\$2,160,251)	(\$1,641,418)	(\$3,801,669)	\$0	\$0	(\$3,801,669)	\$4,353,829	\$552,160
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$161,308,162	(\$51,\$77,189)	\$109,730,972	\$0	\$2,199,491	\$111,930,463	(\$3,558,592)	\$108,371,871
FLEX RATE REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR FLEX RATE REVENUES	\$161,308,162	(\$51,577,189)	\$109,730,972	\$0	\$2,199,491	\$111,930,463	(\$3,558,592)	\$108,371,871
PROFORMA ADJUSTMENT5								
			\$0			\$0		\$0
			\$0			\$0		\$0
ELIM. ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT	(\$34,192,493)	\$2,754,394	(\$31,438,099)			(\$31,438,099)		(\$31,438,099)
ELIM. REG ASSET-TRNSCTN & TRN5ITN CSTS							(\$1,140,364)	(\$1,140,364)
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	(\$34,192,493)	\$2,754,394	(\$31,438,099)	\$0	\$0	(\$31,438,099)	(\$1,140,364)	(\$32,578,464)
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PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$127,115,669	(\$48,822,796)	\$78,292,873	\$0	\$2,199,491	\$80,492,364	(\$4,698,956)	\$75,793,408

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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY NATURAL GAS AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN For the 12 Months Ending September 30, 2012 INCOME STATEMENT

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9) GAIN/LOSS	(10) TOTAL	(11) NET
	OPERATING REVENUES	O & M GAS EXPENSE	O & M OTHER	DEPREC. & AMORTIZATION	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME	INCOME TAXE5	D.I.T. (NET)	I.T.C. (NET)	ON DISPOSITION	OPERATING EXPENSES	OPERATING INCOME
PER BOOKS	\$60,540,291	\$ 21,544,158	\$15,469,375	\$7,345,216	\$4,916,376	\$3,437,591				\$52,712,716	\$7,827,575
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS: 1) INCOME TAX SYNCH SYNCHRONIZATION 2) ELIMINATE FUEL REVENUES AND EXPENSES 3) ELIMINATE CONSERVATION 4)NON-UTILITY DEPRECIATION EXPENSE 5) ELIMINATE AEP REVENUES AND EXPENSES ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (DEDUCTIBLE) ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (DEDUCTIBLE) ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTIBLE) TRANSACTION/TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP (DE TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTIBLE) NATURAL GAS ALLOCATION ADJUSTMENT ELIMINATE TRANSACT./TRANSIT. AMORTIZATION ELIMINATE TRANSACT./TRANSIT. AMORTIZATION	DUCTIBLE)	\$ (18,581,450) (\$2,962,708)	(\$50,807)	(\$144,417) (\$312,494) \$62,500 \$1,077,249 \$237,544 \$203,888 (\$1,342,269) (\$423,576)	(\$90,747) (\$15,969)	\$9,152 (\$679) (\$1,750) \$55,709 (\$979) \$0 (\$24,109) \$0 (\$24,109) \$0 (\$91,633) \$0 \$19,599 \$487,458 \$92,259 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0				\$9,152 (\$18,672,877) (\$2,980,427) (\$88,708) (\$313,473) \$0 \$38,391 \$1,077,249 \$145,911 \$203,888 (\$31,208) (\$854,811) (\$331,317) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	(\$9,152) (\$1,081) (\$2,786) \$88,708 (\$1,559) 50 (\$38,391) (\$1,077,249) (\$145,911) (\$203,888) \$31,208 \$854,811 \$331,317 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(\$21,972,203)	(\$21,544,158)	(\$50,807)	(\$641,575)	(\$106,717)	\$545,027	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$21,798,230)	(\$173,973)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$38,568,088	\$0	\$15,418,568	\$6,703,641	\$4,809,659	\$3,982,618	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,914,486	\$7,653,602
FLEX RATE REVENUES - DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)	\$0					\$0				\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR FLEX RATE REVENUES	\$38,568,088	\$0	\$15,418,568	\$6,703,641	\$4,809,659	\$3,982,618	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,914,486	7,653,602
ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (DEDUCTIBLE) ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTIBLE) TRANSACTION/TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP (DE TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTIBLE TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	•	\$0	\$0	(\$62,500) (\$1,077,249) (\$237,544) (\$203,888) (\$1,581,181)	\$0	\$24,109 \$0 \$91,633 \$0 \$115,742	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$38,391) (\$1,077,249) (\$145,911) (\$203,888) (\$1,465,439)	\$38,391 \$1,077,249 \$145,911 <u>\$203,888</u> \$1,465,439
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$38,568,088	\$0	\$15,418,568	\$5,122,460	\$4,809,659	\$4,098,360	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,449,047	\$9,119,041

FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY NATURAL GAS YEAR END RATE OF RETURN For the 12 Months Ending September 30, 2012 RATE BASE

	(1)	(2) ACCUMULATED	(3)	(4) NET PROPERTY	(5) CONSTRUCTION	(6) NET	(7)	(8)
	PLANT IN	DEPRECIATION &	PLANT IN	HELD FOR	WORK IN	UTILITY	WORKING	TOTAL
	SERVICE	AMORTIZATION	SERVICE	FUTURE USE	PROGRESS	PLANT	CAPITAL	RATE BASE
PER BOOKS	\$166,169,477	(\$53,071,987)	\$113,097,490	\$0	\$4,391,503	\$117,488,993	(\$7,322,598)	\$110,166,396
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS:								
ELIMINATIONS TO WORKING CAPITAL	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	(\$1,989,013)	(\$1,989,013)
ELIMINATE ACQUISITION ADJ.	(\$34,680,175)	\$1,342,269	(\$33,337,906)			(\$33,337,906)		(\$33,337,906)
ELIMINATE REG ASSET			\$0			\$0	(\$1,176,617)	(\$1,176,617)
ELIM. NON-UTILITY PLANT	(\$1,971,473)	\$737,428	(\$1,234,044)			(\$1,234,044)		(\$1,234,044)
ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT	\$34,192,493	(\$3,324,268)	\$30,868,225			\$30,868,225		\$30,868,225
REG ASSET-TRNSCTN & TRNSITN CSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0			\$0	\$919,648 \$5,611,069	\$919,648 \$5,611,069
ELIMINATE DEFERRED ENVIRONMENTAL COSTS TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(12 450 455)	(61 244 574)	(\$3,703,725)	\$0	\$0	(\$3,703,725)	\$3,365,087	(\$338,638)
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(\$2,459,155)	(\$1,244,571)	(\$3,703,725)	30_		(33,703,723)		(3338,038)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$163,710,323	(\$54,316,558)	\$109,393,765	\$0	\$4,391,503	\$113,785,268	(\$3,957,510)	\$109,827,758
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUE PROFORMA ADJUSTMENTS	\$163,710,323	(\$54,316,558)	\$109,393,765	\$0	\$4,391,503	\$113,785,268	(\$3,957,510)	\$109,827,758
The of the Research of the rest			\$0			\$0		\$0
			\$0			\$0		\$0
ELIM. ACQUISITION ADJUSTMENT	(\$34,192,493)	\$3,324,268	(\$30,868,225)			(\$30,868,225)		(\$30,868,225)
ELIM. REG ASSET-TRNSCTN & TRNSITN CSTS							(\$919,648)	(\$919,648)
TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	(\$34,192,493)	\$3,324,268	(\$30,868,225)	\$0	\$0	(\$30,868,225)	(\$919,648)	(\$31,787,873)
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$129,517,830	(\$50,992,290)	\$78,525,540	\$0	\$4,391,503	\$82,917,043	(\$4,877,158)	\$78,039,885

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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9) GAIN/LOSS	(10) TOTAL	(11) NET
	OPERATING	O & M GAS EXPENSE	O & M OTHER	DEPREC. & AMORTIZATION	TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME	INCOME TAXES	D.I.T. (NET)	I.T.C. (NET)	ON DISPOSITION		
PER BOOKS	\$60,540,291	\$ 21,544,158	\$15,469,375	\$7,345,216	\$4,916,376	\$3,437,591				\$52,712,716	\$7,827,575
FPSC ADJUSTMENTS: 1) INCOME TAX SYNCH SYNCHRONIZATION 2) ELIMINATE FUEL REVENUES AND EXPENSES 3) ELIMINATE CONSERVATION 4)NON-UTILITY DEPRECIATION EXPENSES 5) ELIMINATE AEP REVENUES AND EXPENSES ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (NOU-DEDUCTI TRANSACTION/TRANSITION CDSTS - AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTI TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTI NATURAL GAS ALLOCATION AMORTIZATION ELIMINATE TRANSACT./TRANSIT. AMORTIZATION	(DEDUCTIBLE) IBLE	\$ (18,581,450) \$ (2,962,708)	(\$50,807)	(\$144,417) (\$12,494) \$0 \$62,500 \$1,077,249 \$237,544 \$203,888 (\$1,342,269) (\$423,576)	(\$90,747) (\$15,969)	\$9,787 (\$679) (\$1,750) \$55,709 (\$979) (\$24,109) \$0 (\$24,109) \$0 (\$91,633) - \$0 \$19,599 \$487,458 \$92,259 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0				\$9,787 (\$18,672,877) (\$2,980,427) (\$88,708) (\$313,473) \$10,077,249 \$145,911 \$203,888 (\$13,208) (\$854,811) (\$331,317) \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0	(\$9,787) (\$1,081) (\$2,786) \$88,708 (\$1,559) \$0 (\$145,911) (\$145,911) (\$203,888) \$31,208 \$854,811 \$331,317 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0
TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS	(\$21,972,203)	(\$21,544,158)	(\$50,807)	(\$641,575)	(\$106,717)	\$545,662	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$21,797,594)	(\$174,609)
FPSC ADJUSTED	\$38,568,088	\$0	\$15,418,568	\$6,703,641	\$4,809,659	\$3,983,253	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,915,122	\$7,652,966
COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES - DEFICIT/(SURPLUS)						\$0				\$0	\$0
ADJUSTED FOR COMP RATE ADJ REVENUES	\$38,568,088	\$0	\$15,418,568	\$6,703,641	\$4,809,659	\$3,983,253	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,915,122	\$7,652,966
ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (DEDUCTIBLE) ACQUISITION ADJ AMORT EXP (NON-DEDUCTIL TRANSACTION/TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP TRANSITION COSTS - AMORT EXP (NDN-DEDUCTI TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS	(DEDUCTIBLE)	\$0	\$0	(\$62,500) (\$1,077,249) (\$237,544) (\$203,888) (\$1,581,181)	\$0	\$24,109 \$0 \$91,633 \$0 \$115,742	\$0\$	\$0	\$0	(\$38,391) (\$1,077,249) (\$145,911) (\$203,888) {\$1,465,439)	\$38,391 \$1,077,249 \$145,911 <u>\$203,888</u> \$1,465,439
PRO FORMA ADJUSTED	\$38,568,088	\$0	\$15,418,568	\$5,122,460	\$4,809,659	\$4,098,995	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$29,449,683	\$9,118,405

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FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY NATURAL GAS CAPITAL STRUCTURE September 30, 2012 FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS

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	-	ADJUSTMENTS	ADJUSTED				RATIO	COST	WEIGHTED COST	COST RATE	WEIGHTED COST	COST RATE	WEIGHTED COST
AVERAGE	PER BOOKS	NON-UTILITY	BOOKS	PRO-RATA	SPECIFIC	BALANCE	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
	\$53,217,920	(\$1,263,416)	\$51,954,504	\$4,143,951	(\$2,538,253)	\$53,560,202	49.42%	9.85%	4.87%	10.85%	5.36%	11.85%	5.86%
LONG TERM DEBT	\$26,920,785		\$26,920,785	\$173,147		\$27,093,932	25.00%	6.75%	1.69%	6.75%	1.69%	6.75%	1.69%
SHORT TERM DEBT	\$5,710,902		\$5,710,902	\$36,731		\$5,747,633	5.30%	1.32%	0.07%	1.32%	0.07%	1.32%	0.07%
STD REFINANCED LTD	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$7,659,464		\$7,659,464			\$7,659,464	7.07%	5.56%	0.39%	5.56%	0.39%	5.56%	0.39%
DEFFERED INCOME TAXES	\$14,272,929		\$14,272,929			\$14,272,929	13.17%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TAX CREDITS - WEIGHTED COST	\$37,711		\$37,711			\$37,711	0.04%	6.63%	0.00%	7.12%	0.00%	7.62%	0.00%
TOTAL AVERAGE	\$107,819,711	(\$1,263,416)	\$106,556,294	\$4,353,829	(\$2,538,253)	\$108,371,871	100.00%		7.02%		7.51%		8.01%

								LO		MIDPOINT		HIGH POINT	
		ADJUSTMENTS						COST	WEIGHTED	COST	WEIGHTED	COST	WEIGHTED
			ADJUSTED				RATIO	RATE	COST	RATE	COST	RATE	COST
YEAR-END	PER BOOKS	NON-UTILITY	BOOKS	PRO-RATA	SPECIFIC	BALANCE	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
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COMMON EQUITY	\$53,505,922	(\$1,234,044)	\$52,271,878	\$3,496,222	(\$2,469,681)	\$53,298,419	48.53%	9.85%	4.78%	10.85%	5.27%	11.85%	5.75%
LONG TERM DEBT	\$26,684,748		\$26,684,748	(\$103,488)		\$26,581,260	24.20%	6.86%	1.66%	6.86%	1.66%	6.86%	1.66%
SHORT TERM DEBT	\$7,129,028		\$7,129,028	(\$27,648)		\$7,101,380	6.47%	1.06%	0.07%	1.06%	0.07%	1.06%	0.07%
STD REFINANCED LTD	\$0		\$0	\$0		\$0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
CUSTOMER DEPOSITS	\$7,388,988		\$7,388,988			\$7,388,988	6.73%	5.75%	0.39%	5.75%	0.39%	5.75%	0.39%
DEFFERED INCOME TAXES	\$15,429,803		\$15,429,803			\$15,429,803	14.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
TAX CREDITS - WEIGHTED COST	\$27,907		\$27,907			\$27,907	0.03%	6.51%	0.00%	7.00%	0.00%	7.48%	0.00%
											7.000		7
TOTAL YEAR-END	\$110,166,396	(\$1,234,044)	\$108,932,352	\$3,365,087	(\$2,469,681)	\$109,827,758	100.00%		6.90%		7.39%		7.87%