

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

DOCKET NO. 20260004-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2026-0285-PCO-GU
ISSUED: August 20, 2026

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION OF
FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANY AND FLORIDA CITY GAS
REQUESTING ACCEPTANCE OF LATE-FILED PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
COST RECOVERY FACTORS AND PROJECTION TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

Background

Order No. PSC-2026-0039-PCO-GU,¹ the Order Establishing Procedure (OEP), established hearing procedures to govern this docket, including controlling dates. Pursuant to the OEP, FPUC and FCG's deadline to file their Joint Petition for Approval of Conversation Cost Recovery Factors (Joint Petition) and associated testimony and exhibits was August 3, 2026. On August 4, 2026, Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) and Florida City Gas (FCG) filed their Joint Petition and associated testimony and exhibits along with a Joint Motion Requesting Acceptance of Late-Filed Petition for Approval of Cost Recovery Factors and Projection Testimony and Exhibits (Joint Motion).

As stated in their Joint Motion, FPUC and FCG were unable to file their Joint Petition and associated testimony and exhibits before the deadline due to training of new personnel, challenging workloads, and the late discovery of an unexpected error. FPUC and FCG informed Commission staff and conferred with the parties on the evening of August 3, 2026, regarding the Joint Motion to be filed the following afternoon. The Office of Public Counsel and Peoples Gas System, Inc. did not oppose the Joint Motion, while St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc., and Sebring Gas System, Inc. did not provide a response. FPUC and FCG ultimately filed their Joint Motion, along with their Joint Petition with associated testimony and exhibits, at approximately 1:49 p.m. on August 4, 2026—just under 6 business hours after the filings were due, as set forth in the OEP.

Decision

Section IV of the OEP states “[f]ailure of a party to timely prefile exhibits and testimony from any witness in accordance with the foregoing requirements *may* bar admission of such exhibits and testimony.” (emphasis added). However, under the authority of Rule 28-106.211, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), the Joint Motion shall be granted. FPUC and FCG's late-filed Joint Petition and associated testimony and exhibits shall be accepted for filing because there is no or very little prejudice to any of the parties and none of the parties objected to the testimony and exhibits being admitted.

¹ As modified by Order No. PSC-0046-PCO-GU.

Therefore, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, that the Joint Motion of Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida City Gas Requesting Acceptance of Late-Filed Petition for Approval of Cost Recovery Factors and Projection Testimony and Exhibits is granted. It is further,

By ORDER of Commissioner Gary F. Clark, as Prehearing Officer, this 20th day of August, 2026.



GARY F. CLARK

Commissioner and Prehearing Officer

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