

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of: DOCKET NO. 130079-GU

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, BY
SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.

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In the Matter of: DOCKET NO. 130130-GU

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL
CONTRACT WITH THE FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS -
DESOTO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION,
BY SEBRING GAS SYSTEM, INC.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEMS NOS. 6 and 7

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN RONALD A. BRISÉ
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER EDUARDO E. BALBIS
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN

DATE: Tuesday, July 30, 2013

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Moving on to Item Number
3 6. Commissioner Edgar.

4 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Mr. Chairman, just a
5 suggestion. We might want to ask staff to present
6 Item 6 and 7 together just because -- although they
7 are separate, they are, they are very similar. That
8 might be more efficient.

9 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** That's not a bad idea.
10 We can, we can do that, handle 6 and 7 together.

11 **MS. KING:** Good morning again,
12 Commissioners. Laura King with Commission staff.
13 And we would like to introduce 6 and 7 together
14 since they are both petitions by Sebring for
15 approval of special contracts for the transportation
16 of natural gas with the Florida Department of
17 Corrections.

18 Item 6 addresses the contract with Hardee
19 Correctional Institute, and Item 7 addresses
20 the contract to serve the DeSoto Correctional
21 Institution. Both contracts have substantially
22 similar terms and conditions; however, the cost to
23 serve the facilities differ.

24 The facilities currently use propane to
25 provide heat, hot water, cooking, and laundry

1 services, but would like to convert to natural gas.
2 Because the DOC was not willing to pay any upfront
3 cost, the infrastructure needed to serve the -- for
4 the infrastructure needed to serve the facilities,
5 Sebring determined that it could not provide the
6 services under its current tariffs and therefore the
7 special contracts were needed.

8 Staff reviewed the data provided by the
9 company regarding its initial investment to serve
10 both facilities as well as the contract terms and
11 believes they are reasonable. The contracts each
12 generate annual revenues that exceed the annual cost
13 to serve, and the revenue stream will recover the
14 up-front infrastructure costs in a reasonable amount
15 of time.

16 Staff recommends approval of both
17 contracts. We're here to answer any questions. And
18 Mr. Horton is here to answer any questions on behalf
19 of the company.

20 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Thank you.

21 Any questions, Commissioners, on these two
22 items?

23 Commissioner Edgar.

24 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you. And I
25 recognize that this may be slightly beyond our

1 jurisdiction; however, would it be correct to
2 presume that for the correctional facilities that
3 the conversion to natural gas from propane will
4 ultimately be a savings to those facilities?

5 **MS. KING:** Yes, ma'am, that's correct.

6 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you. And is it
7 also correct to say that if we were to approve these
8 two items, that there would be -- there is not
9 expected to be a negative financial impact to
10 current ratepayers?

11 **MS. KING:** That's correct. Currently
12 there's not. If the contract goes to term, we
13 expect there to be no issues.

14 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Thank you.

15 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Commissioner Balbis.

16 **COMMISSIONER BALBIS:** Thank you,
17 Mr. Chairman.

18 I just want to recognize Sebring for
19 working with these institutions and providing the
20 financing options so that they can receive the
21 benefit of natural gas. And I just wanted to point
22 that out, and at the proper time I'd move staff's
23 recommendation on all the issues for these two
24 items.

25 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** Okay. Are there any

1 further comments? If there aren't, then we have a
2 motion on the table. Is there --

3 **COMMISSIONER EDGAR:** Second.

4 **CHAIRMAN BRISÉ:** It's been moved and
5 seconded. Once again I'll give you an
6 opportunity -- any further comments? Seeing none,
7 all in favor, say aye.

8 (Vote taken.)

9 All right. Thank you. Thank you very much.

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