BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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| In re: Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up. | DOCKET NO. 20210003-GU  ORDER NO. PSC-2021-0437-FOF-GU  ISSUED: November 22, 2021 |

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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On behalf of St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (SJNG).

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FINAL ORDER APPROVING PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AMOUNTS

AND ESTABLISHING PURCHASED GAS COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO BE APPLIED

DURING THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 2022

BY THE COMMISSION:

1. Background

As part of our continuing purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up proceedings, an administrative hearing was held in this docket on November 2, 2021. Florida City Gas, Florida Public Utilities Company and Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade, Peoples Gas System, and St. Joe Natural Gas Company, Inc. (collectively, Gas Utilities) submitted testimony and exhibits in support of their proposed final and estimated true-up amounts and their proposed purchased gas recovery factors. The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) also participated in this proceeding. We are vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter by the provisions of Chapter 366, Florida Statutes (F.S.), including Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 366.06, F.S.

Prior to the hearing, the parties reached a Type 2 stipulation[[1]](#footnote-1) on all issues identified for resolution at hearing, with the Gas Utilities agreeing to proposed stipulations on all issues and OPC taking no position on these proposed stipulations. The proposed stipulations were presented to us for approval. The proposed stipulations specified final and estimated true-up amounts and purchased gas cost recovery factors appropriate for each Gas Utility. We accept and approve the proposed stipulations as reasonable and supported by competent, substantial evidence of record, as set forth below.

1. Decision

We find the appropriate final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2020 through December 2020 are as follows:

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| Florida City Gas | $500,185 | Over-recovery |
| FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade | $3,199,135 | Under-recovery |
| Peoples Gas System | $599,738 | Over-recovery |
| St. Joe Natural Gas Company | $38,770 | Under-recovery |

We find the appropriate actual/estimated purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2021 through December 2021 are as follows:

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| Florida City Gas | $1,334,903 | Under-recovery |
| FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade | $5,120,126 | Over-recovery |
| Peoples Gas System | $8,332,074 | Under-recovery |
| St. Joe Natural Gas Company | $83,782 | Over-recovery |

We find the appropriate total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected or refunded during the period January 2022 through December 2022 are as follows:

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| Florida City Gas | $834,718 | Under-recovery |
| FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade | $1,920,991 | Over-recovery |
| Peoples Gas System | $7,732,336 | Under-recovery |
| St. Joe Natural Gas Company | $45,013 | Over-recovery |

We find the appropriate levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2022 through December 2022 are as follows:

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| Florida City Gas | 79.055 cents/therm |
| FPUC & FPUC-Fort Meade | 105.04 cents/therm |
| Peoples Gas System | 119.163 cents/therm |
| St. Joe Natural Gas Company | 61.70 cents/therm |

The above purchased gas adjustment charges shall be effective for all meter readings on or after January 1, 2022, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2022 through December 2022 and continuing until modified by subsequent order of this Commission.

1. Conclusion

We find that revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges found to be appropriate in this proceeding are approved. We direct Commission staff to verify that the revised tariffs filed by the utilities to reflect the new purchase gas adjustment charges are consistent with our decision.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that the stipulations, findings, and rulings set forth in the body of this Order are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED that each utility that was a party to this docket shall abide by the stipulations, findings, and rulings herein which are applicable to it. It is further

ORDERED that Commission staff shall verify that the revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment charges are consistent with our decision herein. It is further

ORDERED that the utilities named herein are authorized to collect the purchased gas adjustment amounts and use the factors approved herein effective with all meter readings on or after January 1, 2022, beginning with the first or applicable billing cycle for the period January 2022 through December 2022 and continuing until modified by subsequent order of this Commission. It is further

ORDERED that the Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up docket is an on-going docket and shall remain open.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of November, 2021.

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|  | /s/ Adam J. Teitzman |
|  | ADAM J. TEITZMAN  Commission Clerk |

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Any party adversely affected by the Commission's final action in this matter may request: 1) reconsideration of the decision by filing a motion for reconsideration with the Office of Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, within fifteen (15) days of the issuance of this order in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.060, Florida Administrative Code; or 2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water and/or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Office of Commission Clerk, and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.

1. A Type 2 stipulation occurs on an issue when the utility and the staff, or the utility and at least one party adversarial to the utility, agree on the resolution of the issue and the remaining parties (including staff if they do not join in the agreement) do not object to the Commission relying on the agreed language to resolve that issue in a final order. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)