

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: DOCKET NO. 20250004-GU
Natural gas conservation
cost recovery.

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PROCEEDINGS: PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2025

TIME: Commenced: 9:30 a.m.
Concluded: 11:10 a.m.

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, Florida

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Let's move to
3 04.

4 Mr. Farooqi, are there any preliminary matters
5 we need to address before we get to the draft
6 Prehearing Order?

7 MR. FAROOQI: Good morning, and, yes. Staff
8 notes that St. Joe Natural Gas Company has been
9 excused from the Prehearing Conference in this
10 docket as well.

11 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Is there any
12 party have any preliminary matters before we move
13 through?

14 All right. Seeing none, we will start with
15 Section I is the Case Background.

16 Section II, Conduct of Proceedings.

17 Section III is Jurisdiction.

18 Section IV, Procedure For Handling
19 Confidential Information.

20 Section V, Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.
21 Staff.

22 MR. FAROOQI: Staff suggests for any witness
23 who is not excused, that the summary of their
24 testimony be no longer than three minutes.

25 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Any objections?

1 All right, then three minutes.

2 Order of Witnesses.

3 MR. FAROOQI: If the parties are willing to
4 excuse witnesses, staff will confirm with each
5 Commissioner that the witnesses can be excused. If
6 no Commissioner has any questions of these
7 witnesses, the witness may be excused from the
8 hearing and his or her testimony and exhibits
9 entered into the record as though read.

10 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. I am
11 just going to stop asking you guys if you have
12 witnesses who can be stipulated at this time and
13 assume that you are still working on that if you
14 need to.

15 We are going to move to Basic Positions.

16 MR. FAROOQI: Staff recommends that the
17 Prehearing Order -- Officer give the parties the
18 opportunity to submit any changes to basic
19 positions in writing by close of business tomorrow,
20 October 22nd.

21 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. All
22 right. Let's -- Issues and Positions, staff.

23 MR. FAROOQI: Issues and Positions are
24 included in the draft Prehearing Order. Staff
25 notes that for issues in which a party has taken no

1 position at this time, if such party does not take
2 a position on these issues per the OEP, their
3 position will be changed to no position in the
4 Prehearing Order.

5 Additionally, if a party fails to take a
6 position on an issue by the time of the Prehearing
7 Conference, the party waives its opportunity to
8 conduct cross-examination on the issue, as well as
9 file a post-hearing briefly brief on the issue.

10 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Are there any
11 other related matters that need to be discussed?

12 Seeing none, we will move to the Exhibit List.

13 MR. FAROOQI: Staff notes that we have
14 prepared and circulated draft Comprehensive Exhibit
15 List that includes all prefiled exhibits, as well
16 as those exhibits staff wishes to include in the
17 record. Staff will check with the parties prior to
18 the hearing to determine if there are any
19 objections to the Comprehensive Exhibit List or to
20 any of staff exhibits being entered.

21 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Okay. Are
22 there any proposed stipulations?

23 MR. FAROOQI: No stipulations.

24 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Pending
25 motions?

1 THE WITNESS: No pending motions.

2 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Pending
3 confidential motions?

4 MR. FAROOQI: There are no pending
5 confidential motions.

6 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: All right. So
7 Post-Hearing Procedures.

8 MR. FAROOQI: If the parties agree to waive
9 briefs, the Commission may make a bench decision on
10 for this docket.

11 And if there are no issues to be briefed,
12 staff recommends post-hearing briefs be no longer
13 than 40 pages.

14 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Objections?
15 All right, seeing none, I will move to Rulings.

16 MR. FAROOQI: Staff recommends that the
17 Prehearing Officer make a ruling that opening
18 statements, if any, should not exceed three minutes
19 per party unless any party chooses to waive its
20 opening statement.

21 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Objections to
22 three minutes? Okay. Seeing none, opening
23 statements shall be limited to three minutes per
24 party.

25 Are there any other matters that need to be

1 addressed in this Prehearing Conference?

2 MR. FAROOQI: Not by staff.

3 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO SMITH: Parties?

4 All right. Seeing none, this concludes the
5 prehearing for 04.

6 (Proceedings concluded.)

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1 CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER

2 STATE OF FLORIDA)
3 COUNTY OF LEON)
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5 I, DEBRA KRICK, Court Reporter, do hereby
6 certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the
7 time and place herein stated.

8 IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I
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18 DATED this 11th day of November, 2025.
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