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Mr. Adam Teitzman, Clerk
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Re: Docket No. 20260026-GU – Application for Rate Increase by Florida City Gas.

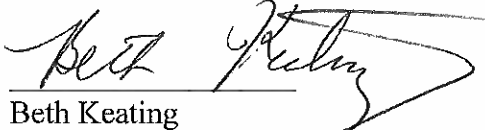
Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached, for electronic filing, on behalf of Florida City Gas, please find the Direct Testimony of James Kendall, as well as his Exhibit JK-1.

Thank you for your assistance with this filing. As always, please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions whatsoever.

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Sincerely,



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Docket No. 20260026-GU: Petition for rate increase by Florida City Gas

Prepared Direct Testimony of James Kendall

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1 **I. Introduction**

2 **Q. Please state your name, occupation and business address.**

3 A. My name is James Kendall, and I am the Regional Manager of Florida Operations for
4 Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, which is the parent company of Florida City Gas.
5 My business address is 4180 S. US Highway 1, Rockledge, FL 32955.

6 **Q. Please describe your educational background and relevant professional
7 experience.**

8 A. I've worked at FCG for over 34 years holding various positions in the field for 15
9 years and the last 19 years in Management.

10 **Q. Have you previously filed testimony before the Florida Public Service
11 Commission?**

12 A. No.

13 **Q. How will you refer to the Company?**

14 A. When referring to Florida City Gas, I will refer to it as "FCG" or the "Company."
15 When referring to Chesapeake Utilities Corporation, the parent company, I will refer
16 to it as "Chesapeake" or "CUC."

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18 **II. Statement of Qualifications**

19 **Q. Please describe your current responsibilities.**

20 A. In my current role as the Regional Manager of Florida Operations I oversee the daily
21 operations for all FCG locations, as well as the West Palm Beach territory served by
22 Florida Public Utilities Company, which is FCG's sister company.

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1 **III. Purpose of Testimony**

2 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

3 **A.** My testimony will provide my experience working in management at FCG through
4 several acquisitions over the years, discussing certain improvements made since the
5 latest acquisition benefiting FCG.

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7 **IV. CUC Improvements to FCG Operations**

8 **Q. Has CUC made improvements benefiting FCG since the November 2023**
9 **acquisition?**

10 **A.** Yes. It is important to note that CUC, at its core, is a gas distribution company, with
11 extensive knowledge of doing business in Florida. This focus and experience allowed
12 CUC to provide improvements and renewed dedication to the safety, reliability and
13 integrity of FCG's gas infrastructure and facilities.

14 **Q. Please describe the key improvements since the acquisition, from your**
15 **perspective, as the Regional Manager of Florida Operations.**

16 **A.** Since the acquisition, CUC has focused heavily on employee development utilizing
17 the new Safety Town training facility, a renewed focus on safety utilizing modern
18 technology like Blackline lone worker devices, empowering employees with stop
19 work authority, near-miss reporting and regular safety observations. In addition, CUC
20 has integrated FCG into its Damage Prevention Program, providing education to
21 excavators across the territory on safe digging practices and performing interventions
22 when patrolling pipelines. FCG has also migrated into CUC's CIS and asset
23 management systems, adopted CUC's operations and construction procedures, and is

1 continuously finding ways to enhance system safety and reliability through pressure
2 improvement and SAFE projects. As a result of the pressure improvement
3 enhancements, FCG was able to maintain service with no pressure issues during the
4 winter 2025-2026, which was one of the coldest in Florida in over 15 years. Another
5 area of improvement since the acquisition was the acceleration of the replacement of
6 FCG's aging fleet of vehicles, many were over eight years old and new vehicles were
7 unavailable due to supply chain issues created during the pandemic.

8 **Q. Are you sponsoring any of the Company's Minimum Filing Requirement (MFR)**
9 **schedules?**

10 A. Yes. Attached as Exhibit JK-1 is a list of MFRs that I am sponsoring. As you will
11 note, among them is the I-4 schedule, which reflects the allocation of vehicles to non-
12 utility accounts. You will note that all vehicles are fully engaged in service to our
13 regulated utility customers.

14 **Q. What do the other schedules address?**

15 A. I-1 addresses service interruptions. As you will see, during the historic test year, which
16 is post-acquisition by CUC, there have been no notable service interruptions to report.
17 Schedule I-2 likewise reflects no rule violation notices since that acquisition by CUC.
18 Schedule I-3 addresses meter testing and confirms that all FCG meters are included in
19 the sampling for our meter testing program.

20 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

21 A. Yes.

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Florida City Gas
Witness James Kendall's Sponsored MFRs

SCHEDULE

I-1	Interruption of Gas Service
I-2	Notification of Rule Violations
I-3	Periodic Test of Customer Meters:
I-4	Vehicle Allocation

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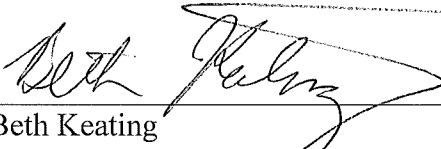
WITNESS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Testimony and Exhibit of James Kendall have been furnished by Electronic Mail to the following parties of record this 20th day of April, 2026:

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