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Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2026 4:17 PM
To: Consumer Correspondence; Consina Griffin-Greaux
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Hello,

Please see attached letter that I would like delivered to the Commission prior to the July 7, 2026 vote.

Sent from my iPhone

Dustin Dru Duvall
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July 2, 2026

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**SUBJECT: FORMAL CONSUMER OBJECTION TO PROPOSED INTERIM RATE INCREASES
— DOCKET NO. 20260026-GU (FLORIDA CITY GAS)**

To the State of Florida Public Service Commission:

I am writing as a resident of Viera, Florida, and a formal consumer of Florida City Gas, to register my strong, unequivocal objection to the proposed interim rate hikes submitted under Docket No. 20260026-GU. While the utility maintains its fixed base customer charges at existing baseline levels across standard residential tiers, the compounding volumetric distribution adjustments represent an extraordinary, disproportionate, and unmanageable financial burden on working Florida families.

Upon review of the official rate comparison documentation, the structural shift from "Present Rates" to "Interim Rates" reveals an aggressive scaling of charges per therm. For standard residential consumers falling under the RS-1 classification, the volumetric distribution rate scales from \$0.67667 to \$1.40576 per therm—representing an instant cost increase of approximately 107.7% for natural gas delivery. Similarly, families within the RS-100 and RS-600 tiers will face severe variable distribution surges of 59.3% and 29.2% respectively, effectively punishing consumers for seasonal usage fluctuations over which they have zero statutory control.

The direct metric adjustments from the official utility filings demonstrate the following variable escalations:

Rate Class	Present Customer Charge	Interim Customer Charge	Present Dist. Charge (per Therm)	Interim Dist. Charge (per Therm)	Net Volumetric Increase (%)
RS-1 (Residential Base)	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$0.67667	\$1.40576	107.7%
RS-100 (Residential Mid)	\$19.00	\$19.00	\$0.57421	\$0.91507	59.3%

Rate Class	Present Customer Charge	Interim Customer Charge	Present Dist. Charge (per Therm)	Interim Dist. Charge (per Therm)	Net Volumetric Increase (%)
RS-600 (Residential High)	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.70799	\$0.91517	29.2%
GS-1 (General Service)	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$0.57949	\$0.71926	24.1%

Furthermore, the adjustments proposed for Residential Gas (RSG) allotments are entirely punitive to those relying consistently on utility stability. While the zero-charge incentive remains intact for consumption up to the initial 14 therms, the distribution rate applied to any consumption exceeding that baseline explodes from \$0.57421 to an exorbitant \$2.63782 per therm—a massive 359.4% surge. This structure actively compromises the economic predictability of baseline residential household management.

As regulatory public stewards, the Commission is explicitly tasked with ensuring utility profit margins do not take precedence over the financial well-being of the public. Approving a baseline distribution hike that more than doubles the variable per-therm charge for low-to-moderate volume consumers is an unacceptable strain on household infrastructure. I formally urge the Commission to reject these excessive interim adjustments and seek a balanced compromise that demands operational efficiency from Florida City Gas rather than total consumer subsidization.

Respectfully submitted,

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