

RESOLUTION NO. UA 2018-07

A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. 2014-06, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR A 1.76% INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMER AND COMMODITY CHARGES BASED ON THE 2018 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PRICE INDEX; ADDING RATES FOR NEW METER SIZES AND REMOVING RATES NO LONGER BILLED; ADDING A COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS RIDER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority was created and established by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, through a referendum election held in said City on May 30, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, Article XII, grants to said Fort Pierce Utilities Authority the power and duty to fix rates to be charged for gas, electricity, water, and wastewater (sanitary sewer), and other Utility Services sold and services rendered by said Fort Pierce Utilities Authority;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA), Fort Pierce, Florida:

SECTION I: INTERPRETATION OF RESOLUTION - This Resolution shall not be construed to relieve or lessen the responsibility or liability of any party owning, operating, controlling, or making gas installation or gas distribution, for damages to person or property caused by any defect therein or the negligent installation thereof, nor shall FPUA be held as assuming any such liability by reason of the inspection or examination authorized herein, or the license or certificate of inspection issued as herein provided.

SECTION II: NATURAL GAS SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE - The schedule of rates and charges to be imposed for the commodity and facilities furnished by the natural gas distribution system of FPUA shall be subject to revision from time to time as may be necessary. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this Resolution shall have the meanings specified in the resolution entitled General Rules and Regulations Governing the Provision of Utility Service. FPUA shall charge and collect for service based on availability, applicability, character of service, Customer Charge/Minimum Charge, Commodity Charge, Purchased Gas Adjustment, and Tax Adjustment. The schedule thereof, which shall be applicable to all natural gas service provided by FPUA, with the exception of certain authorized contracts, shall be implemented as follows:

A. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL:

1. Availability: Service under the Residential and Commercial rate schedule shall apply only to individual dwelling units and their appurtenances where natural gas is used exclusively for cooking and/or water heating and/or other Residential purposes in addition to building heating. Each dwelling unit in multiple unit residential dwelling complexes shall be considered as a separate Customer and shall be separately metered and billed. This rate shall not be available for buildings equipped only with natural gas space heaters where no other use is made of natural gas, or for standby or auxiliary service. No natural gas purchased under this schedule shall be resold for any purpose.

2. Character of Service: Natural gas delivered at an average pressure of seven (7) inches water column and an average heating value of 1,020 BTU's per standard cubic foot.

3. Monthly Rate:

TABLE NO. NG-1	
Meter Size in cfh	(a.) Customer Charge/Minimum Charge
175 - 250	\$ 13.37
400 - 425	16.37
630	24.81
750	26.73
800 - 880	29.45
1,000	31.93
1,400	42.30
1,500	44.89
2,300	65.65
3,000	83.73
3,500	96.73
5,000	135.49
5,500	148.59
9,000 - 10000	165.19
14,000	192.54
18,000	250.00

a. Customer (Readiness-to-Serve) Charge/Minimum Charge, as shown in Table No. NG-1:

i. Active Account: The flat monthly charge based on Meter size; no gas included.

ii. Inactive Account: An active account becomes inactive when a Customer elects to voluntarily disconnect Utility Services. Voluntary disconnection includes services disconnected for nonpayment, and Meter(s) removed due to tampering. This charge would not be billed if the Meter has been removed from a structure which has been demolished. This charge is also referred to as the Customer Charge for Active Accounts, and will be billed to the owner of the property for a period of two (2) years of inactivity, at which time the Meter will be removed in accordance with U.S. Department of Transportation regulations.

b. **Commodity Charge**, as shown in Table No. NG-2:

TABLE NO. NG-2	
ccf	(b.) Commodity Charge per ccf
0 - 100	\$1.48
101 - 500	0.99
501 - 2,000	0.92
Over 2,000	0.87

B. HEAT ONLY:

1. **Availability:** Service under the Heat Only rate schedule shall apply to all Customers using natural gas for heating purposes only in homes, buildings, or structures, inside and outside corporate limits, where service is supplied at one location through one Meter. No other rate schedule or schedules shall be applied in such cases. No natural gas purchases under this schedule(s) shall be resold for any purpose.

2. **Character of Service:** Same as Section II.A.(2) above.

3. **Monthly Rate:**

a. **Customer (Readiness-to-Serve) Charge/Minimum Charge**, as shown in Table No. NG-3: The flat monthly charge based on Meter size; no gas included.

TABLE NO. NG-3	
Meter Size in cfh	(a.) Heat Only Customer Charge/Minimum Charge
175 - 250	\$ 17.78
400 - 425	22.58
750	39.16
1,000	47.51
1,500	66.59
3,000	130.34
5,000	213.20

b. **Commodity Charge**, as shown in Table No. NG-4:

TABLE NO. NG-4	
ccf	(b.) Heat Only Commodity Charge per ccf
0 - 100	\$1.93
101 - 500	1.50
501 - 2,000	1.38
Over 2,000	1.29

- 3. B = An amount to correct for the over- or under-recovery of the actual applicable purchased cost of gas, determined as the difference between the actual applicable purchased cost of gas and the purchased cost of gas actually billed during the same period; plus previous over- or under-recovery of actual applicable purchased gas costs as defined above associated with prior period adjustments, if any.
- 4. C = Estimated gas sales in ccf.
- 5. D = Base gas cost or the gas cost included in the base rate; \$0.50
- 6. T = Appropriate tax rate for any applicable taxes.

SECTION IV: OTHER PROVISIONS

A. ANNUAL INDEXING PROVISION: In order to ensure that FPUA utility rates shall be sufficient to pay all operating and maintenance expenses, capital outlay, bond interest and redemption costs, and all other costs of each respective utility operation, the FPUA Board may adjust the monthly rates and charges of the gas system based on the Florida Public Service Commission annual price index without further action by the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce. The price index is established by March 31 of each year and is calculated using a comparison of the U.S. Department of Commerce's average Gross Domestic Product Implicit Price Deflator Index for the preceding two years. Such new rates shall be submitted to the FPUA Board for approval and become effective following FPUA Board approval. If in any year the FPUA Board does not apply the price index to the current rates and charges of the gas system, such adjustment shall not carry forward to future years. The price index shall not be applied to the base gas cost.

B. TAX ADJUSTMENT: The amount computed at the above Monthly Rate, as adjusted by the application of the PGA, shall be subject to taxes, assessments, and surcharges imposed by any governmental authority, which are assessed on the basis of Meters or Customers or the price of or revenues from natural gas purchases or sales.

C. INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE: FPUA will make every reasonable attempt to provide continuous service but does not guarantee a continuous supply of gas and shall not be liable for damage occasioned by interruptions of service; or failure to commence delivery caused by an act of God, or the public enemy, or for any cause beyond its control, including, but not limited to, the failure or breakdown of FPUA's suppliers or its equipment or facilities; freezing of wells, lines, or pipes; depletion of gas supplies; floods; fire; strikes; action or order of any agency having jurisdiction in the premises; or for interruptions which are necessary for inspection, repair, or changes in the natural gas system of FPUA. The Customer shall notify FPUA immediately of any defects, trouble, or accident which may in any way affect the delivery of gas by FPUA.

SECTION V: This Resolution and all rate changes referred to therein shall take effect the first billing cycle of the next billing month after the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida approves such resolutions, if required.

Adopted this the 7th day of August, 2018 A.D.

ATTEST:



Secretary



Chairman

Approved as to form and correctness:



Fort Pierce Utilities Authority Attorney