



St. James Parish Council

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following entitled ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, on July 17, 2024, and laid over for publication of notice:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. 24-19 **ST. JAMES PARISH COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCES 18-12 AND 22-03 TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY FOR THE PARISH'S RATE SCHEDULE FOR SALES TO LARGE VOLUME INDUSTRIAL USERS OF NATURAL GAS LOCATED IN THE PARISH'S SERVICE AREA; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, St. James Parish, Louisiana (the “*Parish*”) is undertaking a marketing program for sales to large volume industrial users of natural gas located in its service area;

WHEREAS, in connection with such marketing program, the Parish adopted Ordinance 18-12 on December 12, 2018 and Ordinance 22-03 on April 13, 2022 (the “*Prior Ordinances*”) to establish a rate schedule for sales to large volume industrial users of natural gas located in the Parish’s service area; and

WHEREAS, the Prior Ordinances are currently codified in Section 114-31 of the Parish’s Code of Ordinances and the Parish Council of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana (the “*Parish Council*”) now wishes to amend and restate Section 4 of Ordinance 18-12 and Section 1 of Ordinance 22-03, as codified at subsection (d) of Section 114-31 of the Parish’s Code of Ordinances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Parish Council, that:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of Ordinance 18-12 and Section 1 of Ordinance 22-03, as codified at subsection (d) of Section 114-31 of the Parish’s Code of Ordinances, is hereby amended and restated as follows:

The commodity price per MMBtu (1,000,000 British Thermal Units) for service under the rate schedule shall be based upon the applicable monthly or daily index price published by *Inside FERC's Gas Market Report* or *Gas Daily*, both publications of S&P Global Platts (or a successor thereto), in the charts entitled “Monthly Bidweek Spot Gas Prices – Platts Locations (\$/MMBtu) or “Final Daily Price Survey – Platts Locations (\$/MMBtu),” respectively. The commodity price shall be for the applicable flow date of deliveries, under the column “Index” or “Midpoint”, as applicable, less a discount of not greater than 15 cents per MMBtu or 50 percent of the discount below the index represented by the Parish’s purchases of prepaid gas sold to the eligible purchaser under the NAESB Base Contract between the Parish and such eligible purchaser, as agreed to by the Parish and such eligible purchaser in such NAESB Base Contract; provided the Parish, through its President, may: (i) negotiate lesser discounts with any eligible customer and (ii) negotiate greater discounts with any large volume industrial users eligible for service under the rate schedule set forth in this section, which shall be those that will purchase a total monthly average of not less than 35,000 MMBtu per day from the Parish.

SECTION 2. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held to be illegal or invalid, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, but this Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provisions had not been contained herein. Any constitutional or statutory provision enacted after the date of this Ordinance which validates or makes legal any provision of this Ordinance which would not otherwise be valid or legal, shall be deemed to apply to this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Upon adoption, this Ordinance shall be published one time in the official journal of the Parish.

SECTION 4. That the Parish President of the Parish of St. James, State of Louisiana, the Chairman of the Governing Authority, the Secretary of the Governing Authority, and any other official or employee of the Issuer designated by the Parish President are collectively and each individually authorized, empowered, and directed, for and on behalf of the Parish, to take any and all such action as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall immediately take effect upon adoption.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY, FURTHER, GIVEN that the Parish Council of said Parish will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, in the Council Chambers of the Parish Courthouse, 5800 Hwy 44, Convent, at which time there will be a public hearing on the adoption of the aforesaid ordinance.

s/ Ryan Louque
Chairman

s/Linda Hubbell
Secretary

Note: St. James Parish will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation to any disabled individual wishing to attend the meeting. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation is requested to contact 1-800-846-5277 (TDD), 1-800-947-5277 (Voice) or 562-2400 (Handicapped) to discuss the particular accommodation needed.

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