

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Petition for authority) DOCKET NO. 951047-GU
to extend pilot bi-monthly meter) ORDER NO. PSC-95-1287-FOF-GU
reading program and temporary) ISSUED: October 17, 1995
exemption from Rules 25-7.084)
and 25-7.085, F.A.C., by Peoples)
Gas System, Inc.)
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

SUSAN F. CLARK, Chairman
J. TERRY DEASON
JOE GARCIA
JULIA L. JOHNSON
DIANE K. KIESLING

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AGENCY ACTION
ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION OF PILOT
BI-MONTHLY METER READING PROGRAM

BY THE COMMISSION:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Florida Public Service Commission that the action discussed herein is preliminary in nature and will become final unless a person whose interests are substantially affected files a petition for a formal proceeding, pursuant to Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code.

On August 18, 1994, we issued Order No. PSC-94-0999-FOF-GU that approved Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s, (Peoples) petition for authority to implement a pilot bi-monthly meter reading program in Peoples' South Florida Division for a period of one year. The Order also granted a temporary exemption from certain provisions of Rules 25-7.084 and 25-7.085, Florida Administrative Code, that allowed the pilot program to use a scheduled estimated meter reading every other month for purposes of billing. Finally, Peoples had to petition the Commission for approval to implement the program on a broader scale if the pilot program proved to be successful.

On September 1, 1995, Peoples filed its petition for approval to extend its pilot bi-monthly meter reading program for an additional six months from October 1, 1995. During the first ten months of the pilot program, an average of 73,456 residential customers in Peoples' South Florida Division were involved. The

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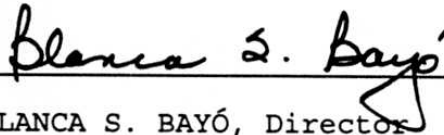
pilot program has resulted in a savings in meter-reading expense of approximately \$68,000 through the third quarter. Peoples, however, experienced several problems in the estimation routine, such as computer problems and meters that do not meet a profile to be estimated. Because of the various problems, which are to be expected during any start-up phase in a pilot program, we approve Peoples' request for a six-month extension from October 1, 1995.

Based on the foregoing, it is, therefore,

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s pilot bi-monthly meter reading program shall be extended from October 1, 1995 to April 1, 1996. It is further

ORDERED that this Order shall become final and effective and this docket shall be closed unless an appropriate petition for formal proceedings is received by the Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on the date indicated in the Notice of Further Proceedings or Judicial Review.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission, this 17th day of October, 1995.



BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director
Division of Records and Reporting

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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.59(4), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

The action proposed herein is preliminary in nature and will not become effective or final, except as provided by Rule 25-22.029, Florida Administrative Code. Any person whose substantial interests are affected by the action proposed by this order may file a petition for a formal proceeding, as provided by Rule 25-22.029(4), Florida Administrative Code, in the form provided by Rule 25-22.036(7)(a) and (f), Florida Administrative Code. This petition must be received by the Director, Division of Records and Reporting, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, by the close of business on November 7, 1995.

In the absence of such a petition, this order shall become effective on the day subsequent to the above date as provided by Rule 25-22.029(6), Florida Administrative Code.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.

If this order becomes final and effective on the date described above, any party substantially affected may request judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility or by the First District Court of Appeal in the case of a water or wastewater utility by filing a notice of appeal with the Director, Division of Records and Reporting and filing a copy of the notice of appeal and the filing fee with the appropriate court. This filing must be completed within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this order, pursuant to Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. The notice of appeal must be in the form specified in Rule 9.900(a), Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.