## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas System.

DOCKET NO. 020384-GU ORDER NO. PSC-03-0415-FOF-GU ISSUED: March 25, 2003

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

LILA A. JABER, Chairman J. TERRY DEASON BRAULIO L. BAEZ RUDOLPH "RUDY" BRADLEY

## ORDER CLARIFYING PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM'S ALLOWED RANGE AROUND ITS AUTHORIZED RETURN ON EQUITY

BY THE COMMISSION:

This proceeding was initiated on June 27, 2002, with the filing of a petition for a permanent rate increase by Peoples Gas System (Peoples or the Company). Peoples requested a permanent rate increase of \$22.6 million in additional annual revenue.

A hearing was convened on December 13, 2002. However, instead of hearing testimony or taking evidence, we approved a stipulation between Peoples and the parties that granted the Company a rate increase of \$12.05 million for the projected test year ending December 31, 2003. In Order No. PSC-03-0038-FOF-GU, issued January 6, 2003, we memorialized the approved stipulation and final rates for Peoples. Parties to the proceeding were the Office of Public Council (OPC), the Florida Industrial Gas Users (FIGU), and Auburndale Power Partners (Auburndale).

Order No. PSC-03-0038-FOF-GU was silent regarding the allowed range around the authorized return on equity (ROE) of 11.25%. This Order addresses that oversight. We have jurisdiction over Peoples' request for a rate increase pursuant to Sections 366.06(2) and 366.07, Florida Statutes.

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At the December 13, 2002, hearing, we approved an oral stipulation between Peoples and the parties that settled the majority of the issues in this proceeding. With respect to the authorized ROE, the normal practice of the Commission is to recognize an allowed range of plus or minus 100 basis points. Based upon discussions with the parties, since the existing ROE was not changed as a result of the stipulation, it was assumed that the existing range would also remain the same. However, in the process of reducing the oral stipulation to writing, discussion of the allowed range was inadvertently omitted.

We therefore clarify Order No. PSC-03-0038-FOF-GU to specify an allowed range of plus or minus 100 basis points around the authorized ROE of 11.25% for Peoples Gas System.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Order No. PSC-03-0038-FOF-GU is hereby clarified as set forth in the body of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-03-0038-FOF-GU is affirmed in all other respects. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall be closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this  $\underline{25th}$  day of  $\underline{March}$ ,  $\underline{2003}$ .

BLANCA S. BAYÓ, Director

Division of the Commission Clerk and Administrative Services

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## NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

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