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## VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission Capital Circle Office Center 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970002-EG -- Conservation Cost Recovery Clause

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above docket on behalf of Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company (formerly Peoples Gas System, Inc.) ("Peoples"), please find the original and 15 copies of the following:

Petition of Peoples Gas System, a Division of Tampa Electric Company, for

Approval of True-Up Amount (attributable to conservation programs of Peoples Gas System, Inc., which was merged into Tampa Electric Company on June 16. 1997); Direct Testimony of Vernon I. Krutsinger on behalf of Peoples; and Exhibit VIK-1 (attached to Mr. Krutsinger's Direct Testimony), consisting of AP; Schedules CT-1 through CT-6). CAF The enclosed testimony and exhibit will be offered by Peoples at the hearing in this CIVI docket scheduled to commence on February 25, 1998. CIN Please acknowledge your receipt and the date of filing of the enclosures on the duplicate E . C copy of this letter and return the same to the undersigned in the enclosed preaddressed envelope. Thank you for your usual assistance.

Blanca S. Bayo, Director November 18, 1997 Page 2

Sincerely,

ANSLEY WATSON, JR.

AWjr/a Enclosures

ce: Mr. Vernon Krutsinger

Mr. Gordon Gillette Mr. Joe McCormick All Parties of Record

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### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Conservation Cost

DOCKET NO. 970002-EG

Recovery Clause

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: Submitted for Filing: 11-19-97

#### PETITION OF PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC FOR APPROVAL OF TRUE-UP AMOUNT

Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company ("Peoples") pursuant to the Case Assignment and Scheduling Record for this docket, hereby petitions the Commission to approve its final Conservation Cost Recovery ("CCR") true-up amount for the period October 1, 1996 through September 30, 1997. The final true-up amount for which approval is sought by this Petition is attributable to the Commission-approved conservation programs of Peoples Gas System, Inc., which was merged into Tampa Electric Company effective June 16, 1997. In support of its Petition, Peoples states as follows:

1. The name and address of the Petitioner are:

Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company P. O. Box 2562 Tampa, Florida 33601-2562.

2. The person to whom notices, orders, and pleadings in this docket should be addressed is:

> Ansley Watson, Jr., Esquire Macfarlane Ferguson & McMullen 400 North Tampa Street, Suite 2300 P. O. Box 1531 Tampa, Florida 33601.

For deliveries by hand or courier service, the ZIP Code for 400 N. Tampa Street is 33602.

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Peoples also requests that a courtesy copy of all notices, orders, and pleadings be furnished to:

Mr. Vernon I. Krutsinger Manager, Energy Utilization Peoples Gas System, division of Tampa Electric Company P. O. Box 2562 Tampa, Florida 33601-2562.

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- 3. Peoples' calculation of the true-up for which approval is requested is consistent with the Commission's prescribed methodology. This calculation and the supporting documentation are contained in an Exhibit (Exhibit VIK-1) consisting of the Conservation Cost Recovery True-Up Reporting Forms, completed as directed by the Commission Staff. A copy of Exhibit VIK-1 is included with the testimony and exhibits of Mr. Vernon I. Krutsinger in support of Peoples' petition for approval of the true-up, which are being filed simultaneously with this Petition.
- 4. By its Order No. PSC-97-0291-FOF-EG, the Commission approved, as part of Peoples' CCR factor to be applied to customers' bills during the period April 1996 through March 1997, an estimated true-up of \$3,787,868 underrecovery for the October 1996 through September 1997 period. The actual overrecovery for the October 1996 September 1997 period, including principal and interest, was \$1,344,131.
- 5. Subtracting the actual overrecovery from the projected underrecovery produces a final adjusted net true-up, including both principal and interest, of \$5,131,999 overrecovery.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Peoples Gas System respectfully requests that the Commission approve the overrecovery of \$5,131,999 as the final true-up amount for the October 1996 through September 1997 period.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ansley Watson, Jr.,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition of Peoples Gas System, were furnished this 18th day of November 1997, by regular U.S. Mail, to all known parties of record in this docket.

Ansley Watson, Jr.