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DATE:

September 30, 2010

TO:

Ann Cole, Commission Clerk - PSC, Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Andrew Maurey, Bureau Chief, Division of Economic Regulation

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RE:

Docket No. 100000-OT, Undocketed filings for 2010

Attached is a document for inclusion in the above referenced docket. This document is a two page letter dated June 9, 2010 to Marshall Willis from Jeffrey Chronister. This letter concerns Peoples Gas System agreement to an earnings cap for the year ending December 31, 2010.

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June 9, 2010

Mr. Marshall Willis, Director
Division of Economic Regulation
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Peoples Gas System

Dear Mr. Willis:

Subject to the other provisions of this letter, Peoples Gas System ("Peoples" or the "Company") agrees to cap its earned return on common equity ("ROE") for the year ending December 31, 2010 at 11.75%, the maximum of the range established in the Company's last full rate proceeding (Docket No. 080318-GU).

Calculation of the earned ROE will be on the "FPSC Adjusted Basis" as set forth in the Company's Earnings Surveillance Report required by Rule 25-7.1352, F.A.C., for December 31, 2010, using the adjustments made in Peoples' last full rate proceeding, but excluding that portion (if any) of the Company's share of net revenues derived from Off-System Sales that exceeds \$2,068,676. All reasonable and prudent expenses and investment will be allowed in the calculation. The calculation is subject to fine-tuning by Peoples and audit by the Commission Staff.

If it becomes clear to Peoples later in the year that it will overearn the maximum of the ROE range at the end of the year, Peoples requests that any resulting overearnings be used to increase the Company's storm damage reserve up to the \$1 million target level, and that the remainder (if any) of such overearnings be used to increase the Company's environmental reserve and/or for other purposes benefitting both the Company and its customers before any

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The final order in Peoples' last rate proceeding resulted in the inclusion in revenues -- for purposes of determining the additional revenue requirements and setting rates -- of \$2 million of the Company's share of Off-System Sales ("OSS") net revenues. The Stipulation and Settlement resolving the normalization issue that was approved by the Commission added \$68,676 to the \$2 million so that the additional revenue requirements would match those awarded by the final order. Excluding OSS net revenues above the total included for ratemaking purposes in the last rate proceeding would eliminate any disincentive to the Company aggressively pursuing OSS. The Company's share of OSS net revenues is 25%, with the remaining 75% being a credit toward costs recovered through the purchased gas adjustment clause.

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customer refunds are ordered. Peoples will provide pertinent financial information and contact the Staff and the Office of Public Counsel to discuss booking these types of items before the end of 2010, with any overearnings in excess of the amount booked to be handled in 2011 after the contemplated audit has been completed.

Peoples will, of course, continue to monitor its earnings and will keep Staff and the Office of Public Counsel apprised of any significant changes in one direction or the other.

This letter does not constitute, nor shall it be construed as, a waiver by the Company of any of its rights in connection with the determination of its earned ROE for the calendar year 2010 or the disposition of overearnings, if any, resulting from such determination.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Chronister

Controller

cc: Charles J. Rehwinkel, Esquire

Office of Public Counsel c/o The Florida Legislature

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