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VIA E-MAIL ATTACHMENT TO KELLEY CORBARI

The Honorable Arthur Graham Commission Chairman & Prehearing Officer c/o Kelley Corbari, Esquire Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 160004-GU – Natural gas conservation cost recovery

Dear Chairman Graham:

I am writing to you as the Prehearing Officer in the captioned docket. I am counsel for Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") in the docket, and respectfully request that I be excused from attending the hearing in the docket, which is scheduled to commence in Tallahassee November 2, 2016.

All issues in the docket have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance for Peoples at the hearing would serve no real purpose, except to increase Peoples' legal expense (including the expense of my travel from Tampa to Tallahassee).

I would sincerely appreciate your favorable consideration and disposition of this request.

Respectfully, Ales ales ANSI FY WATSON

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cc: Commission Clerk (via e-portal filing) Kelley Corbari, Esquire (via e-mail) Parties of Record (via e-mail) Kandi M. Floyd