

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Application by Peoples Gas	)	DOCKET NO. 871266-GU
System, Inc. for New Depreciation	)	ORDER NO. 21696
Rates.	)	ISSUED: 8-8-89
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The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

- MICHAEL McK. WILSON, Chairman
- THOMAS M. BEARD
- BETTY EASLEY
- GERALD L. GUNTER
- JOHN T. HERNDON

ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

BY THE COMMISSION:

On August 17, 1988, this Commission issued Order No. 19815, which in part required Peoples Gas System, Inc. (Peoples or utility) to submit an inventory report of its inactive service lines. Such a report was submitted on March 24, 1989. Based upon the data submitted by Peoples it has 17,371 service lines that have been inactive for more than 2 years with approximately 10,130 that have been inactive for more than 5 years. The utility is in the process of reviewing service line records and physically inspecting locations where gas may have been delivered at one time for which a service line may still be existing. This review and inspection is expected to be completed by September 30, 1989.

Prior to the institution of Docket No. 871266-GU, the utility had no set policy on the physical abandonment and accounting treatment of inactive service lines. Presently, our Staff is in the process of recommending revisions to Rules 25-7.014(1) and 25-12.045, Florida Administrative Code, which will require (1) the physical abandonment of or disconnection of the service within three months of inactivity if there is no definite prospect for reuse and, in any event, within six months after five years of inactivity and, (2) the accounting treatment for retirement from plant to coincide with the physical retirement. With People's compliance with Order No. 19818, there is no reason at this time to continue this docket. We do agree, however, with our Staff recommendation that Peoples submit a final physical inventory report upon completion.

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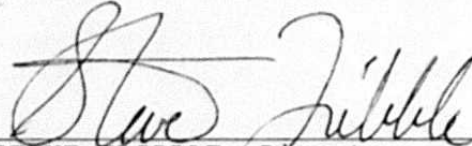
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In consideration of the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Peoples Gas System, Inc. shall file with the Commission's Auditing and Financial Analysis Division, within 10 days of completion, its final physical inventory report. It is further

ORDERED that Docket No. 871266-GU is hereby closed.

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission,  
this 8th day of AUGUST, 1989.



STEVE TRIBBLE, Director  
Division of Records and Reporting

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