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> Re: Docket No. 920807-GP -- Application for Determination of Need for Intrastate Natural Gas Pipeline by Sunshine Pipeline Partners

Dear Mr. Tribble:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket on behalf of Peoples Gas System, Inc., please find the original and 15 copies of (1) the Direct Testimony of Hugh M. Grey, III, and (2) a certificate of service with respect to such testimony.

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- Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 2 A. My name is Hugh M. Grey, III. My business address
- 3 is Suite 1700, 111 East Madison Street, Tampa,
- 4 Florida 33602.
- 5 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- A. I am Director of Marketing Services for Peoples Gas

 System, Inc. ("Peoples").
- Q. Please summarize your educational background and
 professional qualifications.
- 10 A. I graduated from Duke University in 1970 with the
- 11 degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering. I am
- 12 a Registered Professional Engineer in the
- 13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In 1980, I was
- 14 designated a Chartered Industrial Gas Consultant by
- 15 the American Gas Association and the Institute of
- 16 Gas Technology. I have 18 years of experience in
- 17 the utility field as well as four years of
- 18 engineering and energy consulting.
- Q. What are your primary responsibilities in your
 present position with Peoples?
- 21 A. As Director of Marketing Services, I am responsible
- 22 for the Company's marketing-related services,
- 23 including the acquisition and transportation of
- 24 Peoples' system gas supply, end-use contract
- 25 negotiation and maintenance, liaison with end-use

- transportation customers, producers and other
 suppliers, supply and demand forecasting and
 planning, and coordination of pipeline and Company
 gas supply operations.
- Q. Have you previously testified in regulatory proceedings?
- Yes. I have presented testimony before the Florida 7 A. 8 Public Service Commission in Docket Nos. 910003-GU, 9 910653-GU, 911150-GU, 920003-GU and 93003-GU. 10 have also presented testimony before 11 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the West 12 Virginia Public Service Commission and the Federal 13 Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 14 Q. Please briefly describe the operations of Peoples.
- Peoples -- Florida's largest local distribution 15 A. company -- is a public utility engaged in the 16 17 distribution -- through transportation and sale --18 of natural gas to residential, commercial and industrial customers located in twelve separate 19 20 geographic areas of the state. Peoples' 21 headquarters is located at 111 Madison Street, 22 Tampa, Florida. Divisional offices are located at 23 Jacksonville, Daytona Beach, Orlando, Eustis, 24 Lakeland, Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Avon 25 Park, Palm Beach Gardens, Miami and North Miami,

- 1 Florida.
- Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this docket?
- A. The purpose of my testimony is to support, on
 behalf of Peoples, the application of SunShine
 Pipeline Partners ("SunShine" or the "applicant")
 for a determination of need for the intrastate
- natural gas pipeline (the "SunShine Line") for which Sunshine is seeking such a determination in
- 10 this proceeding.
- 11 Q. Why does Peoples support an affirmative 12 determination of need for the SunShine Line?
- 13 There are several reasons for Peoples' position A. 14 that the SunShine Line is needed. Primarily, 15 Peoples' projections of however, its 16 requirements for firm natural gas transportation 17 capacity (and of the future requirements of its 18 customers and potential customers) dictate that the 19 Company acquire additional firm transportation 20 capacity to meet those projected requirements.
- Q. Has Peoples executed Precedent Agreements with
 SunShine in order to obtain such additional firm
 transportation capacity over the SunShine Line?
- A. Yes. Peoples has executed two Precedent Agreements
 with ANR Southern Pipeline Company dated April 6,

- 1 1993, one covering various firm transportation 2 services on the SunShine Line, and the other covering various corresponding firm transportation 3 4 services on the proposed new interstate natural gas 5 pipeline (the "SunShine Interstate Facilities") to 6 be constructed and operated by SunShine Interstate 7 Pipeline Partners ("SunShine Interstate"). agreements will be assigned by ANR Southern to 8 9 SunShine and SunShine Interstate, respectively.
- 10 Q. How much firm transportation capacity on the
 11 SunShine Line and the SunShine Interstate
 12 Facilities has Peoples reserved pursuant to the
 13 Precedent Agreements?
- 14 The Precedent Agreements provide for SunShine's A. 15 provision to Peoples of four types of firm 16 transportation service on the SunShine Line and the 17 SunShine Interstate Facilities. Three of those 18 services -- referred to in the Precedent Agreements 19 as the "Primary FT Service", the "Flexible FT 20 Service", and the "Summer FT Service", respectively 21 -- are to be provided to Peoples by SunShine and 22 SunShine Interstate commencing on the later of 23 February 1, 1995 or the date on which the SunShine 24 Line and the SunShine Interstate Facilities are 25 capable of transporting the quantities of gas for

- which Peoples has reserved capacity on a firm daily
 basis. The other service -- covering firm
 transportation service for 25,000 MMBtu of gas per
 day on a year-round basis (in addition to the firm
 service covered by the Primary FT Service and the
 Flexible FT Service) -- would commence on January
 1, 1997.
- Q. Please describe the Primary FT Service.
- 9 A. The Primary FT Service would consist of firm 10 transportation service for a maximum daily quantity 11 ("MDQ") of 25,000 MMBtu on a year-round basis to 12 Peoples' distribution systems located in Hernando, 13 Pasco and Polk Counties, Florida. As previously 14 indicated, this service would commence on the 15 initial in-service date of the new facilities to be 16 constructed by SunShine and SunShine Interstate. 17 This service would be for an initial term of 25 years from the date on which it commences, with 18 19 Peoples having the option to extend the agreement 20 for service, at the then applicable maximum lawful 21 rate, for one or more secondary terms of 10 years 22 following the end of the initial 25-year term. The 23 maximum rate for this service for the first year 24 (as well as any increases in such rate) is fixed by 25 a formula set forth in the Precedent Agreements,

- and the overall maximum rate is "capped" for the first 20 years that the service is provided.
- Q. Please describe the Flexible FT Service.

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- 4 A. The Flexible FT Service would consist of firm transportation service for an MDQ of 12,500 MMBtu 5 6 on a year-round basis to Peoples' distribution 7 located in Hernando, Pasco and Polk 8 Counties, Florida. This service would be in 9 addition to the Primary FT Service. As previously indicated, this service would also commence on the 10 initial in-service date of the new facilities to be 11 constructed by SunShine and SunShine Interstate. 12 13 firm service would provide Peoples with 14 delivery flexibility such that:
 - (1) Peoples would be permitted to tender to SunShine and SunShine Interstate, on a daily basis during the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April (the "Winter Season"), amounts of natural gas of between zero MMBtu and 25,000 MMBtu so long as the aggregate of such daily tenders during the Winter Season does not exceed the product of 12,500 MMBtu and the number of days in the Winter Season (the "Winter

1 <u>Contract Quantity</u>"); and

- if Peoples has, during the Winter Season, (2) tendered to SunShine and SunShine Interstate less than the Winter Contract Quantity, SunShine and SunShine Interstate have agreed to accept tenders Peoples for firm transportation service of the balance of the Winter Contract Quantity and credit against the rate applicable to such firm service the rate paid by Peoples on account of the unused Winter Contract Quantity:
 - (a) during the month of May (in addition to tenders by Peoples of not less than 50,000 MMBtu per day prior to January 1, 1997, and not less than 75,000 MMBtu per day thereafter), on a pro rata basis with tenders by other shippers for interruptible transportation service, and
 - (b) during the months of June, July, August and September (in addition to tenders by Peoples of not less than 50,000 MMBtu per day prior to January 1, 1997, and not less than

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1 75,000 MMBtu per day thereafter), to 2 the extent capacity sufficient to 3 accommodate the transportation of 4 such additional tenders is available 5 on the SunShine Line and the 6 SunShine Interstate Facilities.

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This service would be for an initial term of 25 years from the date on which it commences, with Peoples having the option to extend the agreement for service, at the then applicable maximum lawful rate, for one or more secondary terms of 10 years following the end of the initial 25-year term. Under certain circumstances, SunShine and SunShine Interstate would have the right to require Peoples to convert both the Flexible FT Service and the Summer FT Service to Primary FT Service (at the same MDQ levels as the Flexible FT Service and the Summer Ft Service, respectively). The maximum rate for this service for the first year (as well as any increases in such rate) is fixed by a formula set forth in the Precedent Agreements, and the overall maximum rate is "capped" for the first 20 years that the service is provided.

- Q. Please describe the Summer FT Service.
- 25 A. The Summer FT Service would consist of firm

transportation service for an MDQ of 12,500 MMBtu during the months of May, June, July, August and September to Peoples' distribution systems located in Hernando, Pasco and Polk Counties, Florida. This service would be in addition to the Primary FT Service and the Flexible FT Service. As previously indicated, this service would commence on the initial in-service date of the new facilities to be constructed by SunShine and SunShine Interstate, but would be for an initial term of 10 years from the date on which it commences, and from year to year thereafter, with SunShine and SunShine Interstate having the option to terminate on one year's notice. In the event of such termination, however, Peoples would be entitled to convert to Primary FT Service, as previously mentioned. maximum rate for this service for the first year (as well as any increases in such rate) is fixed by a formula set forth in the Precedent Agreements, and the overall maximum rate is "capped" for the first 20 years that the service is provided.

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Q. Do the provisions of the Precedent Agreements with respect to term of service, extension of the term, and rates also apply to the firm transportation service for which Peoples has subscribed commencing on January 1, 1997?

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- A. Yes. Those terms would be the same as those applicable to the Primary FT Service.
- Q. From what pipelines does Peoples presently receive firm transportation service?
- 6 Peoples has been a customer of Florida Gas A. Transmission Company ("FGT") since the initial in-7 8 service date of FGT's facilities serving the State of Florida, and participated in FGT's Phase II 9 10 expansion of those facilities. FGT is the primary 11 pipeline supplier and transporter for Peoples' 12 distribution systems, and Peoples is FGT's second 13 largest customer. Presently, Peoples' various 14 agreements with FGT include firm transportation or 15 purchase rights for aggregate MDTQs and MDCQs of 16 180,395 MMBtu per day during FGT's summer season, 17 245,317 MMBtu per day during its fall season, 18 275,197 MMBtu per day during its winter season, and 19 275,551 MMBtu per day during its spring season.

In addition, since 1990, Peoples has received transportation service to its distribution system in the Jacksonville market from South Georgia Natural Gas Company (which receives upstream deliveries from Southern Natural Gas Company, with which Peoples also has transportation agreements).

1 Peoples' agreements with South Georgia and Southern cover firm transportation of 10,000 MMBtu per day, 2 as well as available quantities of interruptible 4 transportation. Peoples has executed agreements with both Southern and South Georgia for the firm 5 transportation of an additional 25,000 MMBtu per 6 7 day commencing on the in-service date of 8 facilities expansion in which South Georgia is 9 currently engaged.

- 10 Q. Why did Peoples elect to meet its projected future
 11 needs for additional firm transportation capacity
 12 through SunShine and SunShine Interstate, rather
 13 than through FGT?
- Primarily because of Peoples desire to ensure the 14 A. future availability of a choice of pipelines from 15 16 which to receive deliveries of natural gas to its distribution systems in the areas to which SunShine 17 18 will initially provide service, and into which 19 SunShine proposes to ultimately provide service. 20 In addition, SunShine was willing to provide 21 seasonal flexibility enabling Peoples to obtain 22 more capacity during the summer months, which 23 Peoples has been unable to obtain on a firm basis 24 Further, SunShine has agreed to "cap" from FGT. 25 the rate payable for firm service for a period of

20 years, thereby enabling Peoples to know what its commitment entails in terms of future liability for demand charges. Finally, Peoples anticipates that firm service from SunShine and SunShine Interstate will provide Peoples and its customers with more direct access to additional sources of gas supplies than would be available from FGT alone, again increasing Peoples' available options to acquire the best possible packages of gas for its system in terms of price and reliable delivery. FGT will, of course, continue to be Peoples' primary supplier of firm transportation. Peoples is also, of course, unable to determine at this time whether its system requirements beyond the end of this century would best served by FGT or SunShine/SunShine be Interstate. If the SunShine Line and the SunShine Interstate Facilities are not constructed and operated as presently proposed, however, Peoples' only option for fulfilling its future requirements for firm transportation service will continue to be It is for these same reasons that Peoples FGT. urges the Commission to determine that there is a need, as contemplated by the Natural Transmission Pipeline Siting Act, for SunShine to construct and operate the SunShine Line.

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- Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
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