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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Conservation Cost)
Recovery Clause)
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DOCKET NO. 970002-EG
FILED: JANUARY 13, 1997

PETITION OF PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC. FOR APPROVAL
AND AUTHORIZATION OF CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY FACTORS

Peoples Gas System, Inc. ("Peoples," "the Company"), pursuant to the Case Assignment and Scheduling Record for this docket, hereby petitions the Commission to approve its final Energy Conservation Cost Recovery ("ECCR") factors, as set forth below, to become effective on April 1, 1997 and to remain in effect for the billing period April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998. In support of its Petition, Peoples states as follows.

1. The name and address of the Petitioner are:

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

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

Mr. Vernon I. Krutsinger
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3. Peoples' requested conservation cost recovery factors were calculated consistently and in compliance with the Commission's order establishing annual ECCR factors, Order No. PSC 93-0709-FOF-EG, and with the Commission's prescribed methodology. The factors are designed to recover Peoples' projected conservation program expenses for the period April 1997 through March 1998, adjusted for (a) the estimated conservation true-up for the period October 1996 through September 1997, (b) the final conservation true-up for the period October 1995 through September 1996, and (c) interest provisions for both true-up amounts. The supporting documentation of these factors is presented in the prepared testimony and exhibits of Peoples' witness, Vernon I. Krutsinger, filed herein on November 19, 1996 and January 13, 1997, and which are incorporated by reference into this Petition. Exhibit VIK-2 includes the ECCR forms that Peoples and other utilities were directed to file by the Commission's Electric and Gas Department via memorandum dated June 17, 1982.

4. Peoples projects total conservation program expenses, net of all program revenues, of \$2,617,550 for the period October 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998. The net true-up is an underrecovery of \$739,612. After increasing the projected ECCR expenses by the amount of this underrecovery, \$3,357,162 remains to be recovered during the billing period April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998.

When these expenses are allocated to the affected rate classes pursuant to the methodology approved by the Commission, expanded for tax effects, the recovery factors for the billing period April 1, 1997 through March 31, 1998 required to recover these expenses are as follows:

Residential Rate Class:	2.931 cents per therm
Commercial Street Lighting Rate Class:	0.362 cents per therm
Small Commercial Rate Class:	2.666 cents per therm
Commercial Rate Class:	1.056 cents per therm
Commercial Large Volume 1 Rate Class:	0.854 cents per therm
Commercial - Large Volume 2 Rate Class:	0.623 cents per therm
Natural Gas Vehicle Service Rate Class:	0.282 cents per therm

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, Peoples Gas System respectfully requests that the Commission approve the conservation cost recovery factors set forth above to be applied to bills rendered for meter readings taken between April 1, 1997 and March 31, 1998, inclusive.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of January, 1997.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by hand delivery (*) or by United States Mail, postage prepaid, on the following individuals this 13th day of January, 1997:

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