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Blanca S. Bayo, Director
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Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970003-GU -- Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA)
Petition for Approval of Final True-Up Amounts.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket on behalf of Tampa Electric Company d/b/a Peoples Gas System ("Peoples"), please find an original and 15 copies of each of the following:

- Peoples' Petition for Approval of its PGA True-Up Amounts for the Period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997; 11871-97
- Direct Testimony of W. Edward Elliott (including diskette containing testimony in WP5.2); and

ACK -- Composite Exhibit EE-1 (original unredacted, but still subject to confidentiality; earlier granted, and copies redacted).

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APP _____ Please acknowledge your receipt and filing of the enclosures by stamping a
CFE duplicate copy of this letter and returning the same to the undersigned in the
CMU _____ enclosed preaddressed envelope.

STP _____ Thank you for your assistance.
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Sincerely,

David M. Nicholson
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. James B. Caldwell
Mr. W. Edward Elliott
All Parties of Record

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas : Docket No. 970003-GU
Adjustment (PGA) Clause :
Submitted for Filing: 11-19-97

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM'S PGA TRUE-UP AMOUNTS**

Tampa Electric Company d/b/a Peoples Gas System ("Peoples"), through its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to the requirements in this docket, hereby petitions the Commission to approve its purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up amounts for the period April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997, and in support of such Petition states:

1. The name and the mailing address of Peoples is:

Peoples Gas System
P.O. Box 2562
Tampa, Florida 33601-2562

2. The name and mailing address of the persons authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this petition and proceedings in this docket are:

Ansley Watson, Jr., Esq., and
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3. Pursuant to the requirements in this docket, Peoples has, concurrently with the filing of this Petition, filed testimony and Composite Exhibit EE-1, consisting of the purchased gas adjustment true-up reporting forms supplied by the Commission Staff.

4. As indicated in the testimony of W. Edward Elliott and Composite Exhibit EE-1, Peoples' final true-up amount for the period April 1996 through March 1997, including interest

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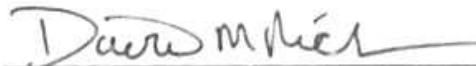
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and adjustment, net of the estimated true-up for the same period, is an underrecovery of \$3,808,090.

WHEREFORE, Peoples respectfully requests that the Commission enter its order approving the Company's final true-up amounts for the period April 1996 through March 1997.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition, the Direct Testimony of W. Edward Elliott, and Composite Exhibit EE-1 has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail this 18th day of November, 1997, to all known parties of record in Docket No. 970003-GU.



David M. Nicholson