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RE: Petition to become a party to Docket # 961236-GU before the Florida Public Service Commission.

Dear Ms. Bayo,

Please accept this petition of Texas-Ohio Gas, Inc. to become a party to Docket # 961236 now before the Florida Public Service Commission regarding Peoples Gas System FTA Service Rider.

Texas-Ohio Gas, Inc. presently serves over 125 Commercial and Industrial Pilot Program customers as Energy Manager behind Peoples Gas System within the state of Florida. To effectively represent our clients interests, it is essential TOG have access to changes proposed by the local distribution company that may adversely effect our clients economic well being.

It is Texas-Ohio's belief that current proposals by People's Gas System may hinder or deny some Florida business's access to low cost energy services. Furthermore, these proposed changes may exclude or discriminate against certain customer classifications who might otherwise benefit from a competitive energy marketplace.

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It is vital that Texas-Ohio Gas, Inc. be granted access to this docket for review on our customers behalf. These companies must effectively manage energy portfolios

to remain competitive in today's deregulated business environment. With this in mind Texas-Ohio Gas, Inc. request you grant this petition.

Sincerely,



Rhonda J. Parker
Regional Director

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