## MEMORANDUM

January 8, 1998

TO: DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING

FROM: DIVISION OF AUDITING AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS (VANDIVER)

RE: DOCKET NO. 970063-GU -- WEST FLORIDA NATURAL GAS

RESPONSE TO PGA AUDIT REPORT PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 AUDIT CONTROL NO. 97-160-1-2

Peoples Gas System submitted the attached comments regarding the recent PGA audit of West Florida Natural Gas completed by the Bureau of Auditing. These comments are forwarded for your review.

DNV/sp Attachment

cc: Chairman Johnson

Commissioner Clark

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January 5, 1998

Ms. Denise Vandiver
Division of Audit and Financial Analysis
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 970003-GU-West Florida Natural Gas Company PGA Audit Report-Period Ended September 30, 1997 Audit Control #97-160-1-2

Dear Ms. Vandiver:

This letter represents our company's response to the Florida Public Service Commission audit report as referenced above. A verbal agreement was made between Joe McCormick, Sr. Gas Regulatory Consultant, Peoples Gas System, and Rhonda Hicks, Regulatory Analyst Supervisor, Florida Public Service Commission, to extend the response deadline to Monday, January 5, 1998.

Your audit staff reported in Audit Exception No. 1 that various A-2 Schedules filed by the West Florida Region of Peoples Gas System, formerly West Florida Natural Gas Company, for the 12 months ending September 30, 1997, did not agree with actual expenses posted to the general ledger. Your audit staff recommended that revised A-2 Schedules should be submitted.

In response to this recommendation, we believe that the A-2 Schedules are correct and that any differences that the Florida Public Service Commission audit staff found will require adjustments to the general ledger.

We will look into this matter immediately to determine what generally ledger entries need to be made. If you have any quellions concerning this matter, please contact me at (813)228-4149. My fax number is (813)228-4194. Thank you.

Sincerely,

PEOFLES GAS SYSTEM

W. Edward Elliott Manager-Gas Accounting

cc: Angie Llewellyn Frank Sivard

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