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Re: Docket No. 981037-GU

Dear Mr. Watson:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition by Tampa Electric Company d/b/a Peoples Gas System to make permanent its experimental Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS for gas delivered for compression and delivery into motor vehicle fuel tanks, which was filed by this office on August 17, 1998 and assigned the above-referenced docket number. Appropriate staff members will be advised.

Mediation may be available to resolve any dispute in this docket. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to an administrative hearing. For more information, contact the Office of General Counsel at (850) 413-6078 or FAX (850) 413-6079.

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**Re: Petition of Peoples Gas System to make permanent its experimental Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS for gas delivered for compression and delivery into motor vehicle fuel tanks**

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission on behalf of Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company, please find the original and 15 copies of Peoples' petition for an order making permanent its Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS.

I also enclose a diskette containing the petition in Wordperfect 5.1 format.

Please acknowledge your receipt and the date of filing of the enclosures on the duplicate copy of this letter and return the same to the undersigned in the enclosed preaddressed envelope.

Thank you for your usual assistance.

Sincerely,



ANSLEY WATSON, JR.

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cc: Mrs. Cheryl Bulecza-Banks, Bureau of Gas Regulation  
Mr. J. Brent Caldwell, Peoples Gas System

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

In Re: Petition of Peoples Gas System )  
to make permanent its experimental Rate )  
Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS for gas )  
delivered for compression and delivery )  
into motor vehicle fuel tanks. )  
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Docket No.

Submitted for filing:

8-5-98

**P E T I T I O N**

Peoples Gas System, a division of Tampa Electric Company ("Peoples" or "Petitioner"), by its undersigned attorneys, files this petition to make permanent through "proposed agency action" its experimental Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS, which currently apply on an experimental basis to transportation and sales, respectively, of natural gas for compression and delivery into motor vehicle fuel tanks. In support of its petition, Peoples says:

1. The name and address of the Petitioner is:

Peoples Gas System, a division of  
Tampa Electric Company  
Post Office Box 2562  
Tampa, Florida 33601-2562

2. The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this petition is:

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**P R E S E N T N A T U R A L G A S V E H I C L E R A T E S**

3. Peoples' Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS were approved on an experimental

basis for a period of five years by the Commission's Order No. PSC-93-1179-FOF-GU, issued on August 11, 1993 in Docket No. 930335-GU. Under these rate schedules, Peoples provides traditional natural gas service (either transportation or sales) to the customer's compressor. A customer served under Rate Schedules NGVTS or NGVSS is responsible for the initial capital cost of the equipment required to compress the gas for use in a natural gas vehicle ("NGV"). Peoples' costs consist only of meters and service lines needed to provide service to the customer's compressor station.

4. Peoples initially submitted Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS for approval in order to make the pricing for natural gas more competitive with conventional motor fuels (primarily gasoline and diesel fuel), and because interest in the NGV market in Florida appeared to be strengthening due to changes in technology, improving economic conditions, and strong support for the NGV concept from the State of Florida and the Clinton Administration. Peoples' program at that time was an effort to assist in the development of a natural gas refueling infrastructure which would assist in helping meet the goals of the Federal Energy Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-486) and Governor Chiles' Executive Order No. 92-253 (October 3, 1991).

5. In approving Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS, the Commission's Order No. PSC-93-1179-FOF-GU stated:

We approve the NGVTS and NGVSS rate schedules, for a five-year experimental period as requested by Peoples. When that period ends and the experimental rates expire, Peoples expects to petition the Commission to continue the new rates, either as originally requested or with modifications based on the first five years of experience with the program. This effort to expand the use of natural gas as an environmentally beneficial alternate fuel for motor vehicles is consistent with the efforts of both the federal government and the State of Florida.

## **RELIEF REQUESTED**

6. In order to continue to keep natural gas competitive with traditional motor vehicle fuels, Peoples seeks an order of the Commission permitting the publication, without substantive modification, of Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS as permanent, rather than experimental, rate schedules.

7. Peoples currently has 21 customers who receive NGV service under Rate Schedules NGVTS and/or NGVSS. Collectively, these customers take approximately 700,000 therms annually. While this participation is more modest than what Peoples expected when it published these NGV rate schedules, Peoples nevertheless believes that the program has been successful in establishing natural gas as a viable alternative motor vehicle fuel in Florida. Peoples is hopeful that Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS will be even more successful in the future as natural gas gains increased acceptance as a motor vehicle fuel.

8. The 21 customers currently participating in the program have invested considerable sums in compressor stations in reliance on their expectations that the \$25.00 per month customer charge and the \$0.0662 per therm rate provided by experimental Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS would be continued. Peoples is also hopeful that other customers, who may have been deterred by the "experimental" label on the rates, will be willing to make similar investments if the rates are made permanent.

9. Finally, under the Energy Policy Act of 1992, as implemented by President Clinton's Executive Order No. 13031 (December 13, 1996), increases the percentages of fleet vehicles ("AFVs") that must be acquired by federal agencies and certain other groups in both 1998 and 1999. Making Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS permanent will continue Peoples'

commitment to assist in the development of a refueling infrastructure for natural gas vehicles, and the federal and state mandates for the purchase of AFVs may result in greater participation by Peoples customers in its NGV program.

10. Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B respectively, and show -- in legislative format -- the changes which would be made in each in order to make it a permanent rate schedule.

WHEREFORE, Peoples respectfully requests that the Commission consider this petition on an expedited basis, and approve Rate Schedules NGVTS and NGVSS for publication as permanent rate schedules to become effective on one (1) day's notice, such approval to be effective on the date of the Commission's vote.

Respectfully submitted,



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NATURAL GAS VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE  
Rate Schedule NGVTS  
(~~Experimental Rate~~)

Availability:

Throughout the service area of the Company.

Applicability:

Transportation service for gas delivered to any Customer through a meter for compression and delivery (through the use of equipment furnished by Customer) into motor vehicle fuel tanks or other transportation containers, which Customer owns gas that is made available for transportation service on the Company's system. Company shall transport gas made available by Customer from a designated point of receipt to a designated point of delivery.

Service will be provided by the Company based on the Customer delivering suitable gas into the Company's distribution system.

Monthly Rate:

Customer Charge: \$25.00 per month.

Transportation Charge: \$.0662 per therm.

Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause set forth on Sheet No. 7.101 shall not apply to transportation service rendered under this schedule.

Minimum Bill: The Customer Charge.

Special Conditions:

1. Service under this schedule shall be subject to Company's Conditions for Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas set forth on Sheet No. 7.101-3, provided that the following condition shall apply with respect to interruption and curtailment:

Interruption and Curtailment: Company shall have the right to reduce or completely curtail deliveries to Customer pursuant to this rate schedule if, in Company's opinion, Customer will overrun the volume of gas to which it is entitled from its supplier(s) (or overrun the volume of gas being delivered to Company for Customer's account).

2. The rates set forth in this schedule shall be subject to the operation of the Company's Tax and Fee Adjustment Clause set forth on Sheet No. 7.101-1.
3. The rates set forth in this schedule shall be subject to the operation of the Company's Competitive Rate Adjustment Clause set forth on Sheet Nos. 7.101-1 through 7.101-3.
4. Service under this schedule (unless otherwise indicated herein) shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations set forth in this tariff.  
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NATURAL GAS VEHICLE SALES SERVICE  
Rate Schedule NGVSS  
(~~Experimental Rate~~)

Availability:

Throughout the service areas of the Company.

Applicability:

Gas delivered to any Customer through a separate meter for compression and delivery (through the use of equipment furnished by Customer) into motor vehicle fuel tanks or other transportation containers.

Monthly Rate:

Customer Charge:	\$25.00 per month
Energy Charge: Non Gas	\$.0662 per therm

The bill for the therms billed at the above rates shall be increased in accordance with the provision of the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause set forth on Sheet 7.101.

Minimum Bill: The Customer charge.

Special Conditions:

1. The rates set forth above shall be subject to the operation of the Company's Tax and Fee Adjustment Clause set forth on Sheet No. 7.101-1.
2. The rates set forth above shall be subject to the operation of the Energy Conservation Cost Recovery Adjustment Clause set forth of Sheet No. 7.101-1.
3. A contract for an initial term of one year may be required as a condition precedent to service under this rate schedule, unless an extension of facilities is involved, in which case the term of the contract shall be the term required under the agreement for the facilities extension.
4. The rates set forth in this schedule shall be subject to the operation of the Company's Competitive Rate Adjustment Clause set forth on Sheets Nos. 7.101-1 through 7.101-3.
5. Service under this schedule shall be subject to the Rules and Regulations set forth in this tariff.
6. Service under this schedule shall be subject to Company's Conditions for Transportation of Customer-Owned Gas set forth on Sheet No. 7.101-3 if Customer, in addition to purchasing Gas from Company pursuant to this rate schedule, also receives transportation service provided by Company.