

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 020384-GU

In the Matter of

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY TAMPA
ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM

-----/

ELECTRONIC VERSIONS OF THIS TRANSCRIPT
ARE A CONVENIENCE COPY ONLY AND ARE NOT
THE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE HEARING
AND DO NOT INCLUDE PREFILED TESTIMONY.

PROCEEDINGS: JACKSONVILLE SERVICE HEARING

BEFORE: COMMISSIONER J. TERRY DEASON
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL A. PALECKI

DATE: Thursday, September 26, 2002

TIME: Commenced at 12:00 p.m.
Concluded at 12:25 p.m.

PLACE: Holiday Inn - Baymeadows
9150 Baymeadows Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32225

REPORTED BY: HEATHER THOMAS
Court Reporter
(904) 356-4467

BUREAU OF REPORTING

RECEIVED 10-10-02

DOCUMENT NUMBER DATE

11003 OCT 10 02

FPSC-064-REGISTRATION CLERK

1 APPEARANCES:

2 ANSLEY WATSON, JR., Post Office Box 1531,
3 Tampa, Florida 33601, appearing on behalf of Peoples
4 Gas System.

5 STEVE BURGESS, Office of Public Counsel,
6 111 West Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee,
7 Florida, 32399-1400, appearing on behalf of the
8 State of Florida.

9

ALSO PRESENT:

10

11 DAVID WHEELER, Public Service Commission
Staff

12

ADRIENNE VINING, Public Service Commission
Staff counsel

13

14 DICK DURBAN, Public Service Commission
Staff

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

1 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Call the hearing to
2 order. Counsel, have the notice read, please.

3 MS. VINING: Pursuant to notice issued by
4 the clerk of the Florida Public Service
5 Commission on August 9th, 2002, a customer
6 service hearing was called for Docket No.
7 020384-GU at this time and place. As stated
8 in the notice, the purpose of this hearing
9 shall be to take testimony from members of the
10 public on the rates and service of Peoples Gas
11 System.

12 The procedure at this hearing shall be as
13 follows: The company will present a brief of
14 summary of its case and then the members of
15 the public may present testimony. Member of
16 the public who wish to present testimony, are
17 urged to appear promptly at each scheduled
18 service hearing time, since the hearing may be
19 adjourned early if no witnesses are present to
20 testify. All witnesses shall be subject to
21 cross-examination at the conclusion of their
22 testimony.

23 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Thank you.
24 Appearances.

25 MR. WATSON: I'm Ansley Watson, Jr., of

1 the law firm of MacFarlane, Ferguson &
2 McMullen, P.O. Box 1531, Tampa, Florida,
3 33601, appearing for Peoples Gas System.

4 MR. BURGESS: I'm Steve Burgess here on
5 behalf of the Office of Public Counsel. We
6 represent the citizens of the State of
7 Florida.

8 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Let me take this
9 opportunity to welcome everyone and introduce
10 myself. My name's Jerry Deason. I'm a member
11 of the Public Service Commission. I'll be
12 chairing the hearing today, and seated to my
13 immediate right is Commissioner Mike Palecki.
14 He'll be joining me, and we will constitute
15 the panel of commissioners. We will be
16 conducting this hearing today.

17 As a very preliminary matter, let me ask
18 the question: Are there members of the public
19 who wish to testify? If so, please just
20 identify yourself by raising your hand.

21 Let the record reflect that there's no
22 one indicating they wish to testify, and also
23 that there was no one that signed up on the
24 list which was being taken outside the hearing
25 room as people entered the hearing room.

1 What I propose that we do at this point
2 is, we will dispense with opening statements.
3 We will recess for 15 minutes. We will
4 reconvene, and if there are customers present
5 at that time, then we will proceed to opening
6 statements for the benefit of customers, and
7 then, of course, we will proceed with
8 testimony for customers. But at this point
9 since we don't have anyone present that wishes
10 to testify, we will stand in a 15-minute
11 recess.

12 (Hearing recessed from 12:05 p.m. to
13 12:22 p.m.)

14 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Call the hearing
15 back to order. Let me take this opportunity
16 to once again ask if there are any members of
17 the public who have joined us who wish to
18 testify, please just raise your hand and we
19 will give you that opportunity.

20 Let the record reflect that no one has
21 indicated they wish to testify, and that I
22 checked with the PSC representative out in the
23 foyer area and no one has indicated with him
24 that they wish to testify. So give that as
25 the situation, Mr. Watson, I think we will

1 just dispense with opening statements if
2 that's okay with you.

3 MR. WATSON: That's just fine.

4 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Mr. Burgess?

5 MR. BURGESS: That's fine.

6 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. Let me
7 ask: Is there any business to come before the
8 commission at this time? Mr. Watson?

9 MR. WATSON: Not from Peoples.

10 MR. BURGESS: Nor on our behalf.

11 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Very well. Staff
12 have anything?

13 MS. VINING: No.

14 COMMISSIONER DEASON: Okay. As the
15 notice indicated, we will hear witnesses until
16 all witnesses have been heard. We don't have
17 any more witnesses to hear and with that,
18 thank you all for coming. This hearing is
19 adjourned.

20 (Hearing adjourned at 12:24.)

21

22

23

24

25

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF FLORIDA)

COUNTY OF DUVAL)

I, Heather M. Thomas, certify that I was authorized to and did stenographically report the foregoing proceedings and that the transcript is a true and complete record of my stenographic notes.

Dated this 9th day of October 2002.

Heather M. Thomas,
Court Reporter