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## VIA E-FILING

Honorable Braulio L. Baez, Chairman  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

**Re: Docket No. 040003-GU – Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up**

Dear Chairman Baez:

The undersigned, counsel for Peoples Gas System in the above docket, respectfully requests to be excused from attending the hearing in the above docket scheduled for November 8-10, 2004. All issues with respect to Peoples Gas System have been stipulated, and I have been notified that Peoples' witness, W. Edward Elliott, has been excused from attending the hearing. In essence, my participation would lend nothing to the proceeding and increase the cost of the proceeding to Peoples.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Ansley Watson, Jr.

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