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The Honorable Matthew M. Carter II
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**Re: Docket No. 070003-GU – Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up
Docket No. 070004-GU – Natural gas conservation cost recovery**

Dear Commissioner Carter:

I am counsel for Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") in the above dockets, and respectfully request that I, as well as Matthew M. Costa of the TECO Energy Legal Department (who would attend in my stead) be excused from attending the hearings in such dockets, which are scheduled to commence next Tuesday, November 6, 2007.

All issues in both dockets have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff, and Peoples' witnesses in both dockets have been excused from attending the hearings. Under the circumstances, the attendance of counsel for Peoples would serve no real purpose, except to increase Peoples' legal expense (including the expense of counsel's travel to the hearing).

I would sincerely appreciate your favorable consideration and disposition of this request.

Respectfully,



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