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**Re: Docket No. 120003-GU – Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up  
Docket No. 120004-GU – Natural gas conservation cost recovery**

Dear Commissioner Balbis:

I am writing to you as the Prehearing Officer in the captioned dockets. I am counsel for Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") in the dockets, and respectfully request that I be excused from attending the prehearing conference in such dockets, which is scheduled to be held in Tallahassee at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 17, 2012.

All issues in both dockets have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance for Peoples at the prehearing conference would serve no real purpose, except to increase Peoples' legal expense (including the expense of my travel from Tampa to Tallahassee).

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

Respectfully,



ANSLEY WATSON, JR.

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