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VIA E-MAIL ATTACHMENT TO LESLIE AMES

The Honorable Arthur Graham
Commission Chairman & Prehearing Officer
c/o Leslie Ames, Esquire
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 150004-GU – Natural gas conservation cost recovery

Dear Chairman Graham:

I am writing to you as the Prehearing Officer in the captioned docket. I am counsel for Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") in the docket, and respectfully request that I be excused from attending the prehearing conference in the docket, which is scheduled to be held in Tallahassee, Monday, October 19, 2015, as well as the hearing, scheduled for November 2, 2015.

All issues in the docket have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance for Peoples at the prehearing conference and hearing 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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cc: Commission Clerk (via web-based portal)
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