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October 17, 2016

**VIA E-MAIL ATTACHMENT TO MARGO LEATHERS**

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

**Re: Docket No. 160003-GU – Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up**

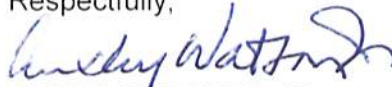
Dear Chairman Graham:

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 hearing in the docket, which is scheduled to commence in Tallahassee November 2, 2016.

All issues in the docket have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance for Peoples at the 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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