

BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20190091-GU

PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO
ACCRUE AFUDC, BY PEOPLES
GAS SYSTEM.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA
ITEM NO. 3

COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ART GRAHAM
COMMISSIONER JULIE I. BROWN
COMMISSIONER DONALD J. POLMANN
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER ANDREW GILES FAY

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: On to Item No. 3.

3 MR. RICHARDS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman,
4 Commissioners. My name is Chris Richards with
5 Commission staff.

6 Item No. 3 addresses a petition by Peoples Gas
7 System in Docket No. 20190091-GU for authority to
8 accrue an allowance for funds used during
9 construction.

10 Staff believes the company's request is
11 reasonable and in accordance with Rule 25-7.0141 of
12 the Florida Administrative Code and, therefore,
13 recommends that the Commission authorize Peoples
14 Gas to accrue AFUDC at an annual rate of 5.97
15 percent.

16 Staff is available to answer any questions.

17 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

18 Commissioners, any questions of staff?

19 Commissioner Brown.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Thank you.

21 And I agree that the request does appear to be
22 reasonable. Why do we not have a rule, though,
23 regarding AFUDC for the natural gas companies?

24 MR. RICHARDS: Ma'am, looking back, it
25 appears, back around 1995, no gas companies had

1 come in for AFUDC for such a long time that it was
2 decided to just go ahead and kind of do away with
3 the rule. And no companies have come in, you know,
4 for the past, what, 24 years until just now.

5 So it's just it hasn't been used, and I
6 believe they were trying to kind of do away with
7 unused rules, or rarely used rules, back at that
8 time, and it appeared that, for gas utilities,
9 AFUDC, it wasn't an issue.

10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: And I understand your
11 recommendation does appear to be reasonable. So it
12 would you suggest that this would be a ripe time,
13 given the circumstances, to at least not initiate
14 rule-making but looking into it.

15 MR. RICHARDS: Yes, ma'am. I agree.

16 MR. SCHRADER: It's certainly up for
17 discussion, yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I mean, just based on the
19 recommendation, it looks like it would be ripe for
20 discussion, at least, purposes moving forward.

21 So, Mr. Chairman, I would suggest that staff
22 look into it, and I would recommend approving the
23 recommendation.

24 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Is that a motion?

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Move, yeah.

1 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. It's been moved and
2 seconded the Brown motion.

3 Any further discussion?

4 Seeing none. All in favor, say aye?

5 (Chorus of ayes.)

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: By your action, you have
9 approved that motion.

10 Staff, it sounds like you are duly directed.

11 (Agenda item concluded.)

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DATED this 16th day of July, 2019.



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