

BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20190109-GU

PETITION FOR RECOVERY OF  
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH  
HURRICANE MICHAEL AND  
REPLENISHMENT OF STORM  
RESERVE, BY PEOPLES GAS  
SYSTEM.

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PROCEEDINGS: COMMISSION CONFERENCE AGENDA  
ITEM NO. 4

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

PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center  
Room 148  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Let's jump back to  
3 Item No. 4.

4 MR. SNYDER: Good morning, Commissioners. I  
5 am Paul Snyder with Commission staff.

6 Item 4 is staff's recommendation on Peoples  
7 Gas Systems' request for approval to implement a  
8 storm restoration recovery charge.

9 On April 25th, 2019, Peoples Gas Systems filed  
10 a petition for recovery of approximately \$3.4  
11 million for the incremental restoration costs  
12 related to Hurricane Michael and to replenish  
13 measure the company's storm reserve. The approval  
14 of an interim storm restoration recovery charge is  
15 preliminary in nature and subject to refund pending  
16 final review.

17 After the actual costs were reviewed for  
18 prudence and reasonableness and are compared to the  
19 actual amount recovered through the interim storm  
20 restoration recovery charge a determination will be  
21 made whether any over- or under-recovery has  
22 occurred. The disposition of any over- or  
23 under-recovery and associated interest will be  
24 considered by the Commission at a later date.

25 On July 3rd, 2019, the Office of Public

1 Counsel and Peoples Gas System filed a joint notice  
2 of partial stipulation regarding \$27,255 of  
3 uncollectible accounts. The parties are here to  
4 discuss the stipulation.

5 Staff is available for questions at this time.

6 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Thank you, staff.

7 I will start with OPC, because then the  
8 utility can address both OPC and staff's concerns.

9 OPC.

10 MS. FALL-FRY: Good morning, Commission. My  
11 name is Anne Marie Fall-Fry. I am here on behalf  
12 of OPC.

13 And as staff noted, we jointly filed a notice  
14 of stipulation of facts in this matter with PGS  
15 last week, and we ask that you accept that filing  
16 and acknowledge it in your order approving the  
17 interim surcharge.

18 The storm surcharge that Peoples Gas is  
19 requesting is usually part of the storm cost  
20 recovery mechanism, and that mechanism is a  
21 creature of settlements that we have with other  
22 utilities. And so in order, we worked with Peoples  
23 Gas, and they have cooperated with getting us the  
24 testimony and taking off one of the items that  
25 they've requested so that we would not object to

1 the entering of the surcharge.

2 So we can ask that you accept the stipulation  
3 and don't oppose the surcharge.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Peoples.

6 MR BROWN: Andy Brown from Macfarlane  
7 Ferguson of Tampa, along with Kandi Floyd of  
8 Peoples Gas.

9 We are in agreement with OPC. We have been --  
10 we have had a very cooperative process of working  
11 out the stipulation, and we have agreed to have it  
12 attached as part of the order.

13 Ms. Floyd would like to address a topic  
14 briefly to the Commission.

15 MS. FLOYD: Good morning, Commissioners.  
16 Kandi Floyd, Peoples Gas System.

17 Aside from this issue, I just wanted to thank  
18 the Commission and Commissioner Clark for your  
19 acknowledgment and your invocation of the those  
20 that were impacted over the weekend with the  
21 explosion in Plantation. We share your thoughts  
22 and prayers, and we are very thankful that there  
23 were no fatalities. We are fully committed to  
24 working with local law enforcement while this is an  
25 active investigation to determine the cause of the

1 incident.

2 And again, I just wanted to thank you for  
3 acknowledging that. And those folks who were  
4 injured and also the employees of the businesses we  
5 are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Is that it?

8 MS. FLOYD: That's what I had -- I wanted to  
9 just acknowledge that in relation to Commissioner  
10 Clark, your invocation this morning.

11 As Andy said, we have no objection to the  
12 stipulation that OPC has presented.

13 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Okay. Commissioners, any  
14 questions of staff, OPC or Peoples?

15 Commissioner Brown.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I thought  
17 this was a very thorough petition laid out for us.  
18 And procedurally I just want to ask staff if we  
19 would -- if we go ahead and approve the motion,  
20 would we -- pardon me, the recommendation -- would  
21 we approve the recommendation along with the  
22 partial stipulation? What would the posture be?

23 MR. TRIERWEILER: My understanding is that  
24 there is no requirement to approve the stipulation  
25 as a stipulation, but just accept the modification.

1           The incremental costs that Peoples has agreed  
2           not to recover will not affect the order as  
3           written.

4           COMMISSIONER BROWN: Does it change the  
5           surcharge amount?

6           MR. TRIERWEILER: No.

7           COMMISSIONER BROWN: No?

8           MR. TRIERWEILER: And it will just simply be a  
9           matter for the true-up later on when we have the  
10          actual recoverable costs. It just won't be  
11          counted. They are agreeing now that it won't be  
12          counted at the time -- later on when they true-up.

13          COMMISSIONER BROWN: So with that, then I  
14          would move approval of the staff recommendation  
15          acknowledging the joint notice of partial  
16          stipulation.

17          COMMISSIONER POLMANN: Second.

18          COMMISSIONER BROWN: I did it right.

19          CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: It's been moved and  
20          seconded -- Mr. Rehwinkel, you are chomping at the  
21          bit. Okay.

22          It's been moved and seconded.

23          Any further suggestion?

24          Seeing none. All in favor, say aye.

25          (Chorus of ayes.)

1 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: Any opposed?

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN GRAHAM: By your action, you have  
4 approved the Brown motion.

5 Commissioner Brown.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I just have one thing now  
7 that that matter has concluded just to acknowledge.

8 Kandi Floyd just was President of Florida  
9 Natural Gas Association this past year. First  
10 woman president ever. Had her annual conference,  
11 which I heard was widely successful, and I want to  
12 commend her for her leadership in this industry  
13 throughout the state and in the nation. Thank you  
14 so much for your service.

15 MS. FLOYD: Thank you. Thank you, Chairman  
16 Brown. That's very kind. Thank you.

17 (Agenda item concluded.)

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