

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas System.

DOCKET NO. 20200051-GU

In re: Petition for approval of 2020 depreciation study by Peoples Gas System.

DOCKET NO. 20200166-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2020-0329-PCO-GU
ISSUED: September 29, 2020

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ACCEPT
LATE-FILED TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

By Order No. PSC-2020-0198-PCO-GU, issued June 22, 2020, controlling dates were established for an administrative hearing to be conducted in this docket. On July 28, 2020, Peoples Gas System (PGS), the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), and the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG) filed a Joint Motion to Extend the Due Dates for Testimony and Exhibits (Joint Motion). On July 30, 2020, Order No. PSC-2020-0272-PCO-GU granted the Joint Motion and the deadline for filing intervenor testimony was modified to August 31, 2020.

On September 2, 2020, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Motion to Accept Late-Filed Testimony and Exhibits in Docket Nos. 20200051-GU and 20200166-GU (Motion). In its Motion, OPC states that it was prepared to file the testimony and exhibits of its witness, Andrea Crane, on August 31, 2020, pursuant to Order No. PSC-2020-0272-PCO-GU, but the testimony for Ms. Crane included information that Peoples Gas System (PGS) could potentially view as confidential. OPC asserts that it was able to provide PGS and the other intervenor in this proceeding, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group, with an unredacted copy of Ms. Crane's testimony on August 31, 2020. However, OPC states that it needed additional time to permit PGS to review and redact confidential information and to file the appropriate notice of intent to seek confidential information with the Commission, and, therefore, it was unable to meet the August 31, 2020 deadline for filing this testimony with the Commission. On September 1, 2020, OPC filed the confidential copy of Ms. Crane's testimony and exhibits, and, with that filing, advised that PGS will redact any material PGS claims to be confidential and return the redacted version of the testimony back to OPC for filing with the Commission.¹

In its Motion, OPC contends that no party is prejudiced by the late filing of the testimony and exhibits of Ms. Crane. Further, OPC asserts that it has conferred with all parties to this proceeding and there are no objections to this Motion. Accordingly, since the request appears to be reasonable and does not appear to prejudice the parties, staff, or the Commission with regard to this proceeding, OPC's Motion is hereby granted.

¹ Document No. 05657-2020.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED by Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that the Office of Public Counsel's Motion to Accept Late-Filed Testimony and Exhibits in Docket Nos. 20200051-GU and 20200166-GU is granted as set forth herein.

By ORDER of Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this 29th day of September, 2020.



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