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DATE: July 22, 2022

TO: Office of the Commission Clerk

FROM: Todd M. Brown, Chief of Auditing, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis *TMB by pit*

RE: Docket No.: 20220004-GU
Company Name: Peoples Gas System
Company Code: GU608
Audit Purpose: A3e: Natural Gas Conservation Cost Recovery
Audit Control No.: 2022-024-2-1

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of the Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

TMB/cmm

Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
Bureau of Auditing
Tampa District Office

Auditor's Report

Peoples Gas System
Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Clause

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2021

Docket No. 20220004-GU
Audit Control No. 2022-024-2-1
July 15, 2022

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Tomer Kopelovich
Audit Manager

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Simon Ojada
Reviewer

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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Economics in its audit service request dated January 24, 2022. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Peoples Gas System in support of its 2021 filing for the Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20220004-GU.

The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definitions

Utility refers to the Peoples Gas System.

GCCR refers to the Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Clause.

Revenue

Operating Revenues

Objectives: The objectives were to determine the actual therm sales for the period January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021, and whether the Utility applied the Commission-approved cost recovery factor to actual therm sales for the GCCR.

Procedures: We reconciled GCCR Revenues reported in the 2021 filing to the Utility's monthly revenue reports and the general ledger. We computed revenues by multiplying therms sold by the Commission-approved factors and compared them to the filing and the general ledger. We selected a sample of residential and commercial customers' bills by rate class and verified that the correct tariff rates were used. No exceptions were noted.

Expense

Operation and Maintenance Expense

Objectives: The objectives were to determine whether operation and maintenance (O&M) expense listed on Schedule CT-3 of the Utility's filing was supported by adequate documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recoverable through the GCCR.

Procedures: We traced expenses in the filing to the general ledger. We judgmentally selected a sample from each of the conservation programs for testing. The source documentation for selected items was reviewed to ensure the expense was for the current period, charged to the correct accounts and appropriately recoverable through the GCCR. Incentive cash payments were reviewed and traced to source documentation. Advertising expenses were reviewed for compliance with Rule 25-17.015(5), Florida Administrative Code. No exceptions were noted.

True-Up

Objective: The objective was to determine whether the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Schedule CT-3 was properly calculated.

Procedures: We traced the December 31, 2020, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2021, using the Commission-approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2020, the Financial Commercial Paper rates, and the 2021 GCCR filing revenues and expenses. No exceptions were noted.

Analytical Review

Objective: The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's GCCR revenues and expenses to determine if there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior year.

Procedures: We compared 2021 to 2020 and 2019 revenues and expenses. We requested explanations from the Utility for significant variances. The explanations provided by the Utility were sufficient.

Audit Findings

None

Exhibit

Exhibit 1: True-Up

PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM
Energy Conservation Adjustment
Calculation of True-up and Interest Provision
For Months January 2021 through December 2021

CONSERVATION REVENUES	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
* 1. OTHER PROGRAM REVS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
* 2. CONSERV. ADJ REVS	2,271,145	2,037,721	1,735,252	1,728,972	1,389,825	1,277,426	1,220,045	1,116,596	1,182,012	1,158,412	1,356,875	1,807,593	18,281,674
* 3. TOTAL REVENUES	2,271,145	2,037,721	1,735,252	1,728,972	1,389,825	1,277,426	1,220,045	1,116,596	1,182,012	1,158,412	1,356,875	1,807,593	18,281,674
* 4. PRIOR PERIOD TRUE-UP NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PERIOD	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,892)	(95,886)	(1,150,698)
* 5. CONSERVATION REVS APPLICABLE TO THE PERIOD	2,175,253	1,941,829	1,639,360	1,633,080	1,293,733	1,181,534	1,124,153	1,020,704	1,086,120	1,062,520	1,260,983	1,711,707	17,130,976
* 6. CONSERVATION EXPS (FROM CT-3, PAGE 1)	1,275,602	1,798,487	1,567,766	1,442,442	1,283,730	1,193,760	1,424,335	967,095	1,590,477	1,454,115	1,401,499	1,800,463	16,999,771
* 7. TRUE-UP THIS PERIOD	899,851	143,342	71,594	190,638	10,003	(12,226)	(300,183)	53,608	(504,358)	(391,595)	(140,516)	111,245	131,203
* 8. REGULATORY ADJUSTMENTS													-
* 9. INT. PROV. THIS PERIOD (FROM CT-3, PAGE 3)	(125)	(69)	(45)	(27)	(7)	(2)	(6)	(7)	(13)	(37)	(63)	(56)	(457)
* 10. TRUE-UP & INT. PROV. BEGINNING OF MONTH	(1,883,202)	(687,784)	(648,619)	(481,178)	(194,675)	(88,787)	(5,123)	(209,420)	(59,927)	(468,406)	(764,146)	(608,833)	(1,883,202)
* 11. PRIOR TRUE-UP COLLECTED/(REFUNDED)	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,892	95,886	1,150,698
* 12. TOTAL NET TRUE-UP (SUM LINES 8+9+10+11)	(687,784)	(648,619)	(481,178)	(194,675)	(88,787)	(5,123)	(209,420)	(59,927)	(468,406)	(764,146)	(608,833)	(601,758)	(601,758)
Expenses	1,275,602	1,798,487	1,567,766	1,442,442	1,283,730	1,193,760	1,424,335	967,095	1,590,477	1,454,115	1,401,499	1,800,463	16,999,771
Deferred Expenses	899,851	143,342	71,594	190,638	10,003	-	-	53,608	-	-	-	111,245	1,480,081
Revenues	(2,271,145)	(2,037,721)	(1,735,252)	(1,728,972)	(1,389,825)	(1,277,426)	(1,220,045)	(1,116,596)	(1,182,012)	(1,158,412)	(1,356,875)	(1,807,593)	(18,281,674)
Deferred Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	(12,226)	(300,183)	-	(504,358)	(391,595)	(140,516)	-	(1,348,878)

PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM
Energy Conservation Adjustment
Calculation of True-up and Interest Provision
For Months January 2021 through December 2021

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
INTEREST PROVISION													
1. BEGINNING TRUE-UP	(1,883,202)	(887,784)	(648,619)	(481,178)	(194,675)	(88,787)	(5,123)	(209,420)	(59,927)	(468,406)	(764,146)	(808,833)	
2. ENDING TRUE-UP BEFORE INTEREST	(887,659)	(648,550)	(481,133)	(194,648)	(88,780)	(5,121)	(209,414)	(59,920)	(468,393)	(764,109)	(808,770)	(601,702)	
3. TOTAL BEGINNING & ENDING TRUE-UP	<u>(2,770,861)</u>	<u>(1,536,334)</u>	<u>(1,129,752)</u>	<u>(675,826)</u>	<u>(283,455)</u>	<u>(93,908)</u>	<u>(214,537)</u>	<u>(269,340)</u>	<u>(528,320)</u>	<u>(1,232,515)</u>	<u>(1,572,916)</u>	<u>(1,410,535)</u>	
4. AVERAGE TRUE-UP (LINE 3 TIMES 50%)	<u>(1,385,431)</u>	<u>(768,167)</u>	<u>(564,876)</u>	<u>(337,913)</u>	<u>(141,728)</u>	<u>(46,954)</u>	<u>(107,269)</u>	<u>(134,670)</u>	<u>(264,160)</u>	<u>(616,258)</u>	<u>(786,458)</u>	<u>(705,268)</u>	
5. INTER. RATE - 1ST DAY OF REPORTING MONTH	0.100%	0.120%	0.090%	0.110%	0.070%	0.040%	0.080%	0.060%	0.060%	0.070%	0.080%	0.110%	
6. INTER. RATE - 1ST DAY OF SUBSEQUENT MONTH	0.120%	0.090%	0.110%	0.070%	0.040%	0.080%	0.060%	0.060%	0.070%	0.080%	0.110%	0.080%	
7. TOTAL (SUM LINES 5 & 6)	0.220%	0.210%	0.200%	0.180%	0.110%	0.120%	0.140%	0.120%	0.130%	0.150%	0.190%	0.190%	
8. AVG INTEREST RATE (LINE 7 TIMES 50%)	0.110%	0.105%	0.100%	0.090%	0.055%	0.060%	0.070%	0.060%	0.065%	0.075%	0.095%	0.095%	
9. MONTHLY AVG INTEREST RATE	0.00900%	0.009%	0.008%	0.008%	0.005%	0.005%	0.006%	0.005%	0.005%	0.006%	0.008%	0.008%	
10. INTEREST PROVISION (LINE 4 TIMES LINE 9) (exp)/incl	(125)	(69)	(45)	(27)	(7)	(2)	(6)	(7)	(13)	(37)	(63)	(56)	(457)