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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman
Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: New Docket No. _____
Petition of Peoples Gas System for Approval to Cancel and Withdraw Sheet Nos. 8.105,
8.105-1 and 8.106 from Section 8, Standard Forms of Its Tariff.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing is the Petition of Peoples Gas System for Approval to Cancel and
Withdraw Sheet Nos. 8.105, 8.105-1 and 8.106 from Section 8, Standard Forms of Its Tariff.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V. Ponder'.

Virginia Ponder

VLP/ne
Attachment

cc: Nora Bordine
Paula Brown

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition of Peoples Gas System for approval) DOCKET NO. _____
of tariff modifications to remove the form of customer)
bill from its tariff)
_____) FILED: SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

**PETITION OF PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM FOR APPROVAL TO
CANCEL AND WITHDRAW SHEET NOS. 8.105, 8.105-1 AND 8.106
FROM SECTION 8, STANDARD FORMS OF ITS TARIFF**

Peoples Gas System (“Peoples” or “the company”), pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 25-9.045, Florida Administrative Code, and Sections 366.04 and 366.05, Florida Statutes, hereby petitions the Florida Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) for approval to cancel and withdraw Sheet Nos. 8.105, 8.105-1 (Gas Bill) and 8.106 (Final Notice), in Section 8, Standard Forms, from its Natural Gas Tariff Original Volume No. 3 (the “Tariff”) and in support thereof states:

I. Preliminary Information

1. Peoples is a natural gas local distribution company subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction pursuant to Chapter 366, Florida Statutes. Peoples operates 14 service areas with over 450,000 residential, commercial, industrial, and electric power generation customers. The company’s principal offices are located at 702 North Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602.

2. Any pleading, motion, notice, order, or other document required to be served upon Peoples or filed by any party to this proceeding shall be served upon the following individuals:

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II. Statement on Disputed Issues of Material Fact

3. In compliance with paragraph (2)(d) of Rule 28-106.201, Florida Administrative Code, Peoples is not aware of any disputed issues of material fact at this time, and does not believe any disputed issues of material fact will arise in this docket, but acknowledges the possibility that other parties could assert disputed issues of material fact during this proceeding.

III. Overview of Request

4. Peoples' Standard Forms may be found in Section 8 of its Tariff. Included within the various Standard Forms are the Gas Bill (Sheet Nos. 8.105 and 8.105-1) and the Final Notice (Sheet No. 8.106). Peoples seeks to cancel and withdraw these forms from its Tariff. Exhibit A contains the legislative and clean tariff versions reflecting the proposed changes.

5. The Florida Administrative Code contains rules for the adoption of tariffs as well as the manner and form of such tariff filings. Specifically, Rule 25-7.033, Florida Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), requires each gas utility to "file with the Commission tariffs containing schedules for all rates and charges and copies of all rules and regulations governing the relation of customer and utility." The tariff filing must be in the "manner and form as prescribed by the Commission under separate rules entitled 'Construction and Filing of Tariffs by Public Utilities.'"¹ These separate rules are found in Chapter 25-9, F.A.C.

¹ Rule 25-7.033(3), Florida Administrative Code.

6. The term “standard forms” is defined within Chapter 25-9, F.A.C., to include “all standard contract or agreement forms for execution between the utility and its customers.”² Rule 25-9.033, F.A.C., addresses the “Standard Forms” that are to be included within a tariff and provides that “[a]n exact copy of all standard forms (uniform contracts, agreements, riders, service applications, service extension agreement or other form), where the same pertains to subscribers’ and/or customers’ services” are to be included in the Standard Forms section of the tariff.³ All such forms must be given a number so that reference can be made to them.⁴ If a form is “changed, altered, or amended,” the revised issue must be filed with the Commission.⁵

7. In connection with customer billing requirements, Rule 25-7.085, F.A.C., Customer Billing (the “Customer Billing Rule”) sets forth procedures gas utilities must follow when billing customers for service. This rule requires bills be rendered monthly and sets forth the minimum required information to be shown within the customer bill, except in instances of a duplicate bill. This information includes, but is not limited to: (i) therms and cubic feet consumed; (ii) the total dollar amount of the bill indicating specified data separately; (ii) the date by which payment must be made; (iii) the date the bill becomes past due; and (iv) the name of the utility plus the address, telephone number(s) and web address where the bill can be paid and questions concerning the bill can be answered.

8. The Customer Billing Rule implements Section 366.05(1), Florida Statutes, which provides for the powers of the Commission, including the power to prescribe fair and reasonable rates and charges.

² Rule 25-9.002(6), Florida Administrative Code.

³ Rule 25-9.033(1), Florida Administrative Code.

⁴ Rule 25-9.033(2), Florida Administrative Code.

⁵ Rule 25-9.033(3), Florida Administrative Code.

9. Neither the Customer Billing Rule, Section 366.05(1), Florida Statutes, nor the provisions of Chapter 25-9, F.A.C., that govern the construction and filing of tariffs by gas utilities require a gas utility to include a blank bill or final notice form within its tariff.⁶ Additionally, the definition of “Standard Forms” does not contemplate a blank bill or final notice form being included among the materials in this section of the tariff. Rather, as stated above, the definition is limited to “all standard contract or agreement forms for execution between the utility and its customers.”

10. Rule 25-9.045, F.A.C., Withdrawal of Tariffs, states:

[e]very public utility desiring to withdraw or cancel any tariff or any provision of a tariff which is considered no longer effective or necessary shall file with the Commission an informal application setting forth its reasons for desiring to withdraw or cancel such tariff provision, and requesting permission to withdraw the same.

11. Peoples seeks to cancel and withdraw the Gas Bill (Sheet Nos. 8.105 and 8.105-1) and the Final Notice (Sheet No. 8.106) as they are considered no longer effective or necessary to maintain within the Tariff. The cancellation and withdrawal of these forms will permit Peoples the flexibility to modernize the gas bill and final notice forms, from time to time, and in compliance with the Customer Billing Rule, without unduly burdening the Commission. Such flexibility will likely result in cost savings to Peoples’ customers.

12. Peoples’ customers will not be adversely impacted by approval of this Petition. The cancellation and withdrawal of these forms *does not* (i) alter conditions of service; (ii) result in a rate change; or (iii) diminish or materially affect the rights of Peoples’ customers. Customers will

⁶ Rule 25-9.060, Florida Administrative Code, does state that municipal electric utilities and rural electric cooperatives subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction to show “[a]n exact copy of all standard form and a blank bill form of each schedule.”

still be presented with the same information and detail of charges in the company's gas bill and will be afforded the same notice procedures.

IV. Conclusion

13. Peoples submits that the cancellation and withdrawal of the Gas Bill (Sheet Nos. 8.105 and 8.105-1) and the Final Notice (Sheet No. 8.106) from its Tariff, for which approval is sought, is reasonable and appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Peoples Gas System respectfully requests that the Commission approve of the cancellation and withdrawal of Sheet Nos. 8.105, 8.105-1, and 8.106 from its Tariff, as described in this petition and reflected in the revised tariff sheets attached hereto as Exhibit A, to become effective on the date of the Commission's vote disposing of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A
TARIFF SHEETS – CLEAN VERSION

Peoples Gas System
a Division of Tampa Electric Company
Original Volume No. 3

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 8.105
Cancels Third Revised Sheet No. 8.105

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Issued By: Helen Wesley, President
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Peoples Gas System
a Division of Tampa Electric Company
Original Volume No. 3

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 8.105-1
Cancels Third Revised Sheet No. 8.105-1

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Peoples Gas System
a Division of Tampa Electric Company
Original Volume No. 3

Fourth Revised Sheet No. 8.106
Cancels Third Revised Sheet No. 8.106

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TARIFF SHEETS – REDLINE VERSION

Peoples Gas System
a Division of Tampa Electric Company
Original Volume No. 3

~~Third~~~~Fourth~~ Revised Sheet No. 8.105
Cancels ~~Second~~~~Third~~ Revised Sheet No. 8.105

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~~GAS BILL~~

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ACCOUNT INVOICE

Account:
Statement Date:
Current month's charges due

Details of Current Month's Charges – Service from - to

Service for: 1234 Main Street, City, FL 31234 Rate Schedule:

| Meter Number | Read Date | Current Reading | Previous Reading | = | Measured Volume | x | BTU | x | Conversion | = | Total Used | Billing Period |
|---|-----------|-----------------|------------------|---|-----------------|----|-----|---|------------|----|------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Customer Charge | | | | | | | | | | \$ | | Peoples Gas Usage History Therms Per Day (Average) |
| Distribution Charge | | | | | @ | \$ | | | \$ | | | |
| PGA | | | | | @ | \$ | | | \$ | | | |
| Florida Gross Receipts Tax | | | | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| Natural Gas Service Cost | | | | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| Franchise Fee | | | | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| Municipal Public Service Tax | | | | | | | | | \$ | | | |
| Total Natural Gas Cost, Local Fees and Taxes | | | | | | | | | | | \$ | |
| Miscellaneous Charges | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CCHS Inside Line Protect | | | | | X | \$ | | | \$ | | | |
| Total Miscellaneous Charges | | | | | | | | | | | \$ | |
| Total Current Month's Charges | | | | | | | | | | | \$ | |

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Issued By: ~~T. J. Szelistowski~~ Helen Wesley, President
Issued On: ~~October 22, 2020~~

Effective: January 1, 2024

Peoples Gas System
a Division of Tampa Electric Company
Original Volume No. 3

~~Third-Fourth~~ Revised Sheet No. 8.105-1
Cancels ~~Second-Third~~ Revised Sheet No. 8.105-1

RESERVED FOR FUTURE USE GAS BILL (Continued)



Contact Information

Residential Customer Care

813-223-0800 (Tampa)
863-299-0800 (Lakeland)
352-622-0111 (Ocala)
954-453-0777 (Broward)
305-940-0139 (Miami)
727-826-3333 (St. Petersburg)
407-425-4662 (Orlando)
904-739-1211 (Jacksonville)
877-832-6747 (All other counties)

Commercial Customer Care

866-832-6249

Hearing Impaired/TTY

711

Natural Gas Outage

877-832-6747

Natural Gas Energy Conservation Rebates

877-832-6747

Mail Payments to

TECO
P.O. Box 31318
Tampa, FL 33631-3318

All Other Correspondence

Peoples Gas
P.O. Box 111
Tampa, FL 33601-0111

Understanding Your Natural Gas Charges

BTU – British thermal unit – a unit of heat measurement.

Budget Billing – Optional plan takes the highs and lows out of monthly natural gas bills. This "leveling" billing plan averages your last 12 monthly billing periods so you can pay about the same amount for your service each month.

Buried Piping Notification – Federal regulations require that Peoples Gas notify our customers who own buried piping of the following: 1) When excavating near buried gas piping, the piping should be located in advance; 2) The gas supplier does not own or maintain the customer's buried piping; 3) Buried piping that is not maintained may be subject to corrosion and/or leakage. Buried piping should be inspected periodically and any unsafe conditions repaired. Licensed plumbers, heating and air conditioning contractors, or Peoples Gas can conduct inspections.

Conversion Factor – This factor is used to adjust for variations from standard delivery pressure and standard delivery temperature where applicable.

Customer Charge – A fixed monthly amount to cover the cost of providing gas service. This charge is billed monthly regardless if any gas is used.

Distribution Charge – Covers the costs of moving gas from its source to your premise, other than the cost of gas itself.

Estimated – If Peoples Gas was unable to read your gas meter, "ESTIMATED" will appear. Your gas use has been estimated based on previous usage. The meter is scheduled to be read next month, and any difference between the estimate and actual use will be adjusted accordingly.

Florida Gross Receipts Tax – A tax is imposed on gross receipts from utility services that are delivered to retail customers in Florida, in accordance with Chapter 203 of the Florida Statutes. The tax is levied on utility companies, which collect the tax from all customers, unless exempt, and remit to the state.

Florida State Tax – A privilege tax imposed on every person who engages in the business of selling or renting tangible personal property at retail in the state, in accordance with Chapter 212 of the Florida Statutes.

For more information about your bill, please visit peoplesgas.com.

Your payment options are:

- Schedule free one-time or recurring payments at peoplesgas.com using a checking or savings account.
- Mail your payment in the enclosed envelope. Please allow sufficient time for delivery.
- Pay in person at a local payment agent. For a listing of authorized payment agents, visit peoplesgas.com or call Customer Care at the number listed above.
- Pay by credit or debit card using KUBRA EZ-PAY at peoplesgas.com or call 866-689-6469.
(A convenience fee will be charged to your bank account or credit card.)

When making your payment, please have your bill or account number available.

Please note: If you choose to pay your bill at a location not listed on our website or provided by Peoples Gas, you are paying someone who is not authorized to act as a payment agent of Peoples Gas. You bear the risk that this unauthorized party will relay the payment to Peoples Gas and do so in a timely fashion. Peoples Gas is not responsible for payments made to unauthorized agents, including their failure to deliver or timely deliver the payment to us. Such failures may result in late payment charges to your account or service disconnection.

Por favor, visite peoplesgas.com para ver esta información en español.

Franchise Fee – A fee levied by a municipality for the right to utilize public property for the purpose of providing gas service. Like taxes, the fee is collected by Peoples Gas and is paid to the municipality.

Late Payment Charge – The late payment charge is 1.5% of the past due amount.

Main Extension Charge – A flat monthly fee to recover the cost of extending mains to a particular area when the cost exceeds the maximum allowable construction cost.

Measured Volume – Your natural gas usage in CCF (one hundred cubic feet) or MCF (one thousand cubic feet). These are the standard units of gas measurement.

Municipal Public Service Tax – In addition to the Franchise Fee, many municipalities levy a tax on the gas you use. It is collected by Peoples Gas and paid to the municipality.

PGA Charge – Purchased Gas Adjustment – the cost of gas purchased for you by Peoples Gas and delivered to your premises.

Rate Schedule – The amount (rate) you pay depends on your customer category. The cost of providing service varies with the customer group.

Share – A program co-sponsored by Peoples Gas and the Salvation Army where customers can help pay the energy bills of customers in need. A one-time contribution can be made, or your monthly elected contribution will appear on your bill. Your contribution is tax deductible and is matched by Peoples Gas.

Swing Charge – Covers the costs that are incurred by Peoples Gas to balance the difference between a customer's actual daily usage and the gas delivered by your gas supplier (pool manager).

Therm – A unit of heat equal to one hundred thousand (100,000) BTUs.

Total Amount Due – This month's charges will be past due after the date shown. THIS DATE DOES NOT EXTEND THE DATE ON ANY PREVIOUS BALANCE. It is important that you pay your bill before this date in order to avoid interruption of service.

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Peoples Gas System
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Original Volume No. 3

~~Third~~Fourth Revised Sheet No. 8.106
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FINAL NOTICE

| FINAL NOTICE | |
|--|--------------------------|
| 123456789123 | TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$XX.XX |
| NAME | STATEMENT DATE |
| ADDRESS | Xx XX, 20XX |
| CITY, ST ZIP | |
| <p>To avoid having your natural gas service disconnected, full payment of \$XX.XX is due by XXX XX, 20XX. This balance may not be eligible for a payment arrangement to extend the due date. If you have already paid this balance, thank you.</p> <p>If full payment of \$XX.XX is not received, your natural gas service will be scheduled for disconnection. Upon reconnection of your natural gas service, a reconnect fee of \$XX.XX will be billed to your account. Or, if you request your natural gas service to be reconnected on the same day of full payment or outside of normal business hours, a charge of \$XXX.XX will be billed to your account. If you have multiple meters, additional charges per meter will apply.</p> <p>You can pay your final notice bill online at peoplesgas.com. If you pay at a payment agent, please allow three business days for the payment to post.</p> <p>Please note, the due date on any new bill you receive will not extend this final notice amount or due date. Payments received may be applied to other past due items on this account, including deposits. Due to your payment history, this account may be subject to removal from certain billing and payment programs.</p> | |

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