# BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Natural Gas Conservation	)	DOCKET NO. 20220004-GU
Cost Recovery Clause.	)	FILED: October 7, 2022
	)	

# PREHEARING STATEMENT OF PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM

# **A.** APPEARANCES:

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# **B.** WITNESSES:

Witness	Subject Matter	Issue #
Direct		
Karen L.	Conservation Cost Recovery True-Up and Projection	1-7
Bramley		

# **C. EXHIBITS**:

Witness	Proffered By	Exhibit #	Description	Issue #
Direct				
Karen L.	Peoples Gas	KLB-1, filed May	Schedules Supporting Cost	1
Bramley	System	2, 2022	Recovery Factor, Actual	
			January 2021 – December	
			2021	
Karen L.	Peoples Gas	KLB-2, filed	Schedules supporting	2-7
Bramley	System	August 5, 2022	conservation costs projected	
			for the period January 2023	
			– December 2023	

### **D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION**

## PGS's Statement of Basic Position:

The Commission should determine that Peoples Gas System has properly calculated its conservation cost recovery true-up and projections and the natural gas conservation cost recovery factors set forth in the testimony and exhibits of Witness Karen L. Bramley for the period January 2023 through December 2023.

# **E.** STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

### GENERIC CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY ISSUES

**ISSUE 1**: What are the final conservation cost recovery adjustment true-up amounts for the

period January 2021 through December 2021?

PGS: An adjusted net true-up over-recovery of \$2,209,020, including interest.

(Bramley)

**ISSUE 2**: What are the appropriate conservation adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts

for the period January 2022 through December 2022?

PGS: An over-recovery of \$1,333,568, including interest. (Bramley)

**ISSUE 3**: What are the appropriate total conservation adjustment true-up amounts to be

collected/refunded for the period January 2023 through December 2023?

PGS: A refund of \$3,542,588, including interest. (Bramley)

**ISSUE 4**: What are the total conservation cost recovery amounts to be collected during the

period January 2023 through December 2023?

PGS: \$18,338,325 (including current period estimated true-up). (Bramley)

**ISSUE 5**: What are the conservation cost recovery factors for the period January 2023

through December 2023?

<u>PGS</u>: For the period January 2023 through December 2023, the cost recovery factors are as follows:

**Cost Recovery Factors** 

	Cost Recovery Pactors
Rate Schedule	(Dollars per Therm)
RS & RS-SG & RS-GHP	0.09056
SGS	0.05718
GS-1 & CS-SG & CS-GHP	0.02909
GS-2	0.02167
GS-3	0.01843
GS-4	0.01336
GS-5	0.00928
CSLS	0.01851
(Bramley)	

# **ISSUE 6**: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the energy conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing energy conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

<u>PGS</u>: Yes, the Commission should approve revised tariffs reflecting the energy conservation cost recovery amounts and establishing energy conservation cost recovery factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding. (Bramley)

**ISSUE 7**: What should be the effective date of the new conservation cost recovery factors for billing purposes?

PGS: The factors should be effective beginning with the specified conservation cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2023 through December 2023. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2023, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2023, so long as each customer is billed for 12 months regardless of when the factors became effective. (Bramley)

**ISSUE 8**: Should this docket be closed?

<u>PGS</u>: Yes, Docket No. 20220004-GU should be closed once the Commission's decisions on all of the issues in the docket have become final and the Commission has concluded that the docket has otherwise met the requirements for closure.

### COMPANY-SPECIFIC CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY ISSUES

PGS has no company-specific conservation cost recovery issues as of this date.

# F. STIPULATED ISSUES

PGS is not aware of any stipulated issues as of this date.

## **G. PENDING MOTIONS**

PGS is not aware of any pending motions as of this date.

# H. PENDING CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIMS OR REQUESTS

PGS has no pending confidentiality claims or requests as of this date.

# I. OBJECTIONS TO WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS AS AN EXPERT

PGS has no objections to any witness' qualifications as an expert in this proceeding.

# J. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

PGS has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure entered in this docket.

# DATED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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