

1 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20230023-GU

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4 Petition for rate increase by Peoples
Gas Systems, Inc.

5 _____/
DOCKET NO. 20220219-GU

6 Petition for approval of 2022 depreciation
7 study by Peoples Gas Systems, Inc.

8 _____/
DOCKET NO. 20220212-GU

9 Petition for approval of depreciation rate
10 and subaccount for renewable natural gas
facilities leased to others by Peoples
Gas Systems, Inc.

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12 PROCEEDINGS: SERVICE HEARING

13 COMMISSIONERS
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ANDREW GILES FAY
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM
14 COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA
15 COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

16 DATE: Monday, July 10, 2023

17 TIME: Commenced: 2:00 p.m.
Concluded: 2:10 p.m.

18 PLACE: Betty Easley Conference Center
19 Room 148
4075 Esplanade Way
20 Tallahassee, Florida

21 REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK
22 Court Reporter and
Notary Public in and for
23 the State of Florida at Large

24 PREMIER REPORTING
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9 Florida (OPC.).

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12 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, appearing on behalf of
13 the Florida Public Service Commission (Staff).

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: All right. Good afternoon,
3 everyone. I will give everyone a chance to get
4 settled in. Grab your seats.

5 All right. This is the virtual customer
6 service hearing for Peoples Gas, Incorporated case,
7 today's hearing is an important part of the rate
8 case process, and the idea is to hear directly from
9 the customers.

10 I am Andrew Fay. I am the Chair of the Public
11 Service Commission. I have with me my colleagues,
12 both in person and on the phone today, Commissioner
13 Graham, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner La Rosa
14 and Commissioner Passidomo. I would like to just
15 give them a quick opportunity if they would like to
16 introduce themselves or make any comments, at this
17 time you are welcome to do so.

18 So Commissioner Passidomo, you are recognized.

19 COMMISSIONER PASSIDOMO: Thank you, Mr.
20 Chairman.

21 I would just like to reiterate my comments
22 from earlier, that we really appreciate those
23 customers taking the opportunity to write into our
24 offices with the email correspondence. We take
25 those just -- we weigh those just as much as if you

1 call in. We know it's sometimes difficult to make
2 the time to call, so we look forward to hearing
3 from those customers today, and encourage other
4 customers to write into our offices if they would
5 like.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you, Commissioner
8 Passidomo.

9 Commissioner Clark? Commissioner La Rosa?
10 Commissioner Graham. Go ahead, Commissioner
11 Graham.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Ditto.

13 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. All right.

14 All right. With that, staff counsel, will you
15 please read the notice?

16 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

17 By notice published on June 13th, 2023, this
18 time and place has been set for a customer service
19 hearing in Docket Nos. 20230023, 20220219 and
20 20220212. The purpose of the hearing is set forth
21 more fully in the notice.

22 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great. Thank you.

23 Next we will move to appearances. We will
24 first recognize Peoples Gas System.

25 MR. WAHLEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

1 Jeff Wahlen of the Ausley McMullen law firm,
2 appearing on behalf of Peoples Gas System, Inc.

3 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Wahlen.
4 Next, Office of Public Counsel, Ms. Wessling.

5 MS. WESSLING: Good afternoon. This is Ali
6 Wessling on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel.

7 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great.
8 Staff counsel.

9 MR. THOMPSON: Major Thompson and Ryan Sandy
10 on behalf of the Public Service Commission, Office
11 of General Counsel.

12 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Anyone else?

13 All right. Let's go ahead and move into just
14 a quick overview of the proceeding, Commissioners.

15 I -- at this time, let me just check before I
16 go into some of these points to see, is Mr. Joseph
17 Kochis on the line?

18 Okay. Are there any other -- any other
19 customers on the line at this time?

20 Okay. With that, I just want to go over a
21 quick overview of the proceeding, and then if
22 someone joins in that time, we will be sure to
23 recognize them, but otherwise we will move forward
24 with this customer hearing.

25 Commissioners, we had this hearing this

1 morning, but I will go through some of the same
2 details.

3 PGS has provided a specific contact number for
4 customer service for customers that want to reach
5 out to them, and that's (877)832-6747, and that's
6 through normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00
7 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

8 The Commission also has Dylan Andrews, who can
9 be contacted at dandrews @psc.state.fl.us, or at
10 (850)413-6510.

11 We will mention just the opportunity for
12 customers, if they would also like to just submit
13 comments directly to the Clerk's office related to
14 this docket. So you would either fill out a card
15 on-line that allows -- a pre-addressed comment card
16 that allows you to mail that in. You can also
17 email the Commission Clerk at
18 clerk@psc.state.fl.us, and just make sure to
19 reference Docket 20230023. And that will ensure
20 that any additional comments that are submitted
21 related to the docket can be reviewed by the
22 Commission, and taken into account before a
23 decision on this docket is made.

24 I won't go through some of the procedures for
25 those on the line since we don't have any current

1 callers for this customer service meeting. I did
2 want to allow the utility and Office of Public
3 Counsel, if they wanted to provide for the record
4 any brief openings to feel free to do so, so, Mr.
5 Wahlen.

6 MR. WAHLEN: Commissioners, since there are no
7 customers, and since we made remarks this morning,
8 we are prepared to waive our statement at this
9 time.

10 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Ms. Wessling, you are
11 welcome if you would like to, go ahead.

12 MS. WESSLING: Similarly, OPC will rely on our
13 earlier comments from this morning and the other
14 hearings.

15 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great.

16 All right. Just last, before we go into any
17 closing remarks and adjourn, I want to make sure
18 once again there are no customers currently on the
19 line for the Peoples Gas System customer meeting.

20 All right. Seeing none, thank you again to
21 staff and the parties for being here. This meeting
22 is adjourned.

23 (Proceedings concluded.)

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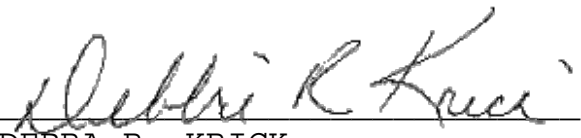
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COUNTY OF LEON)

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DATED this 19th day of July, 2023.


DEBRA R. KRICK
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