

1 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 In the Matter of:

3 DOCKET NO. 20230023-GU

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

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6 DOCKET NO. 20220219-GU

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

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9 DOCKET NO. 20220212-GU

10 Petition for approval of depreciation rate  
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

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

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16 DATE: Thursday, <sup>July 11</sup> ~~June 29~~, 2023 *AT 8/4/23*

17 TIME: Commenced: 6:00 p.m.  
Concluded: 6:10 p.m.

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

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

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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 evening,  
3 everyone. I appreciate y'all being here this late  
4 time. At this time we do not have any customers  
5 signed up, let me make sure on our sheet. I do not  
6 see anyone. Okay. We will move forward with the  
7 formalities of the proceeding, and if somebody  
8 joins at that time, we will obviously give them the  
9 opportunity to participate and engage.

10 Just for the record, I am Chairman Andrew Fay  
11 of the Public Service Commission. I have both in  
12 person and by phone Commissioner Clark,  
13 Commissioner La Rosa, Commissioner Passidomo and  
14 Commissioner Graham that are with us this evening.

15 With that, we will move into the notice for  
16 the meeting. Staff.

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

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

23 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you.

24 Next we will move to appearances. We will  
25 start with Peoples Gas System.

1           MR. WAHLEN: Good evening, Commissioners. I  
2 am Jeff Wahlen of the Ausley McMullen law firm in  
3 Tallahassee, appearing on behalf of Peoples Gas  
4 System, Inc.

5           CHAIRMAN FAY: Great.  
6 Ms. Wessling.

7           MS. WESSLING: Thank you.

8           Ali Wessling here on behalf of the Florida  
9 Office of Public Counsel.

10          CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Staff.

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

14          CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. All right. Thank you.

15          Next we will just move to a quick run-through  
16 of the procedural structure that we would go  
17 through with the speakers. I do want to make sure  
18 that we provide the appropriate contact information  
19 for the record. So in addition to the in-person  
20 customer service meetings that were carried out  
21 already, and this is the last virtual service  
22 hearing, we do have a member of the Commission  
23 staff, Dylan Andrews, who is available at  
24 dandrews@psc.state.fl.us, and a contact  
25 (850)413-6510.

1           In addition to that, the PGS has a customer  
2           service representative available, and of course in  
3           normal business hours, which is (877)832-6747.

4           Finally, the Commission, at any point in time,  
5           can take information in the docket through either a  
6           pre-addressed mail card, or comment card, or  
7           through email at clerk@psc.state.fl.us. We just  
8           ask you that I include the Docket No. 20230023 in  
9           the subject matter of that email so we can make  
10          sure we get it to the appropriate docket.

11          At this time, we would move to opening  
12          statements. I will look to Peoples Gas and Office  
13          of Public Counsel, if you would like to waive  
14          those, or if you just want to make any comments in  
15          general about this being the last proceeding in  
16          this docket, please feel free do so.

17          MR. WAHLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

18          We've made our opening remarks a couple of  
19          times and won't need to repeat them, but I would  
20          like to take a minute to thank the staff for their  
21          efforts planning, organizing and executing all six  
22          of these hearings. It's a lot of work, I am sure.  
23          I don't really understand all of it, but they made  
24          it look easy, and we appreciate their good efforts  
25          for all six of the hearings.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: Well said.

3 Yes, Ms. Wessling.

4 MS. WESSLING: Thank you. And again, since  
5 there is no customers on the line, we will just  
6 stand on our previous comments. But we also  
7 appreciate everyone's efforts to give the customers  
8 an opportunity to be heard.

9 Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you, Ms.  
11 Wessling.

12 And I will just reiterate what was said by the  
13 parties. These are not easy to put together,  
14 especially the in-person ones, and putting together  
15 these, and being here after hours is a commitment  
16 to trying to give customers every opportunity that  
17 we could in this docket I think has been  
18 demonstrated and showed. So thank you to our staff  
19 again for all the work on this.

20 With that, Commissioners, unless there is  
21 anything else you would like for the record, this  
22 meeting is adjourned.

23 Thank you so much.

24 MR. WAHLEN: Thank you.

25 (Proceedings concluded.)

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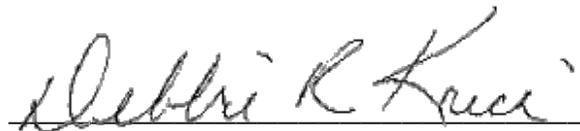
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COUNTY OF LEON     )

I, DEBRA KRICK, Court Reporter, do hereby certify that the foregoing proceeding was heard at the time and place herein stated.

IT IS FURTHER CERTIFIED that I stenographically reported the said proceedings; that the same has been transcribed under my direct supervision; and that this transcript constitutes a true transcription of my notes of said proceedings.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any of the parties, nor am I a relative or employee of any of the parties' attorney or counsel connected with the action, nor am I financially interested in the action.

DATED this 19th day of July, 2023.



DEBRA R. KRICK  
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