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### VIA HAND DELIVERY

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





Re: Docket No. 20230023-GU; Petition for Rate Increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.

Docket No. 20220219-GU; Peoples Gas System's Petition for Rate Approval of 2022 Depreciation Study

Docket No. 20220212-GU; Peoples Gas System's Petition for Approval of Depreciation Rate and Subaccount for Renewable Natural Gas Facilities Leased to Others

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket is Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification of certain information contained in its response to Office of Public Counsel's Eighth Request for Production of Documents, served by electronic mail on May 18, 2023. Also attached in CD format are the public (redacted) versions of these documents.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

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Sincerely.

Virginia Ponder

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cc: All parties of record (w/att.)

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#### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| Petition for Rate Increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.                             | DOCKET NO. 20230023-GU |
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| Peoples Gas System's Petition for Rate<br>Approval of 2022 Depreciation Study      | DOCKET NO. 20220219-GU |
| Peoples Gas System's Petition for Approval of Depreciation Rate and Subaccount for | DOCKET NO. 20220212-GU |
| Renewable Natural Gas Facilities Leased to Others                                  | FILED: August 16 2023  |

# PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION

Peoples Gas System, Inc. ("Peoples" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification of the yellow highlighted information contained in the following described document(s) ("the Document(s)") stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" and all information that is or may be printed on yellow paper stock stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" within the Document(s), all of said confidential information being hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information.".

### Description of the Document(s)

On August 15, 2023, Peoples filed a Notice of Intent to Request Confidential Classification ("Notice of Intent") pursuant to Staff's August 14, 2023, request to view certain confidential materials produced to the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC") in response to its Eighth Request for Production, Number 95. *See* DN 04753-2023. Consistent with the Notice of Intent filed on August 15, 2023, the company hereby designates portions of the discovery response requested by Staff, as specified on Exhibit "A," as Confidential Information. Contemporaneous with the filing of this request, Peoples submitted the confidential versions of these materials to the Commission Clerk under a separate, confidential cover letter.

#### Request

Peoples' requests confidential classification for this information such that it will be entitled to protection against public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. In support of this request, the company states:

- 1. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that any records "found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act]." Proprietary confidential business information includes but is not limited to: (a) trade secrets; (b) internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors; (c) security measures, systems, or procedures; (d) information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms; (e) information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information; and (f) employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities. §366.093(3)(a)-(f), Fla. Stat. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion falls within one or more of these statutory categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.
- Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a justification for confidential treatment of the Confidential Information contained in the documents.
- The public version of the documents with the Confidential Information is included as Exhibit "B".

 The Confidential Information contained in the documents is intended to be and is treated by Peoples as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

#### **Requested Duration of Confidential Classification**

5. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(9)(a), Peoples requests that the Confidential Information be treated by the Commission as confidential proprietary business information for 18 months. If, and to the extent that the company is in need of confidential classification of the Confidential Information beyond the 18-month period set forth in the Commission rule, the justification and grounds for such extended confidential treatment are set forth in Exhibit "C" to this request and motion.

WHEREFORE, Peoples Gas System, Inc. respectfully requests that the Confidential Information that is the subject of this request be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth herein and for 18 months.

DATED this 16th day of August 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request for Confidential Classification, filed on behalf of Peoples Gas System, Inc., has been furnished by electronic mail on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023 to the following:

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# EXHIBIT A STAFF'S AUGUST 14, 2023, CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT REQUEST JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

| Bates Page | <b>Document Description</b>   | Description of Information  | <u>Justification</u> |
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| 4-5        | A financial presentation and related documents, provided in<br>Peoples' Response to OPC's Eighth Request for Production<br>of Documents, Number 95. | The Highlighted Information | (1)                  |
| 18-32      | Same as above.  | The Highlighted Information | (1)                  |
| 35-39      | Same as above.  | The Highlighted Information | (1)                  |
| 42-52      | Same as above.  | The Highlighted Information | (1)                  |
| 54-65      | Same as above.  | The Highlighted Information | (1)                  |

(1) The highlighted information relates to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. This information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.

# EXHIBIT B PUBLIC VERSION(S) OF THE DOCUMENT(S)

| Attached hereto (unless previously | filed as may be noted below) are two public versions of the |
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| Document(s) with the Confidential  | Information redacted.                                       |
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Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached in CD format

# EXHIBIT C JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIALITY PERIOD

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