

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Purchased gas adjustment)
(PGA) true-up.)
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DOCKET NO. 20230003-GU
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**PREHEARING STATEMENT
OF PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC.**

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B. WITNESSES:

Witness	Subject Matter	Issue #
Direct		
Matthew E. Elliott	Projected gas costs, therm sales, and weighted average cost of gas (“WACOG”); final PGA true-up amount for January 2022-December 2022; estimated PGA true-up amounts for January 2023-December 2023; total true-up to be collected in 2024; and levelized PGA cost recovery (cap) factor for January 2024-December 2024	1-6

C. EXHIBITS:

Witness	Proffered By	Exhibit #	Description	Issue #
Direct				
Matthew E. Elliott	PGS	MEE-1, filed May 2, 2023	Calculation of final true-up for January 2022-December 2022 (Schedule A-7)	1
Matthew E. Elliott	PGS	MEE-2, filed August 4, 2023	Calculation of estimated true-up for January 2023-December 2023; total true-up to be collected in 2024; calculation of PGA factor for January 2024-December 2024 (Schedules E-1 through E-5)	2-6

D. STATEMENT OF BASIC POSITION

Peoples' Statement of Basic Position:

The Commission should determine that Peoples has properly calculated its final PGA true-up amount of \$2,082,184 under-recovery for the period January 2022 through December 2022; its actual/estimated PGA true-up amount of \$3,249,797 over-recovery for the period January 2023 through December 2023; and its levelized PGA (cap) factor of \$0.96838 per therm for the period January 2024 through December 2024 set forth in the testimony and exhibits of witness Matthew E. Elliott.

E. STATEMENT OF ISSUES AND POSITIONS

GENERIC PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT ISSUES

ISSUE 1: What are the final purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts for the period January 2022 through December 2022?

PGS: An under-recovery of \$2,082,184. (Elliott)

ISSUE 2: What are the appropriate purchased gas adjustment actual/estimated true-up amounts for the period January 2023 through December 2023?

PGS: An over-recovery of \$3,249,797. (Elliott)

ISSUE 3: What are the total purchased gas adjustment true-up amounts to be collected or refunded during the period January 2024 through December 2024?

PGS: The amount to be refunded is \$1,167,613. (Elliott)

ISSUE 4: What are the levelized purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factors for the period January 2024 through December 2024?

PGS: A purchased gas cost recovery (cap) factor of \$0.96838 per therm. (Elliott)

ISSUE 5: What should the effective date of the new purchased gas adjustment cost recovery (cap) factors for billing purposes be?

PGS: The cap factor should be effective beginning with the specified purchased gas cost recovery cycle and thereafter for the period January 2024 through December 2024. Billing cycles may start before January 1, 2024, and the last cycle may be read after December 31, 2024, so that each customer is billed for twelve months regardless of when the adjustment charge became effective. (Elliott)

ISSUE 6: Should the Commission approve revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment cost recovery (cap) factors determined to be appropriate in this proceeding?

PGS: Yes. The Commission should approve revised tariffs reflecting the new purchased gas adjustment cap factor determined to be appropriate in this proceeding. The Commission should direct staff to verify that the revised tariffs are consistent with the Commission's decision. (Elliott)

ISSUE 7: Should this docket be closed?

PGS: Yes. Docket No. 20230003-GU should be closed once the Commission's decisions on all issues in the docket have become final and the Commission has concluded that the docket has otherwise met the requirements for closure.

F. STIPULATED ISSUES

The company is not aware of any stipulated issues as of this date.

G. PENDING MOTIONS

The company is not aware of any pending motions as of this date.

H. PENDING CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIMS OR REQUESTS

The company has no pending confidentiality claims or requests at this time.

I. OBJECTIONS TO WITNESS QUALIFICATIONS AS AN EXPERT

The company has no objections to any witness's qualifications as an expert in this proceeding.

J. COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

The company has complied with all requirements of the Order Establishing Procedure in this docket.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



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