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VIA: ELECTRONIC FILING

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

Re: Docket 20240094-GU; Joint petition by Peoples Gas System, Inc. and Florida Public Utilities Company for approval of special contract.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Please find attached for filing in the above-styled matter Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s Response to Staff's First Data Request (Nos. 1-3), served on June 13, 2024.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

Virginia Ponder

VLP/ne Attachment

cc: Patrick Kelly All parties of record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing response, filed on behalf of People Gas System, Inc., has been furnished by electronic mail on this 27th day of June, 2024 to the following:

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PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC. DOCKET NO. 20240094-GU STAFF'S FIRST DATA REQUEST REQUEST NO. 1 BATES PAGE(S): 1 FILED: JUNE 27, 2024

- 1. Please explain why PGS is now planning to supply uninterruptible gas service to Florida Public Utilities Company (FPUC) as set forth in the proposed 2024 Gas Transportation Agreement (Special Contract).
- A. FPUC first approached PGS in June 2022 regarding the ability to obtain uninterruptible service due to volatile natural gas pricing in the Transco Zone 5 market, caused largely by natural gas shortages in Europe. Priority of service was a prime concern for FPUC. PGS agreed to the provision of pipeline-to-pipeline uninterruptible gas service subject to a fixed monthly reservation fee. FPUC and PGS filed a joint petition for approval of a special contract – the 2022 Gas Transportation Agreement – which was approved by the Florida Public Service Commission in Order No. PSC-2022-0374-PAA-GU. Earlier this year, FPUC approached PGS about entering into a similar agreement for a shorter term at a different rate. PGS has the availability and opportunity to provide firm capacity and transportation services to FPUC.

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- 2. Please explain why the term of the Special Contract is 7 months.
- **A.** The term reflects FPUC's desired timeframe and the ability of PGS to meet the commitment.

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- **3.** Please discuss the benefits to PGS's general body of ratepayers flowing directly from the Special Contract.
- **A.** The Special Contract is in the best interest of and will provide benefits to PGS' general body of ratepayers. The monthly service charge will generate revenues for PGS, resulting in savings for PGS' general body of ratepayers.