

September 24, 1999

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Blanca S. Bayo, Director Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Re: Docket No. 990003-GU -- Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Clause True-Up Projections and Testimony for January 2000 - December 2000.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

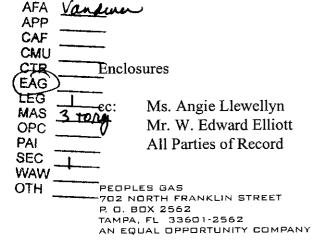
Enclosed for filing in the above docket on behalf of Peoples Gas System ("Peoples"), please find the original and 10 copies of its Petition for Approval of PGA Factor for Application to Bills to be Rendered During the Period January 2000 Through December 2000.

Enclosed also for filing on behalf of Peoples, please find 10 copies of Ed Elliott's testimony and 10 copies of Composite Exhibit EE-2 to Mr. Elliott's testimony.

Please acknowledge your receipt and filing of the enclosures by stamping the duplicate copy of this letter which is enclosed and returning the same to the undersigned. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

DAVID M. NICHOLSON



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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) True-Up Docket No. 990003-GU

Submitted for Filing: 9-27-99

<u>PETITION OF PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM FOR APPROVAL</u> <u>OF PGA FACTOR FOR APPLICATION TO BILLS TO BE RENDERED</u> <u>DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 2000 THROUGH DECEMBER 2000</u>

Peoples Gas System ("Peoples"), by its undersigned attorneys, hereby files its petition for

approval of its purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") factor to be applied to bills rendered for meter

readings taken between January 1, 2000 and December 31, 2000, inclusive, and in support thereof

says:

1. The name of the petitioner and the mailing address of its principal office is:

Peoples Gas System P. O. Box 2562 Tampa, Florida 33601-2562

2. The names and mailing address of the persons authorized to receive notices and

communications with respect to this petition are:

David M. Nicholson, Esq. TECO Energy, Inc. P. O. Box 111 Tampa, Florida 33601-0111

3. By its Orders Nos. 24463 and 24463-A in this docket, the Commission adopted a revised method for the recovery of purchased gas costs by regulated natural gas utilities, to be used for the recovery of such costs commencing October 1, 1991.

Submitted herewith is Peoples' Composite Exhibit EE-2, consisting of Solicarles E-1, E-1/R, E-2, E-3, E-4 and E-5. The schedules in Composite Exhibit ER 2 are used to compare **66** haximum 10^{-01} W DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE 10^{-01} W DOCUMENT NUMBER-DATE

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PGA factor for application to bills rendered for gas sold by Peoples during the twelve-month period of January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 (the "Projection Period").

4. The maximum PGA factor calculated in Composite Exhibit EE-2 basically represents (A) the sum of the final net true-up amount for the period April 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, the estimated or projected true-up (based on actual data for eight months and projected data for four months) for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999, both true-up amounts including interest, and Peoples' projected cost of purchased gas for the January 2000 - December 2000 period, without interest, (B) divided by Peoples' projected therm sales for the Projection Period.

5. By its order No. PSC-99-0634-FOF-GU in Docket No. 981698-GU the Commission approved a methodology for charging separate Purchased Gas Adjustment Factors for different customer classes. The maximum (cap) PGA factor for which Peoples seeks approval for the Projection Period is the Residential factor shown on Line 45, Page 2 of Schedule E-1 of Composite Exhibit EE-2, and is 55.097 cents per therm.

WHEREFORE, Peoples Gas System, Inc., respectfully requests that the Commission enter its order approving Peoples' proposed maximum (cap) PGA factor of 55.097 cents per therm for application to bills rendered for meter readings taken from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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David M. Nicholson Corporate Counsel, TECO Energy, Inc. P. O. Box 111 Tampa, Florida 33601 (813) 228-1556

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition and the Direct Testimony of W. Edward Elliott has been furnished by regular U.S. Mail this 24th day of September, 1999 to all known parties of record in Docket No. 990003-GU.

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David M. Nicholson