

BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 080318-GU

In the Matter of:

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY  
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM.

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PROCEEDINGS: JACKSONVILLE SERVICE HEARING

BEFORE: CHAIRMAN MATTHEW M. CARTER, II  
COMMISSIONER KATRINA J. McMURRIAN  
COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP

DATE: Friday, November 14, 2008

TIME: Commenced at 10:02 a.m.  
Concluded at 10:48 a.m.

PLACE: Duval County School Board  
1st Floor Auditorium  
1701 Prudential Drive  
Jacksonville, Florida

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2 CHAIRMAN CARTER: I'd like to call this hearing to  
3 order. First of all, we're here for -- let me just ask staff,  
4 would you please read the notice.

5 MS. KLANCKE: Absolutely. By notice this time and  
6 place has been set for a customer service hearing in Docket  
7 Number 080318-GU, petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas  
8 System.

9 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you. Before we take  
10 appearances, just for a procedural matter is that we -- this  
11 would be our second hearing we've had.

12 And just for the record, for placeholders  
13 Exhibit 1 would be the Comprehensive Exhibit List, Exhibit 2  
14 will be the notice for the hearing in Panama City, and  
15 Exhibit 3 will be the placeholder for the notice for this  
16 hearing here in Jacksonville. So those will be late-filed, but  
17 we'll have those and so I want you to put those in as  
18 placeholders for that. With that, let's take appearances.

19 (Late-Filed Exhibits 1, 2 and 3 identified for the  
20 record.)

21 MR. BINSWANGER: Lewis Binswanger for Peoples Gas  
22 System.

23 MR. BECK: Charlie Beck, Office of the Public  
24 Counsel, appearing on behalf of the customers of Peoples Gas.

25 MS. KLANCKE: Caroline Klancke, attorney for the

1 Florida Public Service Commission.

2 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Thank you. And let me take a  
3 moment to introduce my colleagues. To my right, Commissioner  
4 McMurrian. To my left, Commissioner Skop.

5 COMMISSIONER SKOP: Good morning.

6 CHAIRMAN CARTER: My name is Matthew Carter, Chairman  
7 of the Florida Public Service Commission. I want to welcome  
8 all of you here today. We're here because we came to hear from  
9 you. It's very important to us to hear from you in terms of  
10 what you think about the issue before us, for Peoples Gas  
11 asking for a rate increase. And I want to just kind of let you  
12 know, those of you that will be speaking today, is that to my  
13 left will be our court reporter, and she's going to be  
14 transcribing everything that you say because this is part of a  
15 hearing. This is the public hearing portion of it. We want to  
16 hear from the public first and get the information from the  
17 public, and then we'll go through a more formalized process  
18 later on in Tallahassee. But we come to where the people are  
19 impacted by this, by the proposed rate increase so that we can  
20 hear from you and get what you think about that.

21 Those of you that are wishing to speak this morning,  
22 there is a form, it's kind of an, kind of an off-white form.  
23 I'm still learning my colors. And so those of you wishing to  
24 speak, would you just kind of complete one of these forms and  
25 fill it out and we'll have -- Mr. Beck will call you up to

1 speak.

2 Those of you that are here that are shy about  
3 speaking, we have the blue form here on the table. The most  
4 important thing about the blue form that's out on the table is  
5 on the back is a tear away. You can write down your comments  
6 and then it folds up into a neat little mailer that you can  
7 send in to us. If you have some friends and neighbors that  
8 could not be here today that wanted to be here and wanted to be  
9 heard, you can just take those with you and pass those out to  
10 your friends and neighbors and they can send those in.

11 Let me just take a moment -- before I ask for any  
12 opening statements from either of the parties, let me just see  
13 if we have anyone here seeking to be heard. None?

14 Well, Commissioners, let's do this, let's go on  
15 recess for, until about, let's do 20 after, and then we'll come  
16 back and see where we are from that point. So we're on recess.

17 (Recess taken.)

18 We are back on the record. And we took a moment to  
19 recess to, to ensure that we gave ample opportunity for people  
20 to be heard. As you know, Commissioners, this is our  
21 opportunity for public comment on the Peoples Gas request.

22 Mr. Beck, have any, any people yet shown up for, to  
23 be heard?

24 MR. BECK: I don't believe so, Mr. Chairman.

25 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Let's do this, Commissioners.

1 Let's give, let's give it 'til a quarter of and then we'll come  
2 back on. And then if not, we'll, we'll move toward  
3 adjournment. We're on recess.

4 (Recess taken.)

5 We are back on the record. And I said we'd go until  
6 a quarter of. It's now about 12 of. Commissioners, we've  
7 given ample opportunity for public comment and public feedback  
8 and public input. Ms. Crump has told us that there's no one  
9 there and no one even picked up any information. This is our  
10 second hearing on this matter.

11 Mr. Beck, anything for the good of the order?

12 MR. BECK: Not at this time, Mr. Chairman.

13 CHAIRMAN CARTER: Okay. Commissioners, comments?

14 With that, Commissioners, we are adjourned.

15 (Service hearing concluded at 10:48 a.m.)

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DATED THIS 17<sup>th</sup> day of November,

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