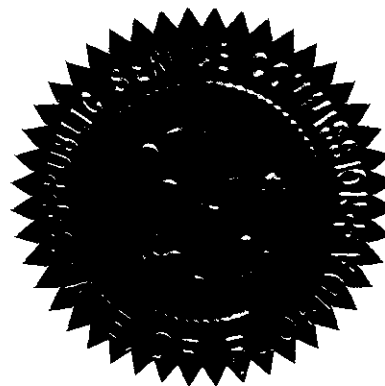


BEFORE THE
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 080318-GU

In the Matter of:

PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY
PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM.



PROCEEDINGS: PANAMA CITY SERVICE HEARING

BEFORE: CHAIRMAN MATTHEW M. CARTER, II
COMMISSIONER LISA POLAK EDGAR
COMMISSIONER KATRINA J. McMURRIAN
COMMISSIONER NANCY ARGENZIANO
COMMISSIONER NATHAN A. SKOP

DATE: Friday, November 7, 2008

TIME: Commenced at 10:00 a.m.
Concluded at 10:32 a.m.

PLACE: City Commission Meeting Room
2nd Floor
9 Harrison Avenue
Panama City, Florida

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8 Regulatory, Peoples Gas, Post Office Box 2562, Tampa, Florida
9 33601-0111, representing Peoples Gas System.

10 CAROLINE KLANCKE, ESQUIRE, FPSC General Counsel's
11 Office, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida
12 32399-0850, representing the Commission Staff.

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CHAIRMAN CARTER: Good morning.

I want to welcome everyone to our hearing for the Peoples Gas System. And we are here because we came to hear from the customers to get their input in terms of their perspective on the request for the rate increase by the company.

And I would like to introduce to some and present to others my fellow Commissioners; to my extreme right is Commissioner Nancy Argenziano.

COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN CARTER: That is the only extreme right directionally.

To my immediate right, Commissioner Lisa Edgar.

COMMISSIONER EDGAR: Good morning.

COMMISSIONER ARGENZIANO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CARTER: To my extreme left, Commissioner Nathan Skop.

COMMISSIONER SKOP: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN CARTER: To my immediate left, Commissioner Katrina McMurrian.

My name is Matthew Carter. I want to welcome you here.

With that, Staff, would you please read the notice.

MS. KLANCKE: Absolutely, Chairman.

1 By notice, this time and place has been set for a
2 customer service hearing in Docket Number 080318-GU, petition
3 for rate increase by Peoples Gas System.

4 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Thank you.

5 Now let's take appearances of the parties.

6 **MR. BURGESS:** Commissioner, my name is Steve Burgess.
7 I'm here on behalf of the Office of Public Counsel.

8 **MR. BINSWANGER:** Lewis Binswanger on behalf of
9 Peoples Gas System.

10 **MS. KLANCKE:** My name is Caroline Klancke. I'm the
11 attorney appearing for the Public Service Commission in this
12 docket.

13 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** And with her is Ms. Cheryl Banks
14 who's with our PSC staff.

15 Let me do this before going any further, and I've got
16 this great speech. Let's see, do we have any customers here?
17 I would rather them hear the presentation and the opening
18 statements of the parties, so if we have any customers -- Mr.
19 Burgess.

20 **MR. BURGESS:** Commissioner, I would waive opening
21 statement.

22 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** Well, let's do this, then. Let's
23 take a recess, and then if we have some customers come then we
24 will revisit that issue. So we are on recess.

25 (Recess.)

1 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** We are back on the record.

2 And at this point in time we have no one that has
3 signed up. We even had staff out there asking people in the
4 hallway, which is probably making people think we are
5 pan-handling or something -- to see if anyone had an interest
6 in this case. And there is no here signed up to speak, or
7 anyone that wanted to be heard on this.

8 Commissioners, let's do this. Let's go at least
9 until 10:30. If we don't have anyone, then we will reconvene
10 and then we will adjourn. Thank you. We are on recess.

11 (Recess.)

12 **CHAIRMAN CARTER:** We were call this hearing back to
13 order. And out of an abundance of caution, let me just ask is
14 there anyone here that wanted to have the opportunity to speak
15 today? Anyone from the public wishing to speak?

16 Hearing none, Commissioners, we came to hear from
17 this public hearing on Peoples Gas System in this case. Public
18 Counsel is here, the company is here, we have got staff, all
19 the Commissioners, and we have had two breaks to wait to see if
20 anyone would show up. And hearing none, at this point in time
21 we want to just go ahead on and adjourn the meeting.

22 The meeting is adjourned.

23 (The customer service hearing concluded at
24 10:32 a.m.)

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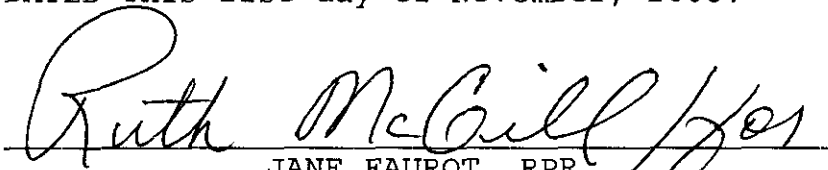
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DATED THIS 21st day of November, 2008.


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