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October 18, 2011 DATE: Ann Cole, Commission Clerk, Office of Commission Clerk TO: Jennifer S. Crawford, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the General Counse FROM: Docket No. 110003-GU - Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up. RE: Docket No. 110004-GU - Natural gas conservation cost recovery.

Please place the attached document in the above-referenced docket files. Thank you.

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The Honorable Ronald A. Brisé Commissioner c/o Jennifer Crawford, Esquire Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 110003-GU – Purchased gas adjustment (PGA) true-up Docket No. 110004-GU – Natural gas conservation cost recovery

Dear Commissioner Brisé:

I am writing to you as the Prehearing Officer in the captioned dockets. I am counsel for People's Gas System ("Peoples") in the dockets, and respectfully request that I be excused from attending the prehearing conference in such dockets, which is scheduled to be held in Tallahassee at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 20, 2011.

All issues in both dockets have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance at the prehearing conference for Peoples would serve no real purpose, except to increase Peoples' legal expense (including the expense of my travel from Tampa to Tallahassee).

I would sincerely appreciate your favorable consideration and disposition of this request.

Respectfully, Under Wats

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cc: Jennifer Crawford, Esquire (electronically and via regular mail) Parties of Record (via regular mail)