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VIA E-MAIL ATTACHMENT TO KELLEY F. CORBARI

The Honorable Julie I. Brown Commissioner & Prehearing Officer c/o Kelley F. Corbari, Esquire Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 140004-GU – Natural gas conservation cost recovery

Dear Commissioner Brown:

I am writing to you as the Prehearing Officer in the captioned docket. I am counsel for Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") in the docket, and respectfully request that I be excused from attending the prehearing conference in the docket, which is scheduled to be held in Tallahassee at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 8, 2014, as well as the hearing, scheduled for October 22, 2014.

All issues in the docket have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance for Peoples at the prehearing conference and hearing 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 ANDREW M. BROWN

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cc: Commission Clerk (via web-based portal) Kelley F. Corbari, Esquire (via e-mail) Parties of Record (via e-mail)