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July 27, 2016

TO:

Office of Commission Clerk

FROM:

Lynn M. Deamer, Chief of Auditing, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis

RE:

Docket No.: 160003-GU

Company Name: Peoples Gas System

Company Code: GU608

Audit Purpose: A3c - Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause

Audit Control No: 16-021-2-1

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

LMD/cm

Attachment:

Audit Report

cc:

Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File

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## **Public Service Commission**

Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis
Bureau of Auditing
Tampa District Office

## **Auditor's Report**

Peoples Gas System Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2015

Docket No. 160003-GU Audit Control No. 16-021-2-1

July 14, 2016

Ron Mavrides

Audit, Manager

Linda Hill Reviewer

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## <u>Purpose</u>

#### To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Economics in its audit service request dated January 19, 2016. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Peoples Gas System in support of its 2015 filing for the Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 160003-GU.

This audit was performed following General Standards and Fieldwork Standards found in the AICPA Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements. The report is intended only for internal Commission use.

#### Objectives and Procedures

#### General

#### **Definitions**

Utility refers to the Peoples Gas System.
PGA refers to the Purchased Gas Cost Recovery.

#### Revenues

#### **Operating Revenues**

**Objectives:** The objectives were to determine the actual therms sold for the period January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015, and whether the Utility applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual therms sales.

**Procedures:** We traced revenues reported on the 2015 filing to the Utility's general ledger and the monthly revenue reports. A random sample of residential and commercial customers' bills was performed by rate class in the Gas Conservation Cost Recovery Clause audit in Docket No. 160002-EG to verify that the correct tariff rates were used. We traced unbilled revenues to the revenue summary report. No exceptions were noted.

#### Expenses

#### Operation and Maintenance Expense

**Objectives:** The objectives were to determine whether Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses listed on Schedule A-2 of the Utility's filing were supported by sufficient documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recovered through the PGA Clause.

**Procedures:** We traced expenses reported from the filing to the general ledger. We traced O&M expenses for the months of March, July, and October 2015 to source documentation to ensure that the expenses were supported by sufficient documentation and that the expenses were appropriately recoverable through the PGA Clause. No exceptions were noted.

### True-Up

**Objective:** The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Schedule A-2 was properly calculated.

**Procedures:** We traced the December 31, 2014, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2015, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2014, the Non-Financial Commercial Paper rates, and the 2015 PGA revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

### **Analytical Review**

**Objective:** The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's PGA revenues and expenses to determine whether there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior years.

**Procedures:** We compared 2015 to 2014, and 2013 revenues and expenses. Variances were insignificant. Further follow-up was not required.

# Audit Findings

None

# **Exhibit**

# Exhibit 1: True-Up

OMPANY: PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM	UNESTED THOSE OF	THOUSAND!	INTEREST PROVISI				0020	ULE A-2			
FOR THE PERIOD OF:	January-15	Through	December-15					Page 1 of 1			
	CURRENT MONT				1000		OD TO DATE				
	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	DIFFERE	NCE %	ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	AMOUNT	DIFFERENCE UNT %			
RUE-UP CALCULATION	+		AMOUNT	70			AMOUNT				
1 PURCHASED GAS COST (A-1, LINES 4-13)	\$4,964,980	5,191,947	\$226,967	\$0.04372	\$81,634,116	\$40,928,871	(\$40,705,245)	(\$0.9945			
2 TRANSPORTATION COST (A-1, LINES 1+2+3+5+6-7-8-9)	\$5,349,866	4,810,193	(539,673)	(\$0.11219)	\$56,905,577	\$50,427,804	(6,477,773)	(0.1284			
3 TOTAL	10.314,845	10,002,140	(312,705)	(\$0.11219)	\$138,539,694	\$91,356,675	(47,183,019)	(0.5164			
4 FUEL REVENUES	10,084,865	10,002,140	(62,725)	(\$0.00627)		\$91,356,676	(43,110,682)	(0.4718			
(NET OF REVENUE TAX)	10,004,503	10,002,140	(02,723)	(30.00621)	*134,467,330	\$31,340,010	(43,110,002)	(0.4714			
5 TRUE-UP REFUND/(COLLECTION)	51,642	51,648		\$0,00012	\$619,770	\$619,776		0.0000			
6 FUEL REVENUE APPLICABLE TO PERIOD .			*1			\$91,976,452		(0.4687			
	10,116,507	10,053,788	(62,719)	(\$0.00624)	\$135,087,128	391,9/6,452	[43,110,676]	(0.408			
(LINE 4 (+ or -) LINE 5)											
7 TRUE-UP PROVISION - THIS PERIOD	(198,338)	\$1,648	249,986	\$4.84019	(\$3,452,567)	\$619,777	4,072,344	6.570			
(LINE 6 - LINE 3)											
8 INTEREST PROVISION-THIS PERIOD (21)	(1,075)	(109)	966	(\$8.86738)	(\$1,509)	[\$550.67]	959	(1.741)			
9 BEGINNING OF PERIOD TRUE-UP AND INTEREST	(4,566,482)	(400,696)	4,165,786	(\$10.39639)	(\$822,725)	(\$400,696)	422,029	(1.053			
10 TRUE-UP COLLECTED OR (REFUNDED)	(51,642)	(51,648)	(6)	\$0.00012	{\$619,770}	(\$619,776)	(6)	0.000			
(REVERSE OF LINE 6)	1		1		, j		,				
10a OVER EARNINGS REFUND	•	٥	0	i	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	0.000			
11 TOTAL EST/ACT TRUE-UP (7+8+9+10+10a)	(4,817,537)	(400,805)	4,416,732	(\$11.01987)	(\$4,896,571)	{\$401,245}	4,495,326	(11.203			
11a REFUNOS FROM PIPELINE	0	0	0	\$0.00000	\$79,034	\$0.00	(79,034)	0.000			
12 ADJ TOTAL EST/ACT TRUE-UP (11+11a)	(\$4,817,537)	(400,805)	4,416,732	(11.01867)	(\$4,817,537)	{\$400,805}	\$4,416,732	(\$11.019			
TEREST PROVISION											
13 BEGINNING TRUE-UP AND	(4,566,482)	(400,696)	4,165,786	{10.39639}	* If line 5 is a refund add to line 4						
INTEREST PROVISION (9)	1				If line 5 is a collection [ ] subtract from line 4						
14 ENDING TRUE-UP BEFORE	(4,816,462)	(400,696)	4,415,765	{11.02025}							
IN TEREST (13+7-5+10a+11a)	1	(68,044)	į								
15 TOTAL (13+14)	(9,382,944)	(950,791)	8,432,153	(8.86857)							
16 AVERAGE (50% OF 15)	(4,691,472)	(475,395)	4,216,077	(8.86857)							
17 INTEREST RATE - FIRST	0.15	0.15	0	0.00000							
DAY OF MONTH	1 1										
18 INTEREST RATE - FIRST	0.40	0.40		0.00000							
DAY OF SUBSEQUENT MONTH	"		-								
19 TOTAL (17+18)	0.550	0.550	اه	0.00000							
20 AVERAGE (50% OF 19)	0,275	0.275		0.00000							
21 MONTHLY AVERAGE (20/12 Months)	0.02292	0,02292	اهٔ	0.00000							
22 INTEREST PROVISION (16x21)	(\$1,075)	(\$109)	5966	(\$8.86738)							