

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas System.

DOCKET NO. 20200051-GU

In re: Petition for approval of 2020 depreciation study by Peoples Gas System.

DOCKET NO. 20200166-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2020-0272-PCO-GU
ISSUED: July 30, 2020

ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION AND
FIRST ORDER MODIFYING ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE

On June 8, 2020, Peoples Gas System (Peoples) filed a Petition for Rate Increase, along with its minimum filing requirements and testimony, in Docket No. 20200051-GU. Also, on June 8, 2020, in Docket No. 2020166-GU, Peoples filed a Petition for Approval of its 2020 Depreciation Study, pursuant to Rule 25-7.045, Florida Administrative Code. By Order No. PSC-2020-0198-PCO-GU (Procedural Order), issued on June 22, 2020, these dockets were consolidated for the purpose of hearing and established hearing procedures to govern the consolidated dockets, including establishing controlling dates. Intervention was granted to the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) and the Florida Industrial Power Users Group (FIPUG).

On July 28, 2020, Peoples, OPC, and FIPUG (Parties) filed a Joint Motion to Extend the Due Dates for Testimony and Exhibits (Motion). In this Motion, the Parties ask for revisions to testimony and exhibit deadlines, the due date for prehearing statements, and the final discovery deadline. The Parties assert that these requested revisions will allow them to best utilize their limited time and resources. This includes OPC, whose expert witnesses have multiple clients, in various jurisdictions, and who operate on tight time schedules to provide consulting and testimony services. Further, the Parties state that they believe the revised dates they request are workable and in the best interest of all involved in this case.

All parties have joined in the Motion, and the request appears to be reasonable and does not appear to prejudice the parties, staff, or Commission with regard to this proceeding. Therefore, the Parties' Motion is hereby granted. In addition, with the revised dates requested by the Parties, it is appropriate to revise the date of the Prehearing Conference in this case. Accordingly, it is necessary to modify the Procedural Order to establish new controlling dates. As such, Section X of the Procedural Order shall be modified, and the following due dates are hereby established to govern the key activities of this case:

Intervenors' testimony and exhibits	August 31, 2020
Staff's testimony and exhibits, if any	August 31, 2020
Rebuttal testimony and exhibits	September 21, 2020

Prehearing Statements	September 28, 2020
Discovery Deadline	October 9, 2020
Prehearing Conference	October 12, 2020
Deadline for electronic filing of cross-examination (including impeachment) exhibits	October 20, 2020
Hearing	October 27-29, 2020
Briefs	November 12, 2020

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, that the Joint Motion to Extend the Due Dates for Testimony and Exhibits is granted, and Order No. PSC-2020-0198-PCO-GU is modified as set forth in the body of this order. It is further

ORDERED that Order No. PSC-2020-0198-PCO-GU is reaffirmed in all other respects.

By ORDER of Commissioner Julie I. Brown, as Prehearing Officer, this 30th day of July, 2020.



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Any party adversely affected by this order, which is preliminary, procedural or intermediate in nature, may request: (1) reconsideration within 10 days pursuant to Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code; or (2) judicial review by the Florida Supreme Court, in the case of an electric, gas or telephone utility, or the First District Court of Appeal, in the case of a water or wastewater utility. A motion for reconsideration shall be filed with the Office of Commission Clerk, in the form prescribed by Rule 25-22.0376, Florida Administrative Code. Judicial review of a preliminary, procedural or intermediate ruling or order is available if review of the final action will not provide an adequate remedy. Such review may be requested from the appropriate court, as described above, pursuant to Rule 9.100, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure.