### BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING AND PREHEARING

TO

### PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM

### OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL

### FLORIDA INDUSTRIAL POWER USERS GROUP

**AND** 

### ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DOCKET NO. 20200051-GU

### PETITION FOR RATE INCREASE BY PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM.

DOCKET NO. 20200166-GU

### PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF 2020 DEPRECIATION STUDY BY PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM.

ISSUED: September 29, 2020

NOTICE is hereby given that the Florida Public Service Commission will hold a public hearing in the above referenced docket at the following time and place:

### PREHEARING CONFERENCE

A prehearing conference will be held at the following time and place:

Monday, October 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

The purpose of this prehearing conference is to: (1) simplify the issues; (2) identify the positions of the parties on the issues; (3) consider the possibility of obtaining admissions of fact and of documents which will avoid unnecessary proof; (4) identify exhibits; (5) establish an

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order of witnesses; and (6) consider such other matters as may aid in the disposition of the action.

### HEARING

Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Hearing Room 148, Betty Easley Conference Center 4075 Esplanade Way Tallahassee, Florida

October 28, 2020 and October 29, 2020, have also been reserved for continuation of the hearing if needed. The starting time of the next day's session will be announced at the conclusion of the prior day. The hearing may be adjourned early if all testimony is concluded.

### PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE:

The purpose of this hearing is to consider Peoples Gas System's petition to increase its rates for gas utility service, Peoples Gas System's petition to approve its 2020 depreciation study, and any motions or other matters that may be pending at the time of the hearing. The Commission may rule on any such motions from the bench or may take the matters under advisement.

At the hearing, all parties shall be given the opportunity to present testimony and other evidence on the issues identified by the parties at the prehearing conference held on October 12, 2020. All witnesses shall be subject to cross-examination at the conclusion of their testimony.

State buildings are currently closed to the public and other restrictions on gatherings remain in place due to COVID-19. Accordingly, the hearing will be conducted remotely, and all parties and witnesses shall be prepared to present argument and testimony by communications media technology. The Public Service Commission shall act as the host of the hearing and will use a combination of technologies to ensure full participation. The Commission will employ GoToMeeting as an audio and video platform for the hearing, which will include a telephone number for audio-only participation.

A GoToMeeting invitation shall be provided to counsel for each party. It shall be the responsibility of counsel to provide their clients, client representatives, and witnesses with the invitation, which will allow them to access the hearing. Counsel for each party will also be provided the call-in number for audio participation.

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Any member of the public who wants to observe or listen to the proceedings may do so by accessing the live video broadcast the day of the hearing, which is available from the Commission website. Upon completion of the hearing, the archived video will also be available.

### **JURISDICTION**

The Commission is vested with jurisdiction over the subject matter of this proceeding by the provisions of Sections 366.04 through 366.076, Florida Statues. This proceeding will be governed by Chapter 366, Florida Statutes, in addition to Chapter 120, Florida Statutes, and Chapters 25-22, 28-106, and 28-109 Florida Administrative Code.

### SPECIAL COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

As the Governor of the State of Florida has declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Commission must limit the manner in which the public may participate or view the prehearing conference and hearing. As always, the public may view a live stream of the prehearing conference and hearing online using the link available at <a href="http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage">http://www.floridapsc.com/Conferences/AudioVideoEventCoverage</a>. Due to these extraordinary circumstances, however, no member of the public may attend in person.

### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate at this proceeding should contact the Office of Commission Clerk no later than five days prior to the hearing at 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850 or 850-413-6770 (Florida Relay Service, 1-800-955-8770 Voice or 1-800-955-8771 TDD).

### EMERGENCY CANCELLATION OF PROCEEDINGS

If settlement of the case or a named storm or other disaster requires cancellation of the proceedings, Commission staff will attempt to give timely direct notice to the parties. Notice of cancellation will also be provided on the Commission's website (http://www.floridapsc.com) under the Hot Topics link found on the home page. Cancellation can also be confirmed by calling the Office of the General Counsel at 850-413-6199.

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By DIRECTION of the Florida Public Service Commission this 29th day of September,

<u>2020</u>.

ADAM J/TEITZMAN

Commission Clerk

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Copies furnished: A copy of this document is provided to the parties of record at the time of issuance and, if applicable, interested persons.

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