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Mr. Adam J. Teitzman Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re: Docket No. 20230023-GU; Petition for Rate Increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.

Docket No. 20220219-GU; Peoples Gas System's Petition for Rate Approval of 2022 Depreciation Study

Docket No. 20220212-GU; Peoples Gas System's Petition for Approval of Depreciation Rate and Subaccount for Renewable Natural Gas Facilities Leased to Others

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Enclosed for filing in the above docket is Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s Request for Confidential Classification of certain information contained in its excel workpapers supporting Exhibit RBP-2, Document No. 1, as requested by Staff on August 22, 2023. Also attached in CD format is the public (redacted) version of this document.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

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All parties of record (w/att.) cc:

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Petition for Rate Increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.	DOCKET NO. 20230023-GU
Peoples Gas System's Petition for Rate Approval of 2022 Depreciation Study	DOCKET NO. 20220219-GU
Peoples Gas System's Petition for Approval of Depreciation Rate and Subaccount for	DOCKET NO. 20220212-GU
Renewable Natural Gas Facilities Leased to Others	FILED: August 22, 2023

PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM INC.'S REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL CLASSIFICATION AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY PROTECTIVE ORDER

Peoples Gas System, Inc. ("Peoples" or "the company"), pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code, hereby requests confidential classification and a motion for temporary protective order for the yellow highlighted information contained in the following described document(s) ("the Document(s)") stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" and all information that is or may be printed on yellow paper stock stamped "CONFIDENTIAL" within the Document(s), all of said confidential information being hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information.").

Description of the Document(s)

On August 22, 2023, Staff requested Peoples provide its excel workpapers supporting Exhibit RBP-2, Document No. 1. The company believes that portions of this response, as specified on Exhibit "A," constitute Confidential Information and, has designated it as such by highlighting. Contemporaneous with the filing of this request, Peoples submitted the confidential response to the Commission Clerk under a separate, confidential cover letter. Peoples' requests confidential classification for this information such that it will be entitled to protection against public disclosure pursuant to Section 366.093, Florida Statutes. In support of this request, the company states:

1. Subsection 366.093(1), Florida Statutes, provides that any records "found by the Commission to be proprietary confidential business information shall be kept confidential and shall be exempt from s. 119.07(1), Florida Statutes [requiring disclosure under the Public Records Act]." Proprietary confidential business information includes but is not limited to: (a) trade secrets; (b) internal auditing controls and reports of internal auditors; (c) security measures, systems, or procedures; (d) information concerning bids or other contractual data, the disclosure of which would impair the efforts of the public utility or its affiliates to contract for goods or services on favorable terms; (e) information relating to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information; and (f) employee personnel information unrelated to compensation, duties, qualifications, or responsibilities. §366.093(3)(a)-(f), Fla. Stat. The Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion falls within one or more of these statutory categories and, thus, constitutes proprietary confidential business information entitled to protection under Section 366.093, Florida Statutes, and Rule 25-22.006, Florida Administrative Code.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a justification for confidential treatment of the Confidential Information contained in the Documents.

3. The public versions of the Documents with the Confidential Information are included as Exhibit B.

 The Confidential Information contained in the Documents is intended to be and is treated by Peoples as private and has not been publicly disclosed.

5. For the same reasons set forth herein in support of its request for confidential classification, Peoples also moves the Commission for entry of a Temporary Protective Order pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(6)(a) of the Florida Administrative Code.

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Requested Duration of Confidential Classification

6. Pursuant to Rule 25-22.006(9)(a), Peoples requests that the Confidential Information be treated by the Commission as confidential proprietary business information for 18 months. If, and to the extent that the company is in need of confidential classification of the Confidential Information beyond the 18-month period set forth in the Commission rule, the justification and grounds for such extended confidential treatment are set forth in Exhibit "C" to this request and motion.

WHEREFORE, Peoples Gas System, Inc. respectfully requests that the Confidential Information that is the subject of this request and motion be accorded confidential classification for the reasons set forth herein and for 18 months.

DATED this 22nd day of August 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request, filed on behalf of Peoples Gas System, Inc., has been furnished by electronic mail on this 22nd day of August, 2023 to the following:

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EXHIBIT A STAFF'S AUGUST 22, 2023 CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENT REQUEST JUSTIFICATION FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT

Document Description	<u>Column, Line or Other</u> Identifier	<u>Description of</u> Information	Justification
Excel workpapers supporting Exhibit RBP-2, Document 1, to the rebuttal testimony of Rachel Parsons.	Columns D, G, H, and I of the tab labeled "Staff Audit and OPC Reductions".	The Highlighted Information	(1)

(1) The highlighted information relates to competitive interests, the disclosure of which would impair the competitive business of the provider of the information. This information is protected by Section 366.093(3)(e), Florida Statutes.

EXHIBIT B PUBLIC VERSION(S) OF THE DOCUMENT(S)

Attached hereto (unless previously filed as may be noted below) are two public versions of the Document(s) with the Confidential Information redacted.

Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached	
Public Version(s) of the Document(s) attached in CD format	X

EXHIBIT C JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENSION OF CONFIDENTIALITY PERIOD

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