

November 15, 2012

Mr. John Slemkewicz, Supervisor Bureau of Rate Filings and Surveillance Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Dear Mr. Slemkewicz :

Attached is the Rate of Return calculation of Peoples Gas System for the period ending September 2012.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey S. Chronister Controller

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Public Counsel – J.R. Kelly

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SCHEDULE 1

PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM EARNINGS SURVEILLANCE REPORT SUMMARY SEPTEMBER 2012

| | (1) Actual Per Books | (2) FPSC Adjustments | (3) FPSC Adjusted | (4) Pro Forma Adjustments | (5) Pro Forma Adjusted |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| I. AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN (JURISDICTIONAL) NET OPERATING INCOME | \$49,241\$ | 5 <u> </u> | 49,579 | \$\$ | 49,579 |
| AVERAGE RATE BASE | \$ 634,379 \$ | <u>(13,561)</u> \$ | 620,818 | \$\$ | 620,818 |
| AVERAGE RATE OF RETURN | 7.76 | | 7.99 | % | 7.99_% |

| II. REQUIRED RATES OF RETURN AVERAGE CAPITAL STRUCTURE | : | | III. EARNED RET | URN ON EQUITY | , |
|---|----------|--------|---|------------------|-----------------------|
| (FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS) | LOW | 7.05_% | | FPSC ADJUSTED | PRO FORMA ADJUSTED |
| | MIDPOINT | 7.49_% | A. INCLUDING 7.49 % FLEX RATE REVENUES | 11.86_% | 11.86_% |
| | HIGH | 7.94_% | B. EXCLUDING FLEX RATE REVENUES | 11.05_% | 11.05_% |

I am aware that Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, provides:

Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Jeffrey S. Chronister, Controller

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PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM AVERAGE RATE BASE SEPTEMBER 2012

| PER BOOKS | (1) Plant in Service 1,120,269 | (2) Plant Acquisition Adjustment 5,032 | (3) Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization 525,274 | (4) Customer Advances for Construction 9,939 | (5) Net Plant in Service 590,088 | (7) Property Held for Future Use 229 | (8) Construction Work in Progress 30,545 | (9) Net Utility Plant 620,862 | (10) Working Capital 13,517 | (11) Total <u>Rate Base</u> 634,379 |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| FPSC ADJUSTMENTS: Property for Future Use Temporary Cash Investment Notes Receivable Accounts Rec./Pay Assoc Companies Merchandise Inventory Other Accounts Receivable Non-Utility Allocation | (363) | | (155) | | (209) | (229) | | (229) (209) | 419 (41) (5,777) | (229) - 419 (41) (5,777) (209) |
| Remove Regulatory Tax Asset Remove Unbundling Transition Charges Remove Non-Utility Accrued Liability Remove Non-Utility Martin Cty expansion Remove Unamort. Debt Expense Remove Unrecovered Gas Cost Remove Dividends Declared Remove Unrec. Conservation Costs Remove Competitve Rate Adjustment Remove Unamortized Rate Case Expense | | | | | | | (115) | (115) | - - - - - (3,475) (200) | - (115) (1,017) - - - (3,475) (200) |
| Gain on Sale of Property Remove Acquis. Adjustment (WFNG) Remove MSEA Adjustment Other Comp. Income (Unsettled hedges) Remove Investment in Subsidiaries | | (2,947) | (2,204) | | (743) | | (1,225) | (743) (1,225) | - - (949) | - (743) (1,225) - (949) |
| TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS | (363) | (2,947) | (2,358) | | (952) | (229) | (1,340) | (2,521) | (11,040) | (13,561) |
| FPSC ADJUSTED | 1,119,906 | 2,085 | 522,916 | 9,939 | 589,136 | | 29,205 | 618,341 | 2,477 | 620,818 |
| <u>FLEX RATE REVENUES</u> ADJUSTED FOR FLEX RATE REVENUES | 1,119,906 | 2,085 | 522,916 | 9,939 | 589,136 | | 29,205 | 618,341 | 2,477 | 620,818 |
| PRO FORMA REVENUE INCREASE AND ANNUALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS: | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS | | | | | | | | | | - |
| PRO FORMA ADJUSTED | 1,119,906 | 2,085 | 522,916 | 9,939 | 589,136 | - | 29,205 | 618,341 | 2,477 | 620,818 |

PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM NET OPERATING INCOME SEPTEMBER 2012

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) Deferred | (8) Investment | (9) | (10) Total | (11) Net |
|--|-----------------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| | Operating Revenues | O & M Gas Expense | O&M Other | Depreciation & Amortization | Taxes Other Than Income | Income Taxes Current | Income Taxes (Net) | Tax Credit (Net) | Gain/Loss on Disposition | Operating Expenses | Operating Income |
| PER BOOKS | 384,405 | 153,403 | 79,183 | 49,993 | 32,127 | (31,013) | 51,471 | | - | 335,164 | 49,241 |
| | | ······ | | | | | <u> </u> | | | | |
| FPSC ADJUSTMENTS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Remove Conservation Charges | (7,233) | | (7,233) | (2.4) | | - | | | | (7,233) (15) | - 15 |
| Non-Utility Allocation | | | | (24) | 0 | 9 36 | | | | 36 | (36) |
| Interest Synchronization | | | | | | (22) | | | | (22) | (30) |
| Parent Debt Adjustment Remove Fuel Revenues | (153,856) | (153,403) | | | (453) | (22) | | | | (153,856) | - |
| Economic Development Adjustment | (155,650) | (100,400) | (7) | | (400) | 3 | | | | (100,000) | 4 |
| Employee Activities | | | (126) | | | 49 | | | | (77) | 77 |
| Intercompany Adjustment | | | (8) | | | 3 | | | | (5) | 5 |
| Maintenance of General Plant | | | (26) | | | 10 | | | | (16) | 16 |
| Maint, of Structures and Improvements | | | (11) | | | 4 | | | | (7) | 7 |
| Lobbying included in Dues (AGA, FNGA) | | | (15) | | | 6 | | | | (9) | 9 |
| Civic/Social Club Dues | | | 0 | | | - | | | | - | - |
| Remove Acquisition Adj. Amortiz. (WFNG) | | | | (80) | | 31 | | | | (49) | 49 |
| Gain on Sale of Property | | | | | | | | | (170) | (170) | 170 |
| Remove ITC Amortization | | | | | | | | - | | - ' | - |
| OSS Adjustment | | | | | | | | | (170) | | 338 |
| TOTAL FPSC ADJUSTMENTS | (161,089) | (153,403) | (7,425) | (104) | (453) | 129 | ······ | | (170) | (161,427) | 338 |
| FPSC ADJUSTED | 223,316 | - | 71,758 | 49,889 | 31,674 | (30,884) | 51,471 | - | (170) | 173,737 | 49,579 |
| FLEX RATE REVENUES | (3,648) | | | | | (1,407) | | | | (1,407) | (2,241) |
| ADJUSTED FOR | | 444 C 10 C | | | | | | | | | |
| FLEX RATE REVENUES | 219,668 | - | 71,758 | 49,889 | 31,674 | (32,291) | <u>51,471</u> | - | (170) | 172,330 | 47,338 |
| PRO FORMA REVENUE INCREASE AND ANNUALIZATION ADJUSTMENTS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Deferred Tax True-up | | | | | | - | | | | | |
| TOTAL PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS | <u> </u> | | | | | | | | | · | |
| PRO FORMA ADJUSTED | 223,316 | - | 71,758 | 49,889 | 31,674 | (30,884) | 51,471 | | (170) | 173,737 | 49,579 |
| PER BOOKS CURRENT MONTH AMOUNT | 30,245 | 12,446 | 5,683 | 4,192 | 2,529 | (4,527) | 6,013 | | - | 26,336 | 3,909 |

PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM CAPITAL STRUCTURE FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS SEPTEMBER 2012

| | | | | | | LOW POINT | | MIDPOINT | | HIGH POINT | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| | | | | | | COST | WEIGHTED | COST | WEIGHTED | COST | WEIGHTED |
| | | ADJUST | MENTS | | RATIO | RATE | COST | RATE | COST | RATE | COST |
| AVERAGE | PER BOOKS | SPECIFIC | PRO RATA | ADJUSTED | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) | (%) |
| LONG TERM DEBT | 226,923 | (3,944) | (4,168) | 218,811 | 35.25% | 6.65 | 2.34 | 6.65 | 2.34 | 6.65 | 2.34 |
| SHORT TERM DEBT | 300 | - | (6) | 294 | 0.05% | 0.46 | 0.00 | 0.46 | 0.00 | 0.46 | 0.00 |
| RESIDENTIAL DEPOSITS | 10,316 | | - | 10,316 | 1.66% | 5.38 | 0.09 | 5.38 | 0.09 | 5.38 | 0.09 |
| COMMERCIAL DEPOSITS | 28,719 | | - | 28,719 | 4.63% | 6.38 | 0.30 | 6.38 | 0.30 | 6.38 | 0.30 ^ |
| INACTIVE DEPOSITS | 207 | | - | 207 | 0.03% | | | | | | |
| COMMON EQUITY | 279,824 | 451 | (5,240) | 275,035 | 44.30% | 9.75 | 4.32 | 10.75 | 4.76 | 11.75 | 5.21 |
| DEFERRED INCOME TAX | 88,092 | (656) | - | 87,436 | 14.08% | | | | | | |
| TAX CREDITS - ZERO COST TOTAL | 634,381 | (4,149) | (9,414) | 620,818 | 0.00% | | 7.05 | | 7.49 | | 7.94 |

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PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM EARNED RETURN ON COMMON EQUITY FPSC ADJUSTED BASIS SEPTEMBER 2012

| FPSC ADJUSTED AVERAGE EARNED RATE OF RETURN LESS: RECONCILED AVERAGE JURISDICTIONAL WEIGHTED COST RATES FOR: | 7.99 % (Schedule 1) |
|--|---------------------|
| LONG TERM DEBT | (2.34) % |
| SHORT TERM DEBT | 0.00 % |
| PREFERRED STOCK | 0.00 % |
| CUSTOMER DEPOSITS | (0.39) % |
| TAX CREDITS-WEIGHTED COST(MIDPOINT) | 0.00 % |
| SUBTOTAL | (2.73) % |
| TOTAL | 5.26 % |
| DIVIDED BY RECONCILED COMMON EQUITY RATIO | 44.30 % |
| JURISDICTIONAL RETURN ON COMMON EQUITY | 11.86 % |

B. FPSC ADJUSTED AVERAGE JURISDICTIONAL RETURN ON COMMON EQUITY EXCLUDING FLEX RATE REVENUES

| NET OPERATING REVENUE EXCLUDING FLEX RATE REVENUES | \$ 47,338 | (Schedule 3) |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| RATE BASE EXCLUDING FLEX RATE REVENUES | \$ 620,818 | (Schedule 2) |
| FPSC ADJUSTED AVERAGE EARNED RATE OF RETURN LESS: RECONCILED AVERAGE JURISDICTIONAL WEIGHTED COST RATES FOR: | 7.63 | % |
| LONG TERM DEBT | (2.34) | |
| SHORT TERM DEBT | 0.00 | |
| PREFERRED STOCK CUSTOMER DEPOSITS | 0.00 (0.39) | |
| TAX CREDITS-WEIGHTED COST(MIDPOINT) | 0.00 | |
| SUBTOTAL | (2.73) | % |
| TOTAL | 4.90 | % |
| DIVIDED BY RECONCILED COMMON EQUITY RATIO | 44.30 | % |
| JURISDICTIONAL RETURN ON COMMON EQUITY | 11.05 | % |