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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

DOCKET NO. 20230023-GU

Petition for rate increase by Peoples  
Gas Systems, Inc.

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DOCKET NO. 20220219-GU

Petition for approval of 2022 depreciation  
study by Peoples Gas Systems, Inc.

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DOCKET NO. 20220212-GU

Petition for approval of depreciation rate  
and subaccount for renewable natural gas  
facilities leased to others by Peoples  
Gas Systems, Inc.

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PROCEEDINGS: SERVICE HEARING

COMMISSIONERS  
PARTICIPATING: CHAIRMAN ANDREW GILES FAY  
COMMISSIONER ART GRAHAM  
COMMISSIONER GARY F. CLARK  
COMMISSIONER MIKE LA ROSA  
COMMISSIONER GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO

DATE: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

TIME: Commenced: 2:00 p.m.  
Concluded: 2:05 p.m.

PLACE: Charles F. Dodge Center  
601 City Center Way  
Pembroke Pines, Florida

REPORTED BY: DEBRA R. KRICK  
Court Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for  
the State of Florida at Large

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6 PUBLIC COUNSEL, c/o The Florida Legislature, 111 West  
7 Madison Street, Room 812, Tallahassee, Florida  
8 32399-1400, appearing on behalf of the Citizens of the  
9 State of Florida (OPC.).

10 RYAN SANDY and MAJOR THOMPSON, ESQUIRES, FPSC  
11 General Counsel's Office, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard,  
12 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, appearing on behalf of  
13 the Florida Public Service Commission (Staff).

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 CHAIRMAN FAY: All right. We will just  
3 confirm with our folks. Nobody signed up at this  
4 point, correct?

5 MS. MUIR: Correct.

6 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. All right. With that,  
7 we are right at about two o'clock. Commissioners,  
8 I will go ahead and give just a little bit of  
9 context to maybe the best way to walk through this,  
10 and then if we do have any customers arrive during  
11 that time, we will make sure that we give them the  
12 opportunity to be heard.

13 So with that, why don't we go ahead and have  
14 counsel read the notice.

15 MR. THOMPSON: By notice published on June  
16 13th, 2023, this time and place has been set for a  
17 customer service hearing in Docket No. 20230023-GU,  
18 20220219-GU and 20220212-GU. The purpose of  
19 hearing is set forth more fully in the notice.

20 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great. Thank you.

21 And, Commissioners, of course, this is being  
22 recorded and streamed, so anything -- if you had  
23 any comments you wanted to make for the record, you  
24 can do so, but showing none, we will move on  
25 through the agenda.

1           We have appearances set for Peoples Gas,  
2           Office of Public Counsel, and then our staff to  
3           present, so why don't we go ahead and start with  
4           Peoples Gas System.

5           MR. WAHLEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
6           Jeff Wahlen of the Ausley McMullen law firm in  
7           Tallahassee on behalf of Peoples Gas System, Inc.

8           CHAIRMAN FAY: OPC.

9           MR. TRIERWEILER: Walt Trierweiler on behalf  
10          of the Office of Public Counsel. I am the Public  
11          Counsel.

12          CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Good to see you, Mr.  
13          Trierweiler.

14          Staff counsel.

15          MR. THOMPSON: Major Thompson and Ryan Sandy  
16          on behalf of Florida Public Service Commission,  
17          Office of General Counsel.

18          CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great. Thank you.

19          All right. Commissioners, I am going to move  
20          through some of the context for the posture of the  
21          hearing. Obviously, with nobody signed up or  
22          present at this time, we don't have any direction  
23          for those speakers.

24          I did want to make sure I included for the  
25          record information about ways that customers can be

1 contact either the utility or the Commission  
2 related to this docket. So the first being that  
3 PGS customer service representative, we have one  
4 present today, but they also may be contacted by  
5 calling (877)832-6747, and that's from standard  
6 hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

7 The Commission has also made available Bart  
8 Fletcher, who is here today from our Division of  
9 Accounting and Finance, who is available for  
10 questions customers may have in this docket.

11 Bart can also be reached either by email or by  
12 phone. So by email, we have his information as  
13 B-A-R-T dot F-L-E-T-C-H-E-R @psc.state.fl.us. And  
14 his contact number is (850)413-7017. So both of  
15 those entities and individuals will be available  
16 for information related to this docket.

17 This, of course, is being recorded and  
18 transcribed, as I mentioned. We do allow for  
19 just -- I think this is something probably  
20 worthwhile for the record. We do allow for  
21 customers to provide information in addition to  
22 this process. And so they can submit through the  
23 PSC comments related to this docket. So the  
24 options for that is they can contact the PSC by  
25 mail, where you can find a preaddressed comment

1 card downloaded on our website to be sent in.

2 If you would like to email, you can email the  
3 Commission Clerk, which is clerk@psc.state.fl.us,  
4 just make sure to reference this docket, which is  
5 20230023.

6 With that, Commissioners, we can move on to if  
7 the utility would like to make a brief opening  
8 statement, and also for Public Counsel, to allow  
9 them the opportunity to do so.

10 So, Mr. Wahlen, if you would like to put any  
11 comments for the record, you are recognized for an  
12 opening statement.

13 MR. WAHLEN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We  
14 brought Karen Sparkman with us today to make some  
15 remarks about how we are interested in hearing from  
16 customers, but since there aren't any customers  
17 here, we are willing to waive our opening  
18 statement.

19 CHAIRMAN FAY: Okay. Great.

20 And, Mr. Trierweiler, would you like to make  
21 some comments or an opening statement for the  
22 Public Counsel?

23 MR. TRIERWEILER: Just briefly, Chairman.

24 CHAIRMAN FAY: Sure.

25 MR. TRIERWEILER: For those of you not -- who

1           aren't familiar with our office, the Office of  
2           Public Counsel was created by the Legislature to  
3           represent customers in the state of Florida in  
4           litigation involving Florida's public utilities,  
5           and we represent all the customers of Peoples Gas  
6           in this rate case.

7           I am not going to go into the detail. We have  
8           been working very hard on the filing, and working  
9           to find places where we would like to suggest  
10          savings could be captured and passed along to  
11          customers; but because we have no audience today,  
12          and no participants with us today, I am not going  
13          to go into those details. But I would like to  
14          encourage the customers of Peoples Gas to  
15          participate either by corresponding with the Public  
16          Service Commission in this rate case, and your  
17          letters will be placed into the record in the  
18          correspondence file, or to participate in the  
19          future service hearings.

20                 Thank you.

21                 CHAIRMAN FAY: Great. Thank you, Mr.  
22                 Trierweiler.

23                 All right. With that, Commissioners, I will  
24                 just touch on some closing matters.

25                 I know we have another in-person meeting

1 scheduled for tomorrow for customers in Brandon.  
2 We also have some virtual customer meetings  
3 scheduled that might allow for some additional  
4 flexibility for customers, so let me go ahead and  
5 touch on a few of those things, and then after  
6 that, we can -- if you don't have any comments for  
7 the record, we will go ahead and adjourn this  
8 meeting.

9 So first, if customers were unavailable to  
10 make it today but do still want to participate, we  
11 do have the meeting tomorrow in Tampa, but we also  
12 have virtual service hearings that have been  
13 scheduled that would allow them to sign up on-line  
14 and participate virtually if that's something they  
15 choose to do so. Those are set for Monday, July  
16 10th at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:00 p.m., and Tuesday  
17 July 11th, at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

18 So the idea being that we scheduled and will  
19 carry out these in-person meetings for customers to  
20 give them this opportunity, but also if they  
21 choose, it's their preference to reach out for  
22 these virtual meetings, they can do so. And then  
23 as mentioned before, they can always submit  
24 information into the docket to be reviewed by this  
25 case. So we have done our best to try to make sure



1 customers have every avenue possible to engage and  
2 participate in this hearing.

3 I will give some quick information just for  
4 the record. For those who do want to participate  
5 in those virtual meetings, there is an email at the  
6 Commission which is [speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us](mailto:speakersignup@psc.state.fl.us),  
7 or they can call (850)413-7080, and that will give  
8 our staff opportunity time to make sure we put you  
9 on the agenda for those virtual service meetings  
10 and you will be recognized when the time comes for  
11 those meetings.

12 With that, Commissioners, seeing any other  
13 comments or questions, showing none, this customer  
14 service meeting is adjourned.

15 Thank you.

16 (Proceedings concluded.)

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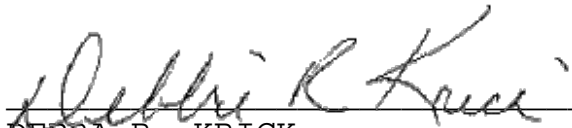
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DATED this 10th day of July, 2023.

  
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