

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

DOCKET NO. 20250029-GU
ORDER NO. PSC-2025-0183-PCO-GU
ISSUED: May 30, 2025

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

MIKE LA ROSA, Chairman
ART GRAHAM
GARY F. CLARK
ANDREW GILES FAY
GABRIELLA PASSIDOMO SMITH

ORDER SUSPENDING REQUEST FOR RATE INCREASE
AND ALL ASSOCIATED TARIFF REVISIONS

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On March 31, 2025, Peoples Gas System, Inc. (PGS or Utility) filed its petition for a permanent rate increase. PGS provides natural gas service to approximately 508,000 customers across 43 Florida counties.

PGS has requested a \$103.6 million annual increase in its general base rates and charges effective January 2026. This amount includes approximately \$6.7 million of revenue currently being recovered through PGS's Cast Iron/Bare Steel Replacement Rider, which results in a net annual incremental revenue increase request of approximately \$96.9 million in 2026. In addition, the Utility has requested an incremental rate increase of approximately \$26.7 million effective January 2027. PGS also requested that it be allowed a return on common equity of 11.10 percent. PGS based its request on a projected test year period of January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The Utility did not request interim rate relief.

PGS's last general rate case was in 2023. In that case, we approved a net annual revenue increase of approximately \$106.7 million.¹

On February 3, 2025, we acknowledged the Office of Public Counsel's Notice of Intervention in this proceeding.² On April 24, 2025, the Florida Industrial Power Users Group

¹ Order No. PSC-2023-0388-FOF-GU, issued December 27, 2023, in Docket No. 20230023-GU, *In re: Petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.*

² Order No. PSC-2025-0036-PCO-GU, issued February 3, 2025, in Docket No. 20250029-GU, *In re: Petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.*

was granted intervention.³ An administrative hearing has been scheduled in this matter for September 9 – 12, 2025. We have jurisdiction over this request under Section 366.06, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

Decision

Pursuant to Section 366.06(3), F.S., we may withhold consent to the operation of all or any portion of a new rate schedule, delivering to the utility requesting such a change, a reason, or written statement of good cause for doing so within 60 days. We find that allowing our staff and the parties time to analyze the request and for us to conduct an administrative hearing is good cause, consistent with the requirement of Section 366.06(3), F.S. Accordingly, PGS's proposed tariffs shall be suspended.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s request for a \$103.6 million rate increase and subsequent year incremental rate increase of \$26.7 million as well as all associated tariff revisions are hereby suspended pending a final decision in this docket. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending final resolution of People Gas System, Inc.'s requested permanent base rate increase.

³ Order No. PSC-2025-0146-PCO-GU, issued April 24, 2025, in Docket No. 20250029-GU, *In re: Petition for rate increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.*

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 30th day of May, 2025.



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NOTICE OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

The Florida Public Service Commission is required by Section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes, to notify parties of any administrative hearing or judicial review of Commission orders that is available under Sections 120.57 or 120.68, Florida Statutes, as well as the procedures and time limits that apply. This notice should not be construed to mean all requests for an administrative hearing or judicial review will be granted or result in the relief sought.

Mediation may be available on a case-by-case basis. If mediation is conducted, it does not affect a substantially interested person's right to a hearing.

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.