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## **ELECTRONIC FILING**

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

Re: Docket 20250029-GU, Petition for Rate Increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is Peoples Gas System, Inc.'s Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule.

Thank you for your assistance in connection with this matter.

Sincerely,

J. Jeffry Wahlen

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Attachment

## BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for Rate Increase by Peoples Gas System, Inc.

DOCKET NO. 20250029-GU

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## MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Peoples Gas System, Inc. ("Peoples" or the "company"), the Citizens of the State of Florida through the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), and the Florida Industrial Power Users Group ("FIPUG") (collectively referred to as the "Parties") have reached a comprehensive agreement in principle that will resolve all of the issues in this case and require additional time to prepare a formal Settlement Agreement that memorializes their agreement. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 120.57(4), Fla. Stat. (2024), Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and PSC Order No. PSC-2025-0123-PCO-GU ("OEP") issued on April 14, 2025, Peoples requests that the Florida Public Service Commission ("Commission") issue an order suspending the procedural schedule in this docket as specified below, and states:

- 1. On March 31, 2025, Peoples filed a Petition for Rate Increase ("Petition") with the Commission, along with Minimum Filing Requirement schedules ("MFRs") and pre-filed direct testimony and exhibits of 11 witnesses in support of its Petition.
- 2. OPC and FIPUG intervened in the docket and have engaged in extensive discovery, including written discovery and depositions. OPC and FIPUG filed testimony challenging the merits of the company's Petition.
  - 3. The Commission held customer service hearings on July 14, 16, and 17, 2025.
  - 4. On July 28, 2025, Peoples filed rebuttal testimony and exhibits of 7 witnesses.

- 5. Page 5 of the OEP notes that the Commission has a long history of considering settlement agreements and contemplates the possibility that this docket could be resolved by settlement agreement.
- 6. As a result of their extensive litigation efforts, the Parties have reached a confidential, still privileged agreement in principle that resolves all issues raised in this docket. The Parties have committed to working together to draft a formal Settlement Agreement that memorializes all aspects of their agreement in principle.
- 7. The Parties believe that suspending the procedural schedule is necessary so they may focus on converting the terms of their agreement in principle into a formal Settlement Agreement and to avoid the unnecessary work and expense that the continued litigation of this case would require.
- 8. Peoples therefore requests that the Commission enter an order (a) suspending all deadlines and other procedural requirements matters in this docket (including discovery not related to the Settlement Agreement) and (b) preserving the prehearing conference date for use as a status conference, so the Parties can work efficiently to prepare a formal Settlement Agreement for submission to the Commission for review during the period currently set aside for the final hearing in this docket (September 8 to 11, 2025) or some other date as deemed appropriate by the Commission.
- 9. The undersigned has consulted with counsel for OPC and FIPUG and is authorized to represent that OPC and FIPUG support this motion.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, Peoples respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order suspending all pending hearings, deadlines, and other matters in this

docket pending the Parties' submission of a formal Settlement Agreement that resolves all disputed issues.

Respectfully submitted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that electronic copies of the foregoing Motion has been furnished by electronic mail on August 6, 2025 to the following:

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