BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for approval of 2024 true-up, projected 2025 true-up; and 2026 revenue requirements and surcharges associated with cast iron/bare steel pipe replacement rider, by Peoples Gas System.

DOCKET NO. 20250106-GU ORDER NO. PSC-2025-0395-PCO-GU ISSUED: October 22, 2025

The following Commissioners participated in the disposition of this matter:

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

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

BY THE COMMISSION:

Background

On August 29, 2025, Peoples Gas System, Inc. (PGS or utility) filed a petition for approval of the 2024 true-up, projected 2025 true-up, and 2026 revenue requirements and surcharges associated with its cast iron/bare steel (CI/BS) pipe replacement rider. We originally approved the rider by Order No. PSC-12-0476-TRF-GU (2012 Order) to recover the cost of accelerating the replacement of CI/BS pipes through a surcharge on customers' bills. As established by the 2012 Order, PGS would roll replaced infrastructure into rate base during a rate case, and the CI/BS surcharge would be "reset to zero." The surcharge is set to terminate when all applicable CI/BS pipes have been replaced and included in rate base. Since the 2012 Order was issued, investments have been rolled into rate base at the end of every rate case.

Currently, PGS has an ongoing rate case in Docket No. 20250029-GU, and it has proposed to move \$6,733,295 of CI/BS investments made between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2025 into rate base. On August 13, 2025, PGS filed a Motion to Approve 2025 Stipulation and Settlement Agreement (2025 Agreement). Subject to our approval, the 2025 Agreement provides for the transfer of the \$6,733,295 in CI/BS investments into rate base and reflects the specific agreement by the utility that it will not seek to expand the categories of costs to be recovered under the CI/BS rider during the term of the 2025 Agreement. Additionally, the 2025 Agreement reflects the agreement by the utility that it will not recover Problematic Plastic

¹ Order No. PSC-12-0476-TRF-GU, issued September 18, 2012, in Docket No. 20110320-GU, *In re: Petition for approval of Cast iron/Bare Steel Pipe Replacement Rider (Rider CI/BSR), by Peoples Gas System.*² *Id.*, p. 3.

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Pipe (PPP) costs associated with the Tampa Downtown project or any other PPP costs included for recovery in its initial rate case filing through the CI/BS rider.

As part of its petition in the instant docket, PGS is requesting our approval of the final true-up amount for the calendar year of 2024 of \$331,724 under-recovery (including interest). Additionally, PGS is requesting an estimated end of period total true-up for 2025 of an over-recovery of \$69,991, and projected capital expenditures for replacement during 2026 of \$62,143,657. PGS is requesting approval of revised CI/BS replacement rider surcharges that will go into effect January 1, 2026. PGS's current surcharges were approved by Order No. PSC-2024-0511-TRF-GU.³

This is our order to suspend the proposed tariffs. We have jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 366.04, 366.05, and 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.

Our staff requires sufficient time to review the utility's petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on PGS's proposed CI/BS rates and associated tariff for the period January through December 2026. We find that the reason stated above is a good cause consistent with the requirements of Section 366.06(3), F.S. Therefore, PGS's proposed revised CI/BS rates and associated tariff for the period January through December 2026 shall be suspended.

Based on the foregoing, it is

ORDERED by the Florida Public Service Commission that Peoples Gas System, Inc. 's proposed revised Cl/BS rates and associated tariff for the period January through December 2026 shall be suspended to allow our staff sufficient time to review the petition and gather all pertinent information in order to present us with an informed recommendation on the tariff proposals. It is further

ORDERED that this docket shall remain open pending our decision on the proposed tariff. It is further

³ Order No. PSC-2024-0511-TRF-GU, issued December 20, 2024, in Docket No. 20240133-GU, *In re: Petition for approval of 2023 true-up, projected 2024 true-up, and 2025 revenue requirements and surcharges associated with cast iron/bare steel pipe replacement rider, by Peoples Gas System, Inc.*

By ORDER of the Florida Public Service Commission this 22nd day of October, 2025.

ADAM/J. TEFEMAN

Commission Clerk

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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.

Any objection or protest filed in this docket before the issuance date of this order is considered abandoned unless it satisfies the foregoing conditions and is renewed within the specified protest period.