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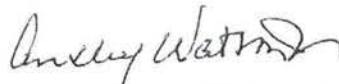
Dear Commissioner Balbis:

I am writing to you as the Prehearing Officer in the captioned docket. I am counsel for Peoples Gas System ("Peoples") in the docket, and respectfully request that I be excused from attending the prehearing conference in the docket, which is scheduled to be held in Tallahassee at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, October 17, 2013, as well as the hearing, scheduled for November 4, 2013.

All issues in the docket have been stipulated as between Peoples and the Commission Staff. Under the circumstances, my attendance for Peoples at the prehearing conference and hearing would serve no real purpose, except to increase Peoples' legal expense (including the expense of my travel from Tampa to Tallahassee).

I would sincerely appreciate your favorable consideration and disposition of this request.

Respectfully,



ANSLEY WATSON, JR.

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cc: Commission Clerk (via e-filing)
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