

BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Petition for issuance of an order to the City)
of Leesburg and South Sumter Gas Company,) Docket No. 20180085-GU
LLC, to show cause why they should not be)
regulated by the Commission as a public utility as) Submitted for filing: 5-3-18
defined in Section 366.02(1), *Florida Statutes*, etc.)
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**PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM'S RESPONSE TO
CITY OF LEESBURG'S REQUEST FOR ORAL ARGUMENT**

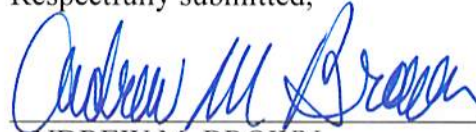
Peoples Gas System ("Peoples"), by its undersigned counsel, and hereby responds to the City of Leesburg's ("Leesburg") Request for Oral Argument and in support thereof states:

1. *Rule 25-22.0022, F.A.C.* provides, among other things that a request for oral argument shall state with particularity why oral argument would aid the Commissioners or the pre-hearing officer in an understanding and evaluating the issues to be decided. The issue at this time is whether Peoples' Petition sufficiently states a cause of action to withstand Leesburg's Motion to Dismiss.
2. Leesburg's Request for Oral Argument does not state with particularity in what way an oral argument would aid the Commissioners in understanding or evaluating the issues to be addressed in its motion to dismiss.
3. Peoples submits that the issues raised in the motion to dismiss are adequately argued by Leesburg in its motion to dismiss and by Peoples in its response to the Motion and that oral argument would not assist the Commission in ruling on Leesburg's Motion.
4. Should the Commission decide that it wants to hear oral argument, Peoples would ask that it be given an amount of time equal to whatever amount of time is granted to both

intervening parties in this matter. In other words, if Leesburg and SSGC are each given 10 minutes for argument, Peoples would request 20 minutes in order to adequately respond to all of the arguments made.

WHEREFORE, Peoples asks that the Commission deny the request for oral argument or in the alternative, grant Peoples an amount of time equal to the combined total of time granted to Leesburg and SSGC.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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