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DATE: July 7, 2021

TO: Office of Commission Clerk *DM by AA*

FROM: Dale Mailhot, Director, Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis

RE: Docket No.: 20210003-GU
Company Name: People Gas System
Company Code: GU608
Audit Purpose: A3c: Purchased Gas Adjustment
Audit Control No.: 2021-021-2-1

Attached is the final audit report for the Utility stated above. I am sending the Utility a copy of this memo and the audit report. If the Utility desires to file a response to the audit report, it should send a response to the Office of Commission Clerk. There are no confidential work papers associated with this audit.

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Attachment: Audit Report

cc: Office of Auditing and Performance Analysis File.

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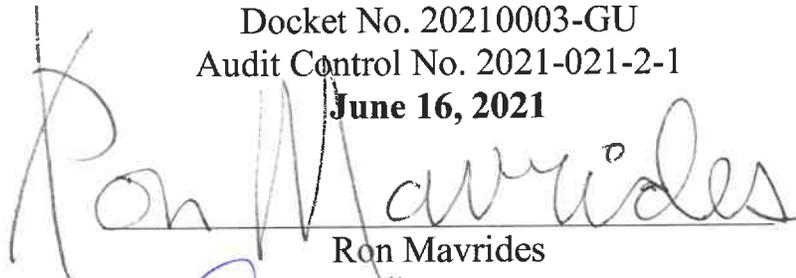
Auditor's Report

Peoples Gas System
Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause

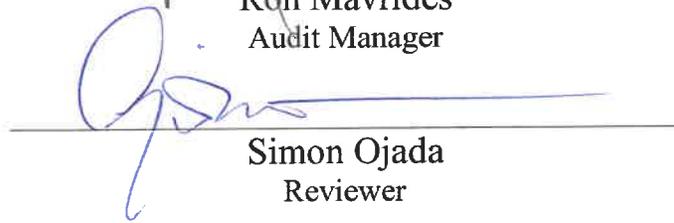
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Purpose

To: Florida Public Service Commission

We have performed the procedures described later in this report to meet the objectives set forth by the Division of Economics in its audit service request dated January 10, 2018. We have applied these procedures to the attached summary exhibit and to several related schedules prepared by Peoples Gas System in support of its 2017 filing for the Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause in Docket No. 20210003-GU.

This report is intended only for internal Commission use.

Objectives and Procedures

General

Definitions

Utility refers to the Peoples Gas System.
PGA refers to the Purchased Gas Cost Recovery Clause.

Revenues

Operating Revenues

Objectives: The objectives were to determine the actual therms sold for the period January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, and whether the Utility applied the Commission approved cost recovery factor to actual therms sales.

Procedures: We traced revenues reported on the 2020 filing to the Utility's general ledger and the monthly revenue reports. A random sample of residential and commercial customers' bills was performed by rate class in this audit to verify that the correct tariff rates were used. We traced unbilled revenues to the revenue summary report. No exceptions were noted.

Expenses

Operation and Maintenance Expense

Objectives: The objectives were to determine whether Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Expenses listed on Schedule A-2 of the Utility's filing were supported by sufficient documentation and that the expenses are appropriately recovered through the PGA.

Procedures: We traced expenses reported from the filing to the general ledger. We selected a sample of 9 O&M expenses for the months of March, July, and December 2020 and traced these to source documentation to ensure that the expenses were supported by sufficient documentation and that the expenses were appropriately recoverable through the PGA. No exceptions were noted.

True-Up

Objective: The objective was to determine if the True-Up and Interest Provision as filed on Schedule A-2 was properly calculated.

Procedures: We traced the December 31, 2019, True-Up Provision to the Commission Order. We recalculated the True-Up and Interest Provision amounts as of December 31, 2020, using the Commission approved beginning balance as of December 31, 2019, the Non-Financial Commercial Paper rates, and the 2020 PGA revenues and costs. No exceptions were noted.

Analytical Review

Objective: The objective was to perform an analytical review of the Utility's PGA revenues and expenses to determine whether there were any material changes or inconsistencies from the prior years.

Procedures: We compared 2020 to 2019, and 2018 revenues and expenses. Variances were insignificant. Further follow-up was not required.

Audit Findings

None

Exhibit

Exhibit 1: True-Up

COMPANY: PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM		CALCULATION OF TRUE-UP AND INTEREST PROVISION						SCHEDULE A-2	
FOR THE PERIOD OF:		January-20		Through		December-20		Page 1 of 1	
		CURRENT MONTH:		January 2020		PERIOD TO DATE			
		ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	DIFFERENCE		ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	DIFFERENCE	
				AMOUNT	%			AMOUNT	%
TRUE-UP CALCULATION									
1	PURCHASED GAS COST (A-1, LINES 4-13)	\$7,551,778	\$4,038,594	(\$3,513,185)	(\$0.86990)	\$7,551,778	\$4,038,594	(\$3,513,185)	(0.86990)
2	TRANSPORTATION COST (A-1, LINES 1+2+3+5+6+7-8-9)	\$5,422,824	\$5,577,910	\$155,086	\$0.02780	\$5,422,824	\$5,577,910	\$155,086	0.02780
3	TOTAL	\$12,974,602	\$9,616,503	(\$3,358,099)	(\$0.34920)	\$12,974,602	\$9,616,503	(\$3,358,099)	(0.34920)
4	FUEL REVENUES (NET OF REVENUE TAX)	\$16,354,510	\$9,616,503	(\$6,738,007)	(\$0.70067)	\$16,354,510	\$9,616,503	(\$6,738,007)	(0.70067)
5	TRUE-UP REFUND(COLLECTION)	\$147,158	\$147,158	\$0	\$0.00000	\$147,158	\$147,158	\$0	0.00000
6	FUEL REVENUE APPLICABLE TO PERIOD * (LINE 4 (+ or -) LINE 5)	\$16,501,668	\$9,763,661	(\$6,738,007)	(\$0.69011)	\$16,501,668	\$9,763,661	(\$6,738,007)	(0.69011)
7	TRUE-UP PROVISION - THIS PERIOD (LINE 6 - LINE 3)	\$3,527,066	\$147,158	(\$3,379,908)	(\$22.96788)	\$3,527,066	\$147,158	(\$3,379,908)	(22.96788)
8	INTEREST PROVISION-THIS PERIOD (21)	\$10,190	\$7,585	(\$2,605)	(\$0.34349)	\$10,190	\$7,585	(\$2,605)	(0.34349)
9	BEGINNING OF PERIOD TRUE-UP AND INTEREST	\$5,610,500	\$5,433,839	(\$176,661)	(\$0.03251)	\$5,610,500	\$5,433,839	(\$176,661)	(0.03251)
10	TRUE-UP COLLECTED OR (REFUNDED) (REVERSE OF LINE 5)	-\$147,158	-\$147,158	\$0	\$0.00000	(\$147,158)	(\$147,158)	\$0	0.00000
10a	OVER EARNINGS REFUND	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00000
11	TOTAL ESTIACT TRUE-UP (7+8+9+10+10a)	\$9,000,597	\$5,441,424	(\$3,559,174)	(\$0.65409)	\$9,000,597	\$5,441,424	(\$3,559,174)	(0.65409)
11a	REFUNDS FROM PIPELINE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0.00000	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00000
12	ADJ TOTAL ESTIACT TRUE-UP (11+11a)	\$9,000,597	\$5,441,424	(\$3,559,174)	(\$0.65409)	\$9,000,597	\$5,441,424	(\$3,559,174)	(0.65409)
INTEREST PROVISION									
13	BEGINNING TRUE-UP AND INTEREST PROVISION (8)	5,610,500	5,433,839	(176,661)	(0.03251)	* If line 5 is a refund add to line 4 If line 5 is a collection () subtract from line 4			
14	ENDING TRUE-UP BEFORE INTEREST (13+7-5+10a+11a)	6,990,408	5,433,839	(3,556,569)	(0.65452)				
15	TOTAL (13+14)	14,600,907	10,867,678	(3,733,229)	(0.34352)				
16	AVERAGE (50% OF 15)	7,300,454	5,433,839	(1,866,615)	(0.34352)				
17	INTEREST RATE - FIRST DAY OF MONTH	1.71	1.71	0	0.00000				
18	INTEREST RATE - FIRST DAY OF SUBSEQUENT MONTH	1.64	1.64	0	0.00000				
19	TOTAL (17+18)	3.350	3.350	0	0.00000				
20	AVERAGE (50% OF 19)	1.675	1.675	0	0.00000				
21	MONTHLY AVERAGE (20/12 Months)	0.13958	0.13958	0	0.00002				
22	INTEREST PROVISION (19x21)	\$10,190	\$7,585	(\$2,605)	(0.34349)				