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HAND DELIVERY

Re: Docket No. ~~980002~~-EG; Peoples Gas-West Florida Region

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of Peoples Gas-West Florida Region in connection with the hearings scheduled to begin February 25, 1998 in this docket are an original and 10 copies of the following documents:

1. Petition for Approval of Peoples Gas-West Florida Region's Proposed Cost Recovery Charges;
2. Direct Testimony of William B. Gray and Ron Sott; and
3. Schedules C-1, C-2, C-3 and C-5.

Please acknowledge receipt of these documents by stamping the enclosed extra copy of this

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Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Norman H. Horton, Jr.
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. William B. Gray
Parties of Record

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Petition
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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In Re: Conservation Cost)
Recovery Clause)
_____)

Docket No. 980002-EG
Filing Date: January 13, 1998

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
PEOPLES GAS-WEST FLORIDA REGION'S
PROPOSED CONSERVATION COST RECOVERY CHARGES

Peoples Gas-West Florida Region ("Peoples") hereby submits its petition for approval of its proposed conservation cost recovery factors and amounts as further identified below. In support hereof the Company states:

1) Peoples Gas is a natural gas distribution company within the jurisdiction of this Commission. Its address is:

Caller Box 1460
301 Maple Avenue
Panama City, Florida 32402

2) The name and address of the person authorized to receive notices and communications with respect to this Petition are:

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3) Pursuant to the requirements of this docket, Peoples has prefiled testimony and the conservation true-up forms supplied by the Commission Staff in a manner consistent with the Staff's instructions.

4) The Conservation Cost Recovery factor was calculated in accordance with the methodology which has been previously approved by the Commission in this docket. The factor is designed to recover the projected conservation program expenses of Peoples for the period October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998, adjusted for the net true-up (which includes the estimated conservation true-up) for the current period as well as interest calculated in accordance with the

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methodology established by the Commission. The factors calculated in the accompanying schedules for the various classes are as follows:

Residential Customers	4.700¢/therm
Commercial Customers	1.587¢/therm
Commercial Large Customers/Transportation	
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Industrial and Transportation Customers	.266¢/therm

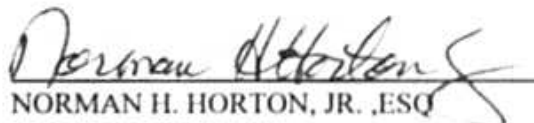
5) Peoples projects total conservation program expenses of \$536,765.00 for the period October, 1997 through March, 1998. The estimated net true-up for the twelve months ending September, 1998 is an underrecovery of \$222,322.00. After combining the projected conservation expenses with the amount of this underrecovery, a total of \$759,087.00 is to be recovered during the October, 1997 through September, 1998 period. Apportioning this total to the various classes as prescribed by the Commission and expanding for taxes results in the conservation cost recovery factors set forth above, for which Peoples seeks approval in this Petition.

WHEREFORE, Peoples respectfully requests that this Commission enter its order approving the above total conservation cost recovery factors to be applied to billings for the period October, 1997 through September, 1998 and to billings thereafter until other conservation cost recovery factors are approved by the Commission.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that true and correct copies of the Peoples Gas-West Florida Region's Petition for Approval of Proposed Conservation Cost Recovery Charges in Docket No. 980002-EG have been served by Hand Delivery (*) and/or U. S. Mail on this 13th day of January, 1998 to the following parties of record:

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