

March 31, 2025

Dear County Administrator,

Today, Peoples Gas System, Inc. formally filed a petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) (Docket No. 20250029-GU) to begin the several months-long process of requesting and receiving approval for an increase to our customer base rates and service charges for new rates effective Jan. 1, 2026, and another smaller adjustment effective Jan. 1, 2027.

Floridians are increasingly choosing natural gas for its cost effectiveness and reliability, particularly as severe weather events become more frequent and the demand for energy rises. Our distribution system provides safe and reliable natural gas service to residential, commercial, industrial customers and electric generators, as well as for the critical systems, businesses and institutions that we all depend on to remain reliable and resilient.

As Florida continues to grow, Peoples Gas is investing in our team, tools, and the maintenance and expansion of our system to better serve customers and communities across the state. We take our responsibility to deliver safe, dependable and affordable energy to our customers seriously, and that includes managing our business carefully while meeting their evolving expectations.

Peoples Gas is dedicated to delivering industry-leading customer service, supporting the communities we serve, and planning for the growing demand for energy in Florida. We acknowledge that there is never a good time to request rate relief and that our requested increase will have an impact on our customers. We do, however, believe that our proposed rates will reflect the value of natural gas to our customers and that the bills for our services will continue to be commensurate with the value our service provides. We're committed to growing and maintaining our system and being here when and where our customers need us most.

This letter is provided to you as required by Rule 25-22.0406 of the Florida Administrative Code, Notice and Public Information on General Rate Increase Requests. A copy of the petition and the MFRs can be accessed through the <u>PSC website</u>. You may also access the petition and the MFRs on our website at <u>PeoplesGas.com/rates</u>. A second communication, providing a synopsis of our request, will follow this letter in approximately 45 days.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing or the contents of the petition, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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