



June 8, 2020

Dear City Manager,

Today, Peoples Gas System formally filed a petition with the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) to begin the several months-long process of requesting and receiving approval for an increase to our customer base rates and service charges, which represents just half of an average customer's bill.

In February 2020 we provided notice to the PSC of our intent to request a rate adjustment with a proposed filing date of April 7, 2020. Since that time, as you know, dramatic events have unfolded worldwide as the coronavirus potentially endangers the lives of millions, and the efforts to try to prevent the spread have impacted Floridians' daily lives and the state's economy. With this in mind, in April we requested a 60-day extension for filing our petition for the rate adjustment. We do not take our decision to continue with our filing lightly. We continue to work diligently to support our customers while focusing on the long-term financial health of our business, so that we can be best positioned to contribute to Florida's economic recovery.

Peoples Gas is keenly focused on the safety of our team members, customers and the general public, and have altered working conditions and procedures to lessen the risk of the spread of the virus. Our entire team continues to ensure our customers across the state receive the essential service we provide. In partnership with Tampa Electric, we have contributed an additional \$500,000 to our Share programs, administered by the Salvation Army to assist our customers in paying their utility bills, along with an additional \$500,000 in contributions to Florida's charities that are assisting the front lines in fighting the virus and helping people recover during these difficult economic times.

This letter and the enclosed copy of our petition are 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 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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