

**BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF KANSAS GAS SERVICE, A DIVISION)
OF ONE GAS, INC. FOR ADJUSTMENT OF) DOCKET NO. 18-KGSG-560-RTS
ITS NATURAL GAS RATES IN THE STATE)
OF KANSAS)**

DIRECT TESTIMONY AND SCHEDULES OF

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**RE: CLASS COST OF SERVICE
CLASS REVENUE ALLOCATION
AND
RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN**

ON BEHALF OF

THE CITIZENS' UTILITY RATEPAYER BOARD

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

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3 **Q. Please state your name and business address.**

4 A. My name is Glenn A. Watkins. My business address is 1503 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 130,
5 Richmond, Virginia 23229.

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7 **Q. What is your professional and educational background?**

8 A. I am President and Senior Economist with Technical Associates, Inc., which is an
9 economics and financial consulting firm with offices in Richmond, Virginia. Except for a
10 six month period during 1987 in which I was employed by Old Dominion Electric
11 Cooperative, as its forecasting and rate economist, I have been employed by Technical
12 Associates continuously since 1980.

13 During my career at Technical Associates, I have conducted marginal and
14 embedded cost of service, rate design, cost of capital, revenue requirement, and load
15 forecasting studies involving numerous electric, gas, water/wastewater, and telephone
16 utilities. I have provided expert testimony on more than 200 occasions in Alabama,
17 Arizona, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland,
18 Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Vermont,
19 Virginia, South Carolina, Washington, and West Virginia.

20 I hold an M.B.A and B.S in economics from Virginia Commonwealth University
21 and am a Certified Rate of Return Analyst. A more complete description of my education
22 and experience as well as a list of my prior testimonies is provided in my Schedule GAW-

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1 **Q. Have you previously provided testimony before this Commission?**

2 A. Yes. I provided testimony on the same issues that I will be addressing in this case in Kansas
3 Gas Services' last general rate case (Docket No. 16-KGSG-491-RTS) on behalf of the
4 Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB").

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6 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

7 A. Technical Associates, Inc. ("TAI") has been engaged by CURB to investigate and evaluate
8 Kansas Gas Service's ("Company" or "Kansas Gas") class cost of service studies
9 ("CCOSS"), class revenue allocations, and proposed residential rate design. The purpose
10 of my testimony is to present the findings of my investigation and offer my
11 recommendations to the Commission in these areas.

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13 **II. CLASS COST OF SERVICE**

14 **Q. Please briefly explain the concept of a CCOSS and its purpose in a rate proceeding.**

15 A. Generally there are two types of class cost of service studies used in public utility
16 ratemaking: marginal cost studies and embedded (or fully-allocated) cost studies. Kansas
17 Gas has utilized a traditional embedded cost of service study for purposes of establishing
18 the overall revenue requirement in this case, as well as for class cost of service purposes.

19 Because the majority of a public utility's plant investment and expense is incurred
20 to serve all customers in a joint manner, most costs cannot be specifically attributed to a
21 particular customer or group of customers. Therefore, the costs jointly incurred to serve
22 all or most customers must be allocated across specific customers or customer rate classes.

1 To the extent that certain costs can be specifically attributed to a particular customer or
2 group of customers, these costs are directly assigned in the CCOSS.

3 It is generally accepted that to the extent possible, joint costs should be allocated to
4 customer classes based on the concept of cost causation. That is, costs are allocated to
5 customer classes based on analyses that measure the causes of the incurrence of costs to
6 the utility. Although the cost analyst strives to abide by this concept to the greatest extent
7 practical, some categories of costs, such as corporate overhead costs, cannot be attributed
8 to specific exogenous measures or factors, and must be subjectively assigned or allocated
9 to customer rate classes. With regard to those costs to which causation can be attributed,
10 there is often disagreement among cost of service experts on what is an appropriate cost
11 causation measure or factor; e.g., peak demand, energy or throughput usage, number of
12 customers, etc.

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14 **Q. In your opinion, how should the results of a CCOSS be utilized in the ratemaking**
15 **process?**

16 A. Although certain principles are used by all cost of service analysts, there are often
17 significant disagreements on the specific factors that drive individual costs. These
18 disagreements can and do arise as a result of the quality of data and level of detail available
19 from financial records. There are also fundamental differences in opinions regarding the
20 cost causation factors that should be considered to properly allocate costs to rate schedules
21 or customer classes. Furthermore, and as mentioned previously, cost causation factors
22 cannot be realistically ascribed to some costs such that subjective decisions are required.

1 In these regards, two different cost studies conducted for the same utility and time
2 period can, and often do, yield different results. As such, regulators should consider
3 CCOSS only as a guide, with the results being used as one of many tools to assign class
4 revenue responsibility.

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6 **Q. Have the higher courts opined on the usefulness of cost allocations for purposes of**
7 **establishing revenue responsibility and rates?**

8 A. Yes. In an important regulatory case involving Colorado Interstate Gas Company and the
9 Federal Power Commission (predecessor to FERC), the United States Supreme Court
10 stated:

11 But where as here several classes of services have a common use of the
12 same property, difficulties of separation are obvious. Allocation of costs is
13 not a matter for the slide-rule. It involves judgment on a myriad of facts. It
14 has no claim to an exact science.¹
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16 **Q. Does your opinion, and the findings of the U.S. Supreme Court, imply that cost**
17 **allocations should play no role in the ratemaking process?**

18 A. Not at all. It simply means that regulators should consider the fact that cost allocation
19 results are not surgically precise and that alternative, yet equally defensible, approaches
20 may produce significantly different results. In this regard, when all cost allocation
21 approaches consistently show that certain classes are over- or under-contributing to costs
22 and/or profits, there is a strong rationale for assigning smaller or greater percentage rate
23 increases to these classes. On the other hand, if one cost allocation approach shows
24 dramatically different results than another approach, caution should be exercised in

¹*Colorado Interstate Gas Co. v. Federal Power Commission*, 324 U.S. 581, 590 (1945).

1 assigning disproportionately larger or smaller percentage increases to the classes in
2 question.

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4 **Q. With regard to the practice of relying upon class cost of service studies in establishing**
5 **class revenue responsibility, has this Commission provided guidance relating to the**
6 **usefulness of individual CCOS?**

7 A. Yes. As noted in Company witness Paul Raab's direct testimony, the Commission found
8 as follows in a KCPL rate case (Docket No. 12-KCPE-764-RTS):

9 66. Under the principle of cost causation adopted by the Kansas courts, one
10 class of customers should not bear the costs created by another class. Absent
11 a reasonable basis, the Commission may not order a discriminatory rate
12 design. A class cost of service (CCOS) study is designed to allocate the
13 utility's total system cost of service to the various customer classes. There
14 is no single, universally accepted method for allocating costs to customer
15 classes. Footnotes omitted. [Order, p. 23]
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17 **Q. Please explain the basic concepts of cost allocation for public utilities, particularly**
18 **natural gas distribution companies ("NGDCs").**

19 A. As I mentioned earlier, the majority of a NGDC's plant investment serves customers in a
20 joint manner. In this regard, the NGDC's infrastructure is a system benefiting all
21 customers. If all customers were the same size and had identical usage characteristics, cost
22 allocation would be simple (even unnecessary). However, in reality, a utility's customer
23 base is not so simple. There are small usage customers and large usage customers, and
24 these customers (or customer groups) tend to vary greatly in the amount of service required
25 throughout the year. Therefore, differences in usage should be considered. Because
26 different groups of customers also utilize the system at varying degrees during the year,

1 consideration should also be given to the demands placed on the system during peak usage
2 periods.

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4 **Q. With regard to NGDCs, is there any aspect of class cost allocations that tends to**
5 **overshadow other issues or is often controversial?**

6 A. Yes. For virtually every NGDC, the largest single rate base item (account) is distribution
7 mains. Furthermore, several other rate base and operating income accounts are typically
8 allocated to classes based on the previous assignment of distribution mains. Therefore, the
9 methods and approaches used to allocate distribution mains to classes are usually by far
10 the most important (in terms of class rate of return ["ROR"] results) and tend to be the
11 most controversial.

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13 **Q. What methods are commonly used to allocate natural gas distribution mains?**

14 A. While a myriad of cost allocation methods and approaches have been developed, three
15 methods predominate in the NGDC industry: "Peak Responsibility," "Peak and Average"
16 ("P&A") (also known as "Demand/Commodity"), and "Customer/Demand," which I will
17 address shortly in more detail. These methods differ in the criteria used to allocate mains,
18 as cost allocation analysts do not universally agree on the cost causative factors or drivers
19 influencing mains investments. There are three criteria generally considered when
20 selecting a mains cost allocation method: peak demand (whether coincident, non-
21 coincident, actual or design day); annual (average day) usage; and, number of customers.
22 Because a NGDC system must be capable of supplying gas to its firm customers during
23 peak demand periods (i.e., on very cold days), relative class peak day demands are often

1 considered a good proxy for measuring the cost causation of mains investment.² Annual
2 (or average day) throughput is also often used to allocate mains as this factor reflects the
3 utilization of a utility's mains investment. Number of customers is also sometimes
4 considered when allocating mains. That is, customer counts by class serve as a basis for
5 allocation of mains. Even though annual levels of usage and peak load requirements vary
6 greatly between customer classes (residential versus large industrial), some analysts are of
7 the opinion that customer counts should be considered because at least some infrastructure
8 investment in mains is required simply to "connect" every customer to the system. With
9 these three criteria identified, various methods weight and utilize these criteria differently
10 within the cost allocation process. In other words, some methods rely on only one criterion
11 while others consider two or more criteria with varying weights given to each factor
12 utilized.

13 As mentioned previously, the three most common NGDC cost allocation methods
14 are the "Peak Responsibility" method (whether coincident or class non-coincident), in
15 which peak day demands are the only factor utilized to allocate mains; the "P&A" or
16 "Demand/Commodity" approach, in which both peak day and annual (average day)
17 throughput is reflected within the allocation of mains;³ and the Customer/Demand method,
18 which utilizes a combination of peak day demands and customer counts to assign mains
19 cost responsibility.

² Embedded cost allocations are directly only concerned with relative, not absolute, criteria. That is, because embedded cost allocations reflect nothing more than dividing total system costs between classes, it is the relative (percentage) contributors to total system amounts that is relevant.

³ Under the P&A or Demand/Commodity approach, peak use and annual throughput are either weighted equally or based on system load factor, where load factor is the ratio of average daily usage to peak day usage. When using a load factor approach to weight P&A usage, the weighting of average day usage is that of the system load factor, while the peak day weight is one minus the system load factor.

1 Under the Customer/Demand method, the weights given to class customer counts
2 and peak day demands are determined from a separate analysis using one of two
3 approaches: minimum-size and zero-intercept. The “minimum-size” approach prices the
4 entire system footage of mains at the cost per foot of the smallest diameter pipe installed.
5 This “minimum-size” cost is then divided by the actual total investment in mains to
6 determine the weight given to customer counts. One (1) minus the customer percentage is
7 then given to the peak day demand within the allocation process. Under the zero-intercept
8 approach, statistical linear regression techniques are used to estimate the cost of a
9 theoretical “zero size” main. Similar to the minimum-size approach, the cost of this
10 estimated zero size pipe per foot is multiplied by the total system footage and is then
11 divided by total mains investment to arrive at a customer weighting.

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13 **Q. Did Company witness Raab conduct multiple CCROSS utilizing various methods to**
14 **allocate mains-related costs?**

15 A. Yes. Mr. Raab conducted three alternative CCROSS utilizing the method described earlier;
16 i.e., Customer/Demand; Peak Responsibility (using non-coincident peak demands); and,
17 P&A (Demand/Commodity).

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19 **Q. Does Mr. Raab have a preferred CCROSS method to allocate mains-related costs?**

20 A. Yes. While Mr. Raab recognizes the Commission’s finding that there is no single
21 universally accepted method for allocating costs to customer classes and “trying to ‘prove’
22 the superiority of one method over the other is a feckless endeavor,”⁴ he is of the opinion

⁴ Raab direct testimony, page 5.

1 that the Customer/Demand method is preferred over the Peak Responsibility or P&A
2 methods.⁵

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4 **Q. On page 40 of his direct testimony, Company witness Paul Raab claims that there are**
5 **two very important factors that drive a natural gas utility’s cost of service. These**
6 **include the fact that NGDC’s are a capital intensive enterprise and that the system**
7 **must be sized in order to meet customers’ demands during peak periods. Do you**
8 **agree with this assertion?**

9 A. Not in the context in which Mr. Raab draws his conclusions. That is, Mr. Raab states on
10 page 40: “this combination of capital intensity and sizing to meet peak day demands
11 dictates the prominence of the physical connection and the ‘rate of use’ customer demand
12 characteristic when discussing the cause of cost incurrence.” In other words, Mr. Raab
13 claims that cost causation is related to number of customers and peak demand. With regard
14 to the customer component, Mr. Raab opines that because NGDCs are capital intensive
15 and customers must be physically connected to the distribution system, there must
16 therefore be a “customer” component associated with cost incurrence.

17 In this regard, there is not a single customer that connects to a natural gas system
18 simply to be connected. Rather, natural gas customers connect to a system in order to
19 consume natural gas for their energy needs. While it is obvious that customers must be
20 physically connected to an NGDC’s system, natural gas consumption is the very purpose
21 for the existence of Kansas Gas; i.e., an infrastructure system of pipes to distribute natural
22 gas to its consumers to meet their energy needs. NGDCs do not wantonly install mains

⁵ *id.*

1 throughout their service territory if there is no anticipated natural gas to be distributed
2 through those mains. Indeed, the Company's current tariff concerning its extension of
3 mains requires that there be enough revenue (natural gas usage) to warrant the economic
4 investment required to extend the Company's distribution system.⁶

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6 **Q. In your opinion, is there a preferred method to allocate natural gas distribution mains
7 costs?**

8 A. Yes. In my opinion, the P&A approach is the fairest and most equitable method to assign
9 natural gas distribution mains costs to the various customer classes. This method
10 recognizes each class' utilization of the Company's facilities throughout the year, and also
11 recognizes that some classes rely upon the Company's facilities (mains) more than others
12 during peak periods.

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14 **Q. Earlier you indicated that some analysts prefer to employ the Peak Responsibility
15 method in which mains are allocated solely on the basis of peak loads. In your
16 opinion, why is this method generally inferior to the P&A method to allocate mains?**

17 A. While it is appropriate to consider and reflect class peak demands when allocating
18 distribution mains, it should not be the only criterion. A NGDC system is constructed and
19 is in existence in order to serve the natural gas energy needs of its customers throughout
20 the year. If Kansas Gas' (or any NGDC's) customers only demand gas for one day of the
21 year (the so-called peak day), the costs to deliver gas throughout the system would be
22 prohibitively high such that a system would never exist. In other words, Kansas Gas'

⁶ Kansas Gas tariff, General Terms and Conditions for Gas Service, 8. Extension Policy.

1 customers demand and utilize natural gas every day of the year, not just one day out of 365
2 days. If by chance, a customer did require gas for only one day a year, it would be
3 prohibitively expensive to the Company (and ultimately the customer) to provide service.
4 Kansas Gas would have to recover the investment in mains from a very small amount of
5 natural gas energy (usage), which would be economically infeasible.

6 The major shortcoming of the Peak Responsibility method (which allocates mains
7 entirely on peak day demand) is that it is premised on the assumption that there is a direct
8 and linear relationship between peak loads, system capacity, and costs. In fact, there is no
9 direct relationship between peak loads (capacity requirements) and the cost incurred to
10 install mains. With regard to system capacity, the amount of gas that can be delivered
11 throughout a NGDC system is not only a function of the size of pipe(s) but also the
12 pressurization of gas within these pipes as well as the presence or absence of looping
13 various segments of the distribution system. For example, if the peak load on one line
14 segment of mains is double that of another line segment, the cost of mains for the larger
15 capacity pipe may be higher, but it is not double that of the lower capacity. In very simple
16 terms, and all else constant, the *capacity* of pipes increase by a factor of exactly 4 to 1 as
17 the *diameter* of pipe increases.⁷ Therefore, if the size of a pipe is doubled, the capacity of
18 the pipe increases by a factor of four. At the same time, the cost of this additional capacity
19 is far less than four times as much.⁸

⁷ The volume of a cylinder (pipe) is equal to π (3.14159) x Radius² x length. Therefore, it can be seen that as the diameter doubles, the area (volume) of the pipe increases by four times that of the smaller pipe.

⁸ The cost of mains investment reflects the cost of capitalized labor to install the main plus the cost of materials (the piping). Although the labor cost of installing pipe increases somewhat with larger size pipe, these additional labor costs tend to be much smaller than the capacity added. Similarly, although the materials cost of the pipe also increases, it is by a much smaller percentage than the capacity added.

1 Additionally, and as important as the geometric capacity of pipe at a given pressure,
2 the amount of gas required to be pushed through a distribution system can be met with
3 larger pipes at lower pressures or smaller pipes at higher pressures. With improvements
4 in materials, technology, and pipe coupling, we are seeing that NGDCs are replacing their
5 systems with *smaller* plastic pipes operated at *higher* pressures. Because the allocation of
6 mains only concerns the assignment of the pipes costs, there is not a clear relationship
7 between a main segment's capacity (peak load ability) and the cost of that pipe. The
8 relevance of this is that an allocation method that only considers peak load assumes there
9 is a direct and perfectly linear relationship between load (capacity) and the cost of mains.
10 As demonstrated above, this assumption is clearly not accurate.

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12 **Q. The third allocation method you mentioned earlier allocates mains partially on some**
13 **measure of peak demand and partially on number of customers. What rationale is**
14 **used to allocate mains investment, at least partially, based on customer counts?**

15 A. I am aware of two rationales, or arguments, used to advocate the allocation of natural gas
16 distribution mains based partially on number of customers. While the conceptual argument
17 has no economic or practical logic in my opinion, the second rationale may produce
18 reasonable results in some instances, but is rarely applicable to NGDCs.

19 The first rationale used by some analysts is that because every customer (regardless
20 of size) must be physically connected to the utility's distribution network, there is some
21 minimum level of investment required to simply connect customers to the distribution
22 system. It is certainly true that, unless natural gas is delivered in a portable tank or cylinder,
23 some form of physical "plumbing" is required to deliver natural gas to each and every end-

1 user.⁹ Indeed, this is the very purpose of the distribution system. However, no customer
2 connects to a NGDC system simply to be connected but never utilizes natural gas, nor do
3 NGDCs haphazardly install natural gas mains where no usage is present or anticipated.
4 Because there is no economic utility (benefit) derived from simply being connected to a
5 system, there is no economic (or cost causative) basis for assigning some value of a
6 NGDC's distribution mains required to simply connect customers.

7 The second rationale used to consider number of customers within the allocation of
8 mains relates to customer densities and differences in the mix of customers (by class)
9 throughout a utility's service area. Possibly the best way to explain why customer densities
10 may be relevant in the assignment of distribution costs to individual classes is by way of
11 example. Consider two different utilities: an electric utility with urban, suburban, and
12 rural service areas and another electric utility with only urban and suburban customers.
13 With respect to the electric utility with a rural service area, many miles of conductors and
14 associated plant must be installed in order to serve the demands of relatively few customers.
15 Conversely, many more customers are served on a per mile basis for the urban/suburban
16 utility. With respect to the utility with a rural service area, an allocation based on usage or
17 demand may be unfair if some classes are located mainly in urban or suburban areas, while
18 other classes of customers are located in rural areas. As a result, some cost studies classify
19 distribution plant as partially demand-related and partially customer-related.

⁹ If natural gas was delivered to end-users in tanks (as is done with propane), there would be no distribution system, or mains, to allocate.

1 **Q. In the above example, you referred to electric utilities instead of natural gas utilities.**
2 **Is there a reason why you selected the electric utility industry for your example?**

3 A. Yes. Although the concepts are the same between electric and natural gas distribution
4 facilities (e.g., conductors are synonymous with mains), electric utilities are *required* to
5 serve rural (sparsely populated) areas. NGDCs, however, have no such requirement.
6 Moreover, electric utilities are required to connect all consumers regardless of density or
7 usage. That is not the case for NGDCs: their tariffs allow them to only connect those
8 customers in areas with sufficient customer densities and usage.

9 As a general matter, a Customer/Demand classification of *electric* distribution
10 facilities may be appropriate given the characteristics of a utility's service area, but is rarely
11 appropriate for NGDCs with more densely populated service areas and that are not required
12 to serve all potential residences and businesses.

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14 **Q. Please explain the importance of Mr. Raab's classification and allocation of**
15 **distribution mains based partially on number of customers and based partially on**
16 **NCP demands under his Customer/Demand study.**

17 A. Under Mr. Raab's Customer/Demand CCROSS, he has allocated distribution mains using a
18 weighting of 47.35% based on number of customers and 52.65% based on NCP demands.
19 Because of the use of internal (or composite) allocators, many other expense and rate base
20 items are also directly or indirectly allocated based on this mains allocation. By allocating
21 almost half of the Company's mains investment based simply on customer counts, Mr.
22 Raab has assigned the same cost responsibility of this approximate 50% weighting to a

1 small apartment-dwelling customer that uses natural gas only for cooking as he does to a
2 very large industrial customer that uses millions of MCF per year.

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4 **Q. Is there a simple way to show the bias and over-assignment of costs to small volume**
5 **user classes under Mr. Raab's cost allocation approach?**

6 A. Yes. Mr. Raab's classification process results in an ultimate allocation of 62.3% of the
7 Company's total requested non-gas revenue requirement based simply on number of
8 customers.¹⁰

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10 **Q. Have you examined Mr. Raab's CCOSS utilizing the P&A (Demand/Commodity)**
11 **method?**

12 A. Yes. While I prefer to use somewhat different approaches to allocate mains-related costs
13 under the P&A method than those used by Mr. Raab, I have concluded that the results
14 obtained under his P&A study are reasonable.

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16 **Q. Please explain.**

17 A. In conducting his P&A (Demand/Commodity) study, Mr. Raab utilized class non-
18 coincident peak ("NCP") demands rather than coincident peak ("CP") demands within his
19 allocation of the "peak" portion. While I do not have a fundamental disagreement with the
20 use of NCPs within the P&A method, it has been my experience that the P&A approach
21 traditionally uses class contributions to CP demands. Furthermore, Mr. Raab's study only
22 allocates distribution mains using the P&A method whereas I also apply this approach to

¹⁰ Calculated as \$214,915,164 (per Exhibit PHR-7, page 3) ÷ \$345,180,481 (per Exhibit PHR-7, page 1).

1 transmission mains. Finally, Mr. Raab's assignment of income taxes to individual classes
 2 does not consider the tax deductibility of interest expense. However, my preferred
 3 approaches produce very similar results to those obtained by Mr. Raab. As a result, and to
 4 avoid unnecessary controversy, I have accepted Mr. Raab's P&A CCOSS results for
 5 purposes of evaluating class revenue responsibility.

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 7 **Q. Although you are accepting Mr. Raab's P&A study results, please provide a**
 8 **comparison of class rates of return under your preferred approach to those obtained**
 9 **by Mr. Raab.**

10 A. The following table provides a comparison of P&A class RORs under Mr. Raab's and my
 11 P&A studies:

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TABLE 1
 P&A (Demand/Commodity)
 Results At Current Rates

Class		Raab P&A	CURB P&A
Residential	RS	3.72%	3.64%
General Service Small	GSS	8.83%	8.39%
General Service Large	GSL	5.27%	4.86%
General Service Trans. Eligible	GSTE	3.54%	3.05%
Small Generator	SGS	44.65%	40.02%
Irrigation Sales	GIS	-5.54%	2.91%
Kansas Gas Supply	KGSSD	5.38%	8.99%
Sales for Resale	SSRk	154.93%	138.70%
Sales for Resale	SSR-BHk	4.68%	4.61%
Small Transport	STk	9.79%	10.73%
Small Transport	STt	8.18%	8.33%
CNG Transport	CNGk	7.76%	1.46%
CNG Transport	CNGt	2.06%	4.73%
Irrigation Transport	GIT	-6.91%	1.25%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T1	3.11%	4.37%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T2	3.14%	3.64%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T3	6.66%	5.47%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T4	5.86%	4.55%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T1	3.44%	3.39%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T2	5.76%	4.80%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T3	15.23%	9.38%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T4	6.34%	4.75%
Wholesale Transport	WTt	32.76%	28.21%
Total Company		4.41%	4.41%

1 While there are differences in the absolute class RORs, the results are directionally
 2 consistent for all classes except for KGSSD and CNGk.¹¹ That is, both studies consistently
 3 show the same classes that are revenue deficient, those classes whose RORs are well above
 4 the Company's requested ROR, as well as those that are relatively similar to the system
 5 average ROR.

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 7 **Q. Please provide a summary of class RORs at current rates under the three CCOSS**
 8 **Mr. Raab conducted.**

9 A. The following table provides a comparison of Mr. Raab's CCOSS results under the three
 10 methods he performed:

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TABLE 2
 Comparison of Class RORs At Current Rates

Class	Customer/Demand	NCP	P&A
Residential	RS	2.52%	3.72%
General Service Small	GSS	8.25%	8.83%
General Service Large	GSL	8.77%	5.27%
General Service Trans. Eligible	GSTE	8.74%	3.54%
Small Generator	SGS	31.23%	44.65%
Irrigation Sales	GIS	-4.92%	-5.54%
Kansas Gas Supply	KGSSD	5.38%	5.38%
Sales for Resale	SSRk	154.95%	154.93%
Sales for Resale	SSR-BHk	4.75%	4.68%
Small Transport	STk	21.62%	9.79%
Small Transport	STt	14.88%	8.18%
CNG Transport	CNGk	40.75%	7.76%
CNG Transport	CNGt	15.13%	2.06%
Irrigation Transport	GIT	-6.39%	-6.91%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T1	11.96%	3.11%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T2	15.03%	3.14%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T3	27.56%	6.66%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTk-T4	27.77%	5.86%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T1	9.34%	3.44%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T2	14.39%	5.76%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T3	41.00%	15.23%
Large Vol. Transport	LVTt-T4	18.33%	6.34%
Wholesale Transport	WTt	32.77%	32.76%
Total Company		4.41%	4.41%

¹¹ These two classes are very small in terms of revenue and allocated rate base such that minor differences in allocation factors can have a material impact on the calculated class rate of return.

1 As can be seen above, the NCP and P&A approaches generally show similar RORs.
2 Furthermore, Mr. Raab's Customer/Demand study tends to show much higher RORs for
3 the Large Volume classes than those obtained under the NCP or P&A approaches. As
4 discussed earlier, Mr. Raab's Customer/Demand study results are driven by a large portion
5 of costs allocated simply based on customer counts.

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7 **Q. What are your findings and recommendations concerning class cost allocations in**
8 **this case?**

9 A. As explained earlier in my testimony, class cost allocation studies cannot be considered
10 surgically precise for a variety of reasons. As a result, it is appropriate to consider the
11 results of multiple CCOSS in evaluating class revenue responsibility. This philosophy is
12 consistent with this Commission's prior opinions concerning CCOSS and also appears to
13 be consistent with Mr. Raab's testimony, to some degree. In these regards, while I am of
14 the opinion that the P&A method reasonably reflects cost causation and is fair and
15 equitable to all customers and I strongly disagree with the Customer/Demand approach
16 applied to Kansas Gas, I recognize that the Customer/Demand method is sometimes used
17 in the NGDC industry. Furthermore, I also recognize that Staff has historically preferred
18 the Peak Responsibility method wherein distribution mains are allocated on class NCPs.
19 With this being said, there should not be sole reliance on any single CCOSS, but rather,
20 consideration should be given to all three studies in evaluating class revenue responsibility.

21 Finally, and as noted earlier, the P&A and NCP approaches tend to generally
22 produce similar results across classes while the Customer/Demand study produces results
23 in which the achieved RORs for Small Volume, low load factor classes tends to be

1 significantly lower than those for Large Volume, or high load factor classes. Indeed, the
2 achieved RORs for several of the Large Volume classes under the Customer/Demand
3 approach are significantly greater than the Company's requested ROR and this is primarily
4 due to the fact that this method assigns a very large percentage of the Company's requested
5 revenue requirement simply based on number of customers.

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7 **III. CLASS REVENUE DISTRIBUTION**

8 **Q. How does the Company propose to allocate, or assign, its requested as-filed \$45.566**
9 **million base rate increase?**

10 A. Company witness Raab sponsors Kansas Gas' class revenue allocations and rate design. In
11 developing his allocation of the Company's proposed overall increase to individual classes,
12 Mr. Raab claims to have utilized two criteria as discussed on page 51 of his direct
13 testimony. First, Mr. Raab proposes no rate decreases.¹² Second, he identified those
14 classes whose current rates of return are below the Company's requested rate of return
15 (7.71%) and then applied an equal percentage increase to these classes in order to achieve
16 the Company's requested \$45.566 million overall increase. The following table provides
17 each classes' achieved RORs at current rates under each of the three studies conducted by
18 Mr. Raab along with his proposed class revenue increases:

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¹² With the exception of immaterial changes required to reconcile projected and target revenues.

TABLE 3

Comparison of RORs At Current Rates And Company Proposed Revenue Increases

Class	Rates of Return @ Current Rates			Kansas Gas Proposed Increase
	Customer/Demand	NCP	P&A	
RS	2.52%	3.62%	3.72%	\$41,674,273
GSS	8.25%	8.19%	8.83%	\$0
GSL	8.77%	5.03%	5.27%	\$3,062,545
GSTE	8.74%	3.63%	3.54%	\$407,593
SGS	31.23%	4.48%	44.65%	\$0
GIS	-4.92%	-5.90%	-5.54%	\$66,021
KGSSD	5.38%	5.38%	5.38%	\$4,843
SSRk	154.95%	154.95%	154.93%	\$0
SSR-BHk	4.75%	4.75%	4.68%	\$0
STk	21.62%	9.52%	9.79%	\$0
STt	14.88%	7.99%	8.18%	\$0
CNGk	40.75%	17.26%	7.76%	\$0
CNGt	15.13%	4.99%	2.06%	\$11,599
GIT	-6.39%	-7.24%	-6.91%	\$339,591
LVTk-T1	11.96%	2.42%	3.11%	\$0
LVTk-T2	15.03%	3.82%	3.14%	\$0
LVTk-T3	27.56%	10.86%	6.66%	\$0
LVTk-T4	27.77%	10.61%	5.86%	\$0
LVTt-T1	9.34%	2.86%	3.44%	\$0
LVTt-T2	14.39%	6.81%	5.76%	\$0
LVTt-T3	41.00%	24.05%	15.23%	\$0
LVTt-T4	18.33%	8.38%	6.34%	\$0
WTt	32.77%	32.77%	32.76%	\$0
Total Company	4.41%	4.41%	4.41%	\$45,566,464

Although Mr. Raab seems to imply that he considered the results of all three CCOSS throughout his testimony, it is not known what, if any, weight he gave to his two less preferred studies (NCP and P&A). Nevertheless, his recommendations are inconsistent with the two criteria he claimed to use in distributing the Company's overall requested revenue increase. To illustrate, consider the GSL and GSTE classes. Mr. Raab proposes to increase rates for these two classes and based on his Customer/Demand study, these classes' rates of return of 8.77% and 8.74%, respectively, are above the Company's requested rate of return of 7.71% even though the NCP and P&A methods show these two classes to be revenue deficient.

1 At the same time, consider the Large Volume Transport classes. With the exception
2 of LVTt-T3, each of these classes also exhibit rates of return greater than 7.71% under the
3 Customer/Demand approach, yet are deficient under one or both of the alternative
4 allocation methods. Even though the rate of return patterns are similar to the GSL and
5 GSTE classes, Mr. Raab proposes no rate increase to the Large Volume Transport classes.

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7 **Q. Do you agree with Mr. Raab's proposed class revenue distribution?**

8 A. No. Although Mr. Raab's proposed class revenue distribution is inconsistent with his own
9 stated approach, it is apparent that he gave little, if any, weight to his CCOSS results under
10 the NCP or P&A methods, at least for the Large Transportation classes. Furthermore, the
11 Company's application indicates that the driving factors for its requested increase relate to
12 additional investment in plant and increased O&M expenses since its last general rate case.
13 These alleged cost increases are incurred in a joint manner to serve all customer classes.
14 Finally, the Company's last rate case resulted in rate increases to only four Small Volume
15 rate classes (Residential and three General Service classes) such that all other classes' rates
16 have not increased since at least 2012.¹³

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18 **Q. Do you recommend an alternative class revenue distribution?**

19 A. Yes. In developing my recommended class revenue distribution, I have considered the
20 results of all three class cost allocation studies conducted by Mr. Raab. As such, and subject
21 to one constraint, I have based my recommendation on the average of all three CCOSS

¹³ The approved class revenue increases in Docket No. 16-KGSG-491-RTS are provided in my Schedule GAW-2.

1 results. Specifically, I developed my recommended class revenue distribution on the
2 following criteria and guidelines:

- 3 (1) no class should receive a rate reduction (assuming an overall increase is
4 authorized by the Commission);
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- 6 (2) classes that are significantly revenue deficient (less than 50% of the system
7 ROR at current rates) are assigned 150% of the system average percentage
8 increase;
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- 10 (3) classes that are somewhat revenue deficient, but within 50% of the system
11 ROR at current rates, are assigned 125% of the system average percentage
12 increase;
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- 14 (4) classes that are reasonably close to the system ROR (between 80% and
15 120%) at current rates are assigned the system average percentage increase;
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- 17 (5) classes that are above the system ROR at current rates, but within 120% and
18 150% of the system ROR are assigned 75% of the system average
19 percentage increase;
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- 21 (6) classes that are above the system ROR at current rates, but within 151% and
22 200% of the system ROR are assigned 50% of the system average
23 percentage increase;
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- 25 (7) classes whose RORs are more than 200% above the system ROR using the
26 average of all three CCOSS, but are deficient under one or two of the
27 alternative CCOSS, are assigned 25% of the system average percentage
28 increase;
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- 30 (8) classes whose RORs under all three CCOSS are more than 200% above the
31 system ROR are assigned no increase; and,
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- 33 (9) the Residential class is treated as the residual in order to achieve the overall
34 increase.
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36 Tables 4 and 5 below show the development of my recommended class revenue
37 distribution.

TABLE 4
 Development of CURB Recommended Class Revenue Increases
 (Under the Company's Proposed Overall Increase)

Class	Rates of Return @ Current Rates				CURB Pct. Of Sys. Avg. Increase
	Customer/Demand	NCP	P&A	Average	
RS	2.52%	3.62%	3.72%	3.29%	121.60%
GSS	8.25%	8.19%	8.83%	8.42%	50.00%
GSL	8.77%	5.03%	5.27%	6.36%	75.00%
GSTE	8.74%	3.63%	3.54%	5.30%	75.00%
SGS	31.23%	4.48%	44.65%	40.12%	0.00%
GIS	-4.92%	-5.90%	-5.54%	-5.46%	150.00%
KGSSD	5.38%	5.38%	5.38%	5.38%	75.00%
SSRk	154.95%	154.95%	154.93%	154.94%	0.00%
SSR-BHk	4.75%	4.75%	4.68%	4.73%	100.00%
STk	21.62%	9.52%	9.79%	13.64%	0.00%
STt	14.88%	7.99%	8.18%	10.35%	0.00%
CNGk	40.75%	17.26%	7.76%	21.92%	0.00%
CNGt	15.13%	4.99%	2.06%	7.39%	50.00%
GIT	-6.39%	-7.24%	-6.91%	-6.85%	150.00%
LVTk-T1	11.96%	2.42%	3.11%	5.83%	75.00%
LVTk-T2	15.03%	3.82%	3.14%	7.33%	50.00%
LVTk-T3	27.56%	10.86%	6.66%	15.03%	25.00%
LVTk-T4	27.77%	10.61%	5.86%	14.75%	25.00%
LVTt-T1	9.34%	2.86%	3.44%	5.22%	100.00%
LVTt-T2	14.39%	6.81%	5.76%	8.99%	25.00%
LVTt-T3	41.00%	24.05%	15.23%	26.76%	0.00%
LVTt-T4	18.33%	8.38%	6.34%	11.02%	25.00%
WTt	32.77%	32.77%	32.76%	32.76%	0.00%
Total Company	4.41%	4.41%	4.41%	4.41%	100.00%

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TABLE 5
Development of CURB Recommended Class Revenue Increases
(Under the Company’s Proposed Overall Increase)

Class	CURB Pct. Of Sys. Avg. Increase	CURB Percent Increase	Current Revenue	Revenue Increase
RS	121.60%	18.49%	\$218,004,170	\$40,316,260
GSS	50.00%	7.60%	\$21,772,264	\$1,655,605
GSL	75.00%	11.41%	\$16,019,092	\$1,827,184
GSTE	75.00%	11.41%	\$2,133,923	\$243,401
SGS	0.00%	0.00%	\$439,943	-
GIS	150.00%	22.81%	\$346,616	\$79,072
KGSSD	75.00%	11.41%	\$25,419	\$2,899
SSRk	0.00%	0.00%	\$84,338	-
SSR-BHk	100.00%	15.21%	\$4,428	\$673
STk	0.00%	0.00%	\$12,208,676	-
STt	0.00%	0.00%	\$4,657,954	-
CNGk	0.00%	0.00%	\$190,316	-
CNGt	50.00%	7.60%	\$60,675	\$4,614
GIT	150.00%	22.81%	\$1,776,448	\$405,254
LVTk-T1	75.00%	11.41%	\$1,748,409	\$199,429
LVTk-T2	50.00%	7.60%	\$1,821,696	\$138,525
LVTk-T3	25.00%	3.80%	\$1,561,390	\$59,366
LVTk-T4	25.00%	3.80%	\$7,330,426	\$278,710
LVTt-T1	100.00%	15.21%	\$622,416	\$94,659
LVTt-T2	25.00%	3.80%	\$798,034	\$30,342
LVTt-T3	0.00%	0.00%	\$645,892	-
LVTt-T4	25.00%	3.80%	\$6,061,634	\$ 230,469
WTt	0.00%	0.00%	\$1,299,860	-
Total Company	100.00%	15.21%	\$299,614,018	\$45,566,464

Q. Please provide a comparison of the Company’s and your recommended class increases at the Company’s overall \$45.566 million increase.

A. The following table provides a comparison of the Company’s and CURB’s proposed class revenue increases at the Company’s overall increase:

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TABLE 6
Comparison of Class Revenue Increases
(At Company Overall Requested Increase)

Class	Kansas Gas	CURB
RS	\$41,674,273	\$40,316,260
GSS	\$0	\$1,655,605
GSL	\$3,062,545	\$1,827,184
GSTE	\$407,593	\$243,401
SGS	\$0	-
GIS	\$66,021	\$79,072
KGSSD	\$4,843	\$2,899
SSRk	\$0	-
SSR-BHk	\$0	\$673
STk	\$0	-
STt	\$0	-
CNGk	\$0	-
CNGt	\$11,599	\$4,614
GIT	\$339,591	\$405,254
LVTk-T1	\$0	\$199,429
LVTk-T2	\$0	\$138,525
LVTk-T3	\$0	\$59,366
LVTk-T4	\$0	\$278,710
LVTt-T1	\$0	\$94,659
LVTt-T2	\$0	\$30,342
LVTt-T3	\$0	-
LVTt-T4	\$0	\$ 230,469
WTt	\$0	-
Total Company	\$45,566,464	\$45,566,464

Q. In the event that the Commission authorizes an overall increase less than the amount requested by Kansas Gas, do you recommend an alternative class revenue allocation?

A. Yes. If the Commission authorizes an overall increase in the base rate revenue requirement less than that requested by the Company, I recommend that the authorized overall increase be allocated in proportion to my recommended class increases shown above.

1 **Q. CURB witness Crane is recommending an overall rate reduction for this case. To the**
2 **extent the Commission orders an overall decrease to the Company’s revenues, how**
3 **should this reduction be distributed across classes?**

4 A. To the extent the Commission orders an overall revenue reduction, I recommend that class
5 base rate revenues be reduced by an equal percentage.

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7 **IV. RESIDENTIAL RATE DESIGN**

8 **Q. Please explain Kansas Gas’ current and proposed Residential rate structure.**

9 A. The Company’s Residential (Rate RS) base rates are structured with a fixed monthly
10 customer (service) charge plus a flat monthly delivery charge per MCF. Mr. Raab proposes
11 to increase the fixed monthly service charge from \$16.70 per month to \$22.66 per month
12 which represents a 36% increase. Because of the exceptionally large increase proposed to
13 the fixed Residential customer charge, Mr. Raab proposes a negligible rate reduction to the
14 volumetric delivery charge from the current level of \$2.2316 to \$2.2310. As a result, Mr.
15 Raab proposes to collect the entire revenue increase assigned to the Residential class from
16 fixed monthly customer charges.

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18 **Q. What rationale does Mr. Raab provide for the very large percentage increase to the**
19 **Residential customer charge?**

20 A. On pages 53 and 54 of his direct testimony, Mr. Raab states that this is simply a Company
21 rate design objective. Specifically, and with respect to the design of Residential rates, Mr.
22 Raab states that “the Company proposes to keep its current rate designs in place, but modify

1 them to reflect changes in rate levels and improve fixed cost recovery as appropriate
2 through increased service charges.”

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4 **Q. Is the Company’s proposed increase to Residential fixed monthly charge reasonable**
5 **or in the public interest?**

6 A. No. Kansas Gas’ objective to collect a large percentage of its sunk investment costs (aka
7 fixed costs) through fixed charges, as well as its proposed increases to such charges, violate
8 the regulatory principle of gradualism, violate the economic theory of efficient competitive
9 pricing, and are contrary to effective conservation efforts.

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11 **Q. Does the Company’s proposal to collect a substantial portion of Residential base rate**
12 **revenue from fixed monthly charges comport with the economic theory of competitive**
13 **markets or the actual practices of such competitive markets?**

14 A. No. The most basic tenet of competition is that prices determined through a competitive
15 market ensure the most efficient allocation of society’s resources. Because public utilities
16 are generally afforded monopoly status under the belief that resources are better utilized
17 without duplicating the fixed facilities required to serve consumers, a fundamental goal of
18 regulatory policy is that regulation should serve as a surrogate for competition to the
19 greatest extent practical.¹⁴ As such, the pricing policy for a regulated public utility should
20 mirror those of competitive firms to the greatest extent practical.

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¹⁴ James C. Bonbright, et al., *Principles of Public Utility Rates*, p. 141 (Second Edition, 1988).

1 **Q. Please briefly discuss how prices are generally structured in competitive markets.**

2 A. Under economic theory, efficient price signals result when prices are equal to marginal
3 costs.¹⁵ It is well known that costs are variable in the long run. Therefore, efficient pricing
4 results from the incremental variability of costs even though a firm's short-run cost
5 structure may include a high level of sunk or "fixed" costs or be reflective of excess
6 capacity. Indeed, competitive market-based prices are generally structured based on usage;
7 i.e. volume-based pricing. A colleague of mine often uses the following analogy: an oil
8 refinery costs well over a billion dollars to build such that its cost structure is largely
9 comprised of sunk, or fixed, costs, but these costs are recovered one gallon at a time.

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11 **Q. Please briefly explain the economic principles of efficient price theory and how short-**
12 **run fixed costs are recovered under such efficient pricing.**

13 A. Perhaps the best known micro-economic principle is that in competitive markets (i.e.,
14 markets in which no monopoly power or excessive profits exist), prices are equal to
15 marginal cost. Marginal cost is equal to the incremental change in cost resulting from an
16 incremental change in output. A full discussion of the calculus involved in determining
17 marginal costs is not appropriate here. However, it is readily apparent that because
18 marginal costs measure the changes in costs with output, short-run "fixed" costs are
19 irrelevant in efficient pricing. This is not to say that efficient pricing does not allow for the
20 recovery of short-run fixed costs. Rather, they are reflected within a firm's production
21 function such that no excess capacity exists and that an increase in output will require an

¹⁵ Strictly speaking, efficiency is achieved only when there is no excess capacity such that short-run marginal costs equal long-run marginal costs. In practice, there is usually at least some excess capacity present such that pricing based on long-run marginal costs represents the most efficient utilization of resources.

1 increase in costs -- including those considered “fixed” from an accounting perspective. As
2 such, under efficient pricing principles, marginal costs capture the variability of costs, and
3 prices are variable because prices equal these costs.

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5 **Q. Please explain how efficient pricing principles are applied to the natural gas**
6 **distribution industry.**

7 A. Universally, utility marginal cost studies include three separate categories of marginal
8 costs: demand, energy, and customer. Consistent with the general concept of marginal
9 costs, each of these costs varies with incremental changes. Marginal demand costs measure
10 the incremental change in costs resulting from an incremental change in peak load
11 (demand). Marginal energy (commodity) costs measure the incremental change in costs
12 resulting from an incremental change in MCF (energy) consumption. Marginal customer
13 costs measure the incremental change in costs resulting from an incremental change in
14 number of customers.

15 Particularly relevant here is understanding what costs are included within, and the
16 procedures used to determine, marginal customer costs. Since marginal customer costs
17 reflect the measurement of how costs vary with the number of customers, they only include
18 those costs that directly vary as a result of adding a new customer.

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20 **Q. Please explain how this theory of competitive pricing should be applied to regulated**
21 **public utilities such as Kansas Gas.**

22 A. Due to Kansas Gas’ investment in system infrastructure, there is no debate that many of its
23 short-run costs are fixed in nature. However, as discussed above, efficient competitive

1 prices are established based on long-run costs, which are entirely variable in nature.

2 Marginal cost pricing only relates to efficiency. This pricing does not attempt to
3 address fairness or equity. Fair and equitable pricing of a regulated monopoly's products
4 and services should reflect the benefits received for the goods or services. In this regard,
5 those that receive more benefits should pay more in total than those who receive fewer
6 benefits. Regarding natural gas usage, the level of consumption is the best and most direct
7 indicator of benefits received. Thus, volumetric pricing promotes the fairest pricing
8 mechanism to customers and to the utility.

9 The above philosophy has consistently been the belief of economists, regulators,
10 and policy makers for generations. For example, consider utility industry pricing in the
11 1800s, when the industry was in its infancy. Customers paid a fixed monthly fee and
12 consumed as much of the utility commodity/service as they desired (usually water). It soon
13 became apparent that this fixed monthly fee rate schedule was inefficient and unfair.
14 Utilities soon began metering their commodity/service and charging only for the amount
15 actually consumed. In this way, consumers receiving more benefits from the utility paid
16 more, in total, for the utility service because they used more of the commodity.

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18 **Q. Is the natural gas distribution industry unique in its cost structures, which are**
19 **comprised largely of fixed costs in the short-run?**

20 A. No. Most manufacturing and transportation industries are comprised of cost structures
21 predominated with "fixed" costs. These fixed costs, also called "sunk" costs, are primarily
22 comprised of investments in plant and equipment. Indeed, virtually every capital-intensive
23 industry is faced with a high percentage of so-called fixed costs in the short run. Prices for

1 competitive products and services in these capital-intensive industries are invariably
2 established on a volumetric basis, including those that were once regulated, e.g., motor
3 transportation, airline travel, and rail service.

4 Accordingly, Kansas Gas' position that a large portion of its fixed distribution costs
5 should be recovered through fixed monthly charges is incorrect. Pricing should reflect the
6 Company's long-run costs, wherein all costs are variable or volumetric in nature, and users
7 requiring more of Kansas Gas' products and services should pay more than customers who
8 use less of these products and services. Stated more simply, those customers who conserve
9 or are otherwise more energy efficient, or those who use less of the commodity for any
10 reason, should pay less than those who use more natural gas.

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12 **Q. How are high fixed customer charge rate structures contrary to effective conservation**
13 **efforts?**

14 A. High fixed charge rate structures actually promote additional consumption because a
15 consumer's price of incremental consumption is less than what an efficient price structure
16 would otherwise be. A clear example of this principle is exhibited in the natural gas
17 transmission pipeline industry. As discussed in its well-known Order 636, the FERC's
18 adoption of a "Straight Fixed Variable" ("SFV") pricing method¹⁶ was a result of national
19 policy (primarily that of Congress) to encourage increased use of domestic natural gas by
20 promoting additional interruptible (and incremental firm) gas usage. The FERC's SFV
21 pricing mechanism greatly reduced the price of incremental (additional) natural gas
22 consumption. This resulted in significantly increasing the demand for, and use of, natural

¹⁶ Under SFV pricing, customers pay a fixed charge that is designed to recover all of the utility's fixed costs.

1 gas in the United States after Order 636 was issued in 1992.

2 FERC Order 636 had two primary goals. The first goal was to enhance gas
3 competition at the wellhead by completely unbundling the merchant and transportation
4 functions of pipelines.¹⁷ The second goal was to encourage the increased consumption of
5 natural gas in the United States. In Order 636's introductory statement, FERC stated:

6 The Commission's intent is to further facilitate the unimpeded operation
7 of market forces to stimulate the production of natural gas... [and thereby]
8 contribute to reducing our Nation's dependence upon imported oil... .¹⁸
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10 With specific regard to the SFV rate design adopted in Order 636, FERC stated:

11 Moreover, the Commission's adoption of SFV should maximize pipeline
12 throughput over time by allowing gas to compete with alternate fuels on a
13 timely basis as the prices of alternate fuels change. The Commission
14 believes it is beyond doubt that it is in the national interest to promote the
15 use of clean and abundant gas over alternate fuels such as foreign oil. SFV
16 is the best method for doing that.¹⁹
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18 Recently, some public utilities have begun to advocate SFV residential pricing,
19 claiming a need for enhanced fixed charge revenues. To support their claim, the companies
20 argue that because retail rates have been historically volumetric-based, there has been a
21 disincentive for utilities to promote conservation or encourage reduced consumption.
22 However, the FERC's objective in adopting SFV pricing suggests the exact opposite. The
23 price signal that results from SFV pricing is meant to promote additional consumption, not
24 reduce consumption. Thus, a rate structure that is heavily based on a fixed monthly
25 customer charge sends an even stronger price signal to consumers to use more energy.

¹⁷ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Docket Nos. RM91-11-001 and RM87-34-065, Order No. 636 (Apr. 9, 1992), p. 7.

¹⁸ *Id.* p. 8 (alteration in original).

¹⁹ *Id.* pp. 128-129.

1 **Q. As a public policy matter, what is the most effective tool that regulators have to**
2 **promote cost effective conservation and the efficient utilization of resources?**

3 A. Unquestionably, one of the most important and effective tools that this, or any, regulatory
4 Commission has to promote conservation is developing rates that send proper price signals
5 to conserve and utilize resources efficiently. A pricing structure that is largely fixed, such
6 that customers' effective prices do not properly vary with consumption, promotes the
7 inefficient utilization of resources. Pricing structures that are weighted heavily on fixed
8 charges are much more inferior from a conservation and efficiency standpoint than pricing
9 structures that require consumers to incur more cost with additional consumption.

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11 **Q. A customer's total natural gas bill is comprised of a base rate component and a**
12 **purchased gas clause component. The purchased gas clause is volumetrically-priced**
13 **and represents a significant portion of a customer's total bill. Does the volumetric**
14 **pricing of these components eliminate the need for a proper pricing signal?**

15 A. No, certainly not. The fact that significant revenue may be collected volumetrically does
16 not lessen the need for a reasonable rate design.

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18 **Q. Notwithstanding the efficiency reasons as to why regulation should serve as a**
19 **surrogate for competition, are there other relevant aspects to the pricing structures**
20 **in competitive markets *vis a vis* those of regulated utilities?**

21 A. Yes. In competitive markets, consumers, by definition, have the ability to choose various
22 suppliers of goods and services. Consumers and the market have a clear preference for
23 volumetric pricing. Utility customers are not so fortunate in that the local utility is a

1 monopoly. The only reason utilities are able to seek pricing structures with high fixed
2 monthly charges is due to their monopoly status. In my opinion, this is a critical
3 consideration in establishing utility pricing structures. Competitive markets and
4 consumers in the United States have demanded volumetric-based prices for generations.
5 A regulated utility's pricing structure should not be allowed to counter the collective
6 wisdom of markets and consumers simply because of its market power.

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8 **Q. It is sometimes claimed that lower fixed monthly customer charges result in the**
9 **creation of intra-class subsidies between higher volume users within a particular**
10 **customer class and lower volume users. Please respond to this assertion.**

11 A. It is well known that Residential heating customers have a significantly lower load factor
12 than non-heating customers.²⁰ This is because non-heating customers tend to not be nearly
13 as weather sensitive as heating customers and so their usage is rather constant throughout
14 the year. On the other hand, Residential heating customers demand more and more of the
15 Company's facilities as cold weather and natural gas usage requirements increase. Because
16 high load factor customers evenly spread their demands throughout the year, these
17 customers are cheaper to serve (on a per unit of consumption basis) than low load factor
18 customers. As such, it cannot be said that high usage customers subsidize low usage
19 customers due to a predominant volumetric pricing schedule.

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²⁰ Load factor is defined as average daily usage divided by peak day usage wherein average daily usage is annual throughput divided by 365 days.

1 **Q. How should the level of fixed monthly customer charges be evaluated?**

2 A. Fixed monthly charges should only reflect the direct costs to connect and maintain a
3 customer's account. As such, customer charges should only reflect the costs of service
4 lines, meters, meter reading, customer records and billing. Customer charges should not
5 include any overhead costs, as these are simply the cost of doing business, nor should they
6 include any costs of mains.

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8 **Q. Have you conducted an analysis of the appropriate level of Residential customer**
9 **charges for Kansas Gas?**

10 A. Yes. I have conducted a direct customer cost analysis for Kansas Gas' Residential
11 customers, which is provided in my Schedule GAW-3. In conducting my direct customer
12 cost analysis, I calculated a Residential customer charge revenue requirement based upon
13 CURB's recommended depreciation rates and cost of capital as well as under the
14 Company's requested depreciation rates and cost of capital. My studies indicate a
15 Residential direct customer cost between \$13.03 and \$14.43 per month as shown in my
16 Schedule GAW-3.

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18 **Q. What is your recommendation regarding fixed monthly customer charges for Kansas**
19 **Gas' Residential customers?**

20 A. Even though my calculated Residential customer cost of \$13.03 to \$14.43 per month is less
21 than the current rate of \$16.70 per month, I recommend that the existing Residential
22 customer charge be maintained at its current level.

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1 Q. **Does this complete your testimony?**

2 A. Yes.

VERIFICATION

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA)
)
COUNTY OF HENRICO) ss:

Glenn A. Watkins, being duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that he is a consultant for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board, that he has read and is familiar with the foregoing Direct Testimony, and that the statements made herein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief.



Glenn A. Watkins

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 24th day of October, 2018.



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 10/31/2022



BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCE PROFILE

GLENN A. WATKINS

PRESIDENT/SENIOR ECONOMIST
TECHNICAL ASSOCIATES, INC.

EDUCATION

1982 - 1988	M.B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
1980 - 1982	B.S., Economics; Virginia Commonwealth University
1976 - 1980	A.A., Economics; Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary, Petersburg, Virginia

POSITIONS

Jan. 2017-Present	President/Senior Economist, Technical Associates, Inc.
Mar. 1993-Dec. 2016	Vice President/Senior Economist, Technical Associates, Inc. (Mar. 1993-June 1995 Traded as C. W. Amos of Virginia)
Apr. 1990-Mar. 1993	Principal/Senior Economist, Technical Associates, Inc.
Aug. 1987-Apr. 1990	Staff Economist, Technical Associates, Inc., Richmond, Virginia
Feb. 1987-Aug. 1987	Economist, Old Dominion Electric Cooperative, Richmond, Virginia
May 1984-Jan. 1987	Staff Economist, Technical Associates, Inc.
May 1982-May 1984	Economic Analyst, Technical Associates, Inc.
Sep. 1980-May 1982	Research Assistant, Technical Associates, Inc.

EXPERIENCE

I. Public Utility Regulation

- A. Costing Studies -- Conducted, and presented as expert testimony, numerous embedded and marginal cost of service studies. Cost studies have been conducted for electric, gas, telecommunications, water, and wastewater utilities. Analyses and issues have included the evaluation and development of alternative cost allocation methods with particular emphasis on ratemaking implications of distribution plant classification and capacity cost allocation methodologies. Distribution plant classifications have been conducted using the minimum system and zero-intercept methods. Capacity cost allocations have been evaluated using virtually every recognized method of allocating demand related costs (e.g., single and multiple coincident peaks, non-coincident peaks, probability of loss of load, average and excess, and peak and average).
Embedded and marginal cost studies have been analyzed with respect to the seasonal and diurnal distribution of system energy and demand costs, as well as cost effective approaches to incorporating energy and demand losses for rate design purposes. Economic dispatch models have been evaluated to determine long range capacity requirements as well as system marginal energy costs for ratemaking purposes.
- B. Rate Design Studies -- Analyzed, designed and provided expert testimony relating to rate structures for all retail rate classes, employing embedded and marginal cost studies. These rate structures have included flat rates, declining block rates, inverted block rates, hours use of demand blocking, lighting rates, and interruptible rates. Economic development and special industrial rates have been developed in recognition of the competitive environment for specific customers. Assessed alternative time differentiated rates with diurnal and seasonal pricing structures. Applied Ramsey (Inverse Elasticity) Pricing to marginal costs in order to adjust for embedded revenue requirement constraints.

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- C. Forecasting and System Profile Studies -- Development of long range energy (Kwh or Mcf) and demand forecasts for rural electric cooperatives and investor owned utilities. Analysis of electric plant operating characteristics for the determination of the most efficient dispatch of generating units on a system-wide basis. Factors analyzed include system load requirements, unit generating capacities, planned and unplanned outages, marginal energy costs, long term purchased capacity and energy costs, and short term power interchange agreements.
- D. Cost of Capital Studies -- Analyzed and provided expert testimony on the costs of capital and proper capital structures for ratemaking purposes, for electric, gas, telephone, water, and wastewater utilities. Costs of capital have been applied to both actual and hypothetical capital structures. Cost of equity studies have employed comparable earnings, DCF, and CAPM analyses. Econometric analyses of adjustments required to electric utilities cost of equity due to the reduced risks of completing and placing new nuclear generating units into service.
- E. Accounting Studies -- Performed and provided expert testimony for numerous accounting studies relating to revenue requirements and cost of service. Assignments have included original cost studies, cost of reproduction new studies, depreciation studies, lead-lag studies, Weather normalization studies, merger and acquisition issues and other rate base and operating income adjustments.

II. Transportation Regulation

- A. Oil and Products Pipelines -- Conducted cost of service studies utilizing embedded costs, I.C.C. Valuation, and trended original cost. Development of computer models for cost of service studies utilizing the "Williams" (FERC 154-B) methodology. Performed alternative tariff designs, and dismantlement and restoration studies.
- B. Railroads -- Analyses of costing studies using both embedded and marginal cost methodologies. Analyses of market dominance and cross-subsidization, including the implementation of differential pricing and inverse elasticity for various railroad commodities. Analyses of capital and operation costs required to operate "stand alone" railroads. Conducted cost of capital and revenue adequacy studies of railroads.

III. Insurance Studies

Conducted and presented expert testimony relating to market structure, performance, and profitability by line and sub-line of business within specific geographic areas, e.g. by state. These studies have included the determination of rates of return on Statutory Surplus and GAAP Equity by line - by state using the NAIC methodology, and comparison of individual insurance company performance vis a vis industry Country-Wide performance.

Conducted and presented expert testimony relating to rate regulation of workers compensation, automobile, and professional malpractice insurance. These studies have included the determination of a proper profit and contingency factor utilizing an internal rate of return methodology, the development of a fair investment income rate, capital structure, cost of capital.

Other insurance studies have included testimony before the Virginia Legislature regarding proper regulatory structure of Credit Life and P&C insurance; the effects on competition and prices resulting from proposed insurance company mergers, maximum and minimum expense multiplier limits, determination of specific class code rate increase limits (swing limits); and investigation of the reasonableness of NCCI=s administrative assigned risk plan and pool expenses.

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IV. Anti-Trust and Commercial Business Damage Litigation

Analyses of alleged claims of attempts to monopolize, predatory pricing, unfair trade practices and economic losses. Assignments have involved definitions of relevant market areas (geographic and product) and performance of that market, the pricing and cost allocation practices of manufacturers, and the economic performance of manufacturers' distributors.

Performed and provided expert testimony relating to market impacts involving automobile and truck dealerships, incremental profitability, the present value of damages, diminution in value of business, market and dealer performance, future sales potential, optimal inventory levels, fair allocation of products, financial performance; and business valuations.

MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Member, Association of Energy Engineers (1998)

Certified Rate of Return Analyst, Society of Utility and Regulatory Financial Analysts (1992)

Member, American Water Works Association

National Association of Business Economists

Richmond Association of Business Economists

National Economics Honor Society

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YEAR	CASE NAME	JURISDICTION	DOCKET NO.	SUBJECT OF TESTIMONY
1985	SAVANNAH ELECT. & PWR CO.	GA. PSC	3523U	SALES FORECAST, RATE DESIGN ISSUES
1990	CENTRAL MAINE PWR CO.	ME. PUC	89-68	MARGINAL COST OF SERVICE
1990	COMMONWEALTH GAS SERVICES (Columbia Gas)	VA. SCC	PUE900034	CLASS COST OF SERVICE
1990	WARNER FRUEHAUF	U.S. BANKRUPTCY CT.	n/a	VALUE OF STOCK, COST OF CAPITAL
1991	W. VA. WATER	WVA PSC	91-140-W-42T	RATE DESIGN
1992	S.C. WORKERS COMPENSATION	SC DEPT OF INSUR	92-034	INTERNAL RATE OF RETURN
1992	GRASS v. ATLAS PLUMBING, et.al.	RICHMOND CIRCUIT CT	n/a	DAMAGES, BREACH OF COVENANT NOT TO COMPETE (PROFFERED TEST)
1992	VIRGINIA NATURAL GAS	VA SCC	PUE920031	JURISDICTIONAL & CLASS COST OF SERVICE
1992	ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY (DIRECT)	N.J. DEPT OF INSUR	INS 06174-92	COST ALLOCATIONS, PROFITABILITY
1992	ALLSTATE INSURANCE COMPANY (REBUTTAL)	N.J. DEPT OF INSUR	INS 06174-92	COST ALLOCATIONS, PROFITABILITY
1993	MOUNTAIN FORD v FORD MOTOR COMPANY	FEDERAL DISTRICT CT	n/a	VEHICLE ALLOCATIONS, INVENTORY LEVELS, INCREMENTAL PROFIT, & DAMAGES
1993	SOUTH WEST GAS CO.	AZ. CORP COMM	U-1551-92-253	DIRECT: CLASS COST ALLOCATIONS
1993	SOUTH WEST GAS CO.	AZ. CORP COMM	U-1551-92-253	SURREBUTTAL: CLASS COST ALLOCATIONS
1993	POTOMAC EDISON CO.	VA. SCC	PUE930033	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN
1995	VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER CO.	VA. SCC	PUE950003	JURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATIONS
1995	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY	N.J. B.P.U.	WR95040165	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN
1995	PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY	S.C. P.S.C.	95-715-G	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN,WEATHER NORMALIZATION
1995	CYCLE WORLD v. HONDA MOTOR CO.	VA. DMV	None	MARKET PERFORMANCE, FINANCIAL IMPACT OF NEW DEALER
1996	HOUSE BILL # 1513	VA. GEN'L ASSEMBLY	N/A	WATER / WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEES
1996	VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER CO.	VA. SCC	PUE950003	JURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATIONS
1996	ELIZABETHTOWN WATER CO.	N.J. B.P.U.	WR95110557	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN
1996	ELIZABETHTOWN WATER CO.	N.J. B.P.U.	WR95110557	SURREBUTTAL COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN
1996	SOUTH JERSEY GAS CO.	N.J. B.P.U.	GR96010032	CLASS COST OF SERVICE
1996	VIRGINIA LIABILITY INSURANCE COMPETITION	VA. SCC	INS960164	COST ALLOCATIONS, INSURANCE PROFITABILITY
1996	SOUTH JERSEY GAS CO.	N.J. B.P.U.	GR96010032	REBUTTAL - CLASS COST OF SERVICE
1996	HOUSE BILL # 1513	VA. GEN'L ASSEMBLY	N/A	WATER / WASTEWATER CONNECTION FEES
1997	NISSAN v. CRUMPLER NISSAN	VA. DMV	None	MARKET DETERMINATION & PERFORMANCE
1997	PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN WATER CO. (DIRECT)	PA. PUC	R-00973952	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN,RATE DISCOUNTS
1997	PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN WATER CO. (REBUTTAL)	PA. PUC	R-00973952	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN,RATE DISCOUNTS
1997	PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN WATER CO. (SURREBUTTAL)	PA. PUC	R-00973952	COST ALLOCATIONS,RATE DESIGN,RATE DISCOUNTS
1997	VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER CO.	VA. SCC	PUE970523	JURISDICTIONAL/CLASS ALLOCATIONS
1998	VIRGINIA ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY	VA. SCC	PUE960296	CLASS COST OF SERVICE and TIME DIFFERENTIATED FUEL COSTS
1998	NEW JERSEY AMERICAN WATER COMPANY	N.J. B.P.U.	WR98010015	CLASS COST OF SERVICE,RATE DESIGN, REVENUES
1998	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY	VA. SCC	PUE960296	CLASS COST OF SERVICE and TIME DIFFERENTIATED FUEL COSTS
1998	FREEMAN WRONGFUL DEATH	FEDERAL DISTRICT CT.		LOST INCOME, WORK EXPECTANCY
1998	EASTERN MAINE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	MAINE PUC	98-596	REVENUE REQUIREMENT
1998	CREDIT LIFE/AH RATE FILING	VA. SCC		PRIMA FACIA RATES, LEVEL OF COMPETITION
1999	CREDIT LIFE & A&H LEGISLATION	VA. GEN'L ASSEMBLY	N/A	COST ALLOCATIONS, INSURANCE PROFITABILITY
1999	MILLER VOLKSWAGEN v. VOLKSWAGEN oF AMERICA	VA. DMV	None	VEHICLE ALLOCATIONS/CSI
1999	COLUMBIA GAS of VIRGINIA	VA. SCC	PUE980287	RATE STRUCTURE
1999	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA. SCC	INS990165	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
1999	ROANOKE GAS	VA. SCC	PUE980626	Rate Design/ Weather Norm
2000	PERSON-SMITH v. DOMINION REALTY	RICHMOND CIRCUIT	n/a	LOST INCOME
2000	CREDIT LIFE/AH RATE FILING	VA. SCC		PRIMA FACIA RATES, LEVEL OF COMPETITION
2000	UNITED CITIES GAS	VA. SCC		Cost Allocations/ Rate Design
2001	VERMONT WORKERS COMPENSATION RATE CASE	VT. INSURANCE COMM.	n/a	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2001	SERRA CHEVROLET v. GENERAL MOTORS CORP.	ALABAMA CIRCUIT CT.	98-2089	ECONOMIC DAMAGES
2001	VIRGINIA POWER ELECTRIC RESTRUCTURING	VA. SCC	PUE000584	RATE Design (UNBUNDLING)
2001	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER RESTRUCTURING	VA. SCC	PUE010011	RATE Design (UNBUNDLING)
2001	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA. SCC	INS010190	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2002	PHILADELPHIA SUBURBAN WATER CO. (DIRECT)	PA. PUC	R00016750	COST ALLOCATIONS AND RATE DESIGN
2002	HAROLD MORRIS PERSONAL INJURY	FED. DIST CT (RICHMOND)	n/a	LOST WAGES
2002	PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS	S.C. PSC	2002-63-G	REVENUE RQMT, COST OF CAPITAL
2002	VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY	VA. SCC	PUE-2002-00375	JURISDICTIONAL/CLASS ALLOCATIONS
2002	ROANOKE GAS COMPANY	VA. SCC	PUE-2002-00373	WEATHER NORMALIZATION RIDER
2002	SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS (ELECTRIC)	S.C. PSC	2002-223-E	REVENUE RQMT.
2003	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA. SCC	INS-2003-00157	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2003	CREDIT LIFE/AH RATE FILING	VA. SCC		PRIMA FACIA RATES, LEVEL OF COMPETITION

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2003	ROANOKE GAS	VA. SCC	PUE-2003-00425	WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT RIDER
2003	SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA GAS CO.	VA. SCC	PUE-2003-00426	WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT RIDER
2004	SOUTH CAROLINA PIPELINE COMPANY	S.C. PSC	2004-6-G	COST OF GAS AND INTERRUPT. SALES PROGRAM
2004	VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY	VA. SCC	PUE-2003-00539	JURISDICTIONAL/CLASS ALLOCATIONS
2004	SCE&G FUEL CONTRACT	S.C. PSC	2004-126-E	GAS CONTRACT FOR COMBINED CYCLE PLANT
2004	WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT	VA. SCC	PUE-2003-00603	RATE DESIGN/ WNA RIDER
2004	ATMOS ENERGY	VA. SCC	PUE-2003-00507	RATE DESIGN/ WNA RIDER
2004	SCE&G RATE CASE (ELECTRIC)	S.C. PSC	2004-178-E	COST OF CAPITAL/ REV RQMT.
2004	MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LEGISLATION	VA. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	N/A	INDUSTRY RESTRUTURE/ PROFITABILITY
2004	ATLAS HONDA v. HONDA MOTOR CO.	VA. DMV	None	NEW DEALER PROTEST
2004	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA. SCC	INS-2004-00124	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2004	NATIONAL FUEL GAS DISTRIBUTION	PA. PUC	R00049656	COST ALLOCATIONS/ RATE DESIGN
2005	WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT	VA SCC	PUE-2005-00010	WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT RIDER
2005	Serra Chevrolet	US Federal Ct.	CV-01-P-2682-S	Dealer incremental profits and costs
2005	NEWTOWN ARTESIAN WATER	PA. PUC		REV. RQMT./ RATE STRUCTURE
2005	CITY OF BETHLEHEM WATER RATE CASE	PA. PUC		REV. RQMT./ RATE STRUCTURE
2005	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA SCC	INS-2005-00159	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2005	Virginia Natural Gas	VA SCC	PUE-2005-00057	Revenue Requirement/ Alt. Regulation Plan
2006	Olathe Hyundai v. Hyundai Motors of America	KS DMV	None	Dealer impact analysis
2006	Virginia Credit Life & A&H Prima Facia Rates	VA SCC	INS-2006-00013	Market Structure
2006	Columbia Gas of Virginia	VA SCC	PUE-2005-00098	Revenue Requirements/ Alt. Regulation Plan
2006	PPL Gas	PA. PUC	R-00061398	COST ALLOCATIONS/ RATE DESIGN
2006	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA SCC	INS-2006-00197	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2007	Level of Private Pass. Auto Competition	Ma. Dept of Insur	N/A	Private Pass Auto level of competition
2007	WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT	VA SCC	PUE-2006-00059	Cost Allocations/ Rate Design/ Alt Regulation Plan
2007	Valley Energy	PA. PUC	R-00072349	Cost of Capital/Rate Design
2007	Wellsboro Electric	PA. PUC	R-00072350	Cost of Capital/Rate Design
2007	Citizens' Electric Of Lewisburg, Pa	PA. PUC	R-00072348	Cost of Capital/Rate Design
2007	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA SCC	INS-2007-00224	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2007	Georgia Power	Ga.PSC	25060-U	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	PA. PUC	R-2008-2011621	COST ALLOCATIONS/ RATE DESIGN
2008	Greenway Toll Road Investigation	VA. GENERAL ASSEMBLY	N/A	Affiliate Transactions
2008	Puget Sound Energy (Electric)	Wa. UTC	UE-072300	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Puget Sound Energy (Gas)	Wa. UTC	UE-072301	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Blue Grass Electric Cooperative	Ky PSC	2008-00011	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Columbia Gas of Ohio	OH PUC	08-72-GA-AIR, et. al	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Virginia Natural Gas	Va SCC	PUE-2008-00060	Natl Gas Conservation/ Revenue Decoupling
2008	Equitable Natural Gas	PA. PUC	R-2008-2029325	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Discounted Rates
2008	LG&E (Electric)	Ky PSC	2008-000252	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Weather Normalization
2008	LG&E (Natural Gas)	Ky PSC	2008-000252	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Kentucky Utilities	Ky PSC	2008-00251	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Weather Normalization
2008	Pike County Natural Gas	PA. PUC	R-2008-2046520	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Pike County Electric	PA. PUC	R-2008-2046518	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2008	Newtown Artesian Water	PA. PUC	R-2008-2042293	Revenue Requirement
2009	Leesburg Water & Sewer	Va. Circuit Ct.	Civil Action 42736	Revenue Requirement/ Excess Rates
2009	Central Penn Gas, Inc.	PA. PUC	R-02008-2079675	Cost Allocation/Rate Design
2009	Penn Natural Gas, Inc.	PA. PUC	R-2008-2079660	Cost Allocation/Rate Design
2009	Credit Life/ A&H ratemaking	Va. SCC	n/a	Market Structure and Availability
2009	Fairfax County v. City of Falls Church Virginia	Fairfax Circuit Ct. (Va.)	CL-2008-16114	Water Revenue Requirement
2009	Avista Utilities (Electric)	Wa. UTC	UE-090134	Electric rate Design
2009	Avista Utilities (Gas)	Wa. UTC	UG-090135	Gas Rate design
2009	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	Ky PSC	2009-00141	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2009	NCCI (Workers Compensation Rates)	VA SCC	INS-2009-00142	Workers Compensation Rates
2009	Duke Energy of Kentucky (Gas)	Ky. PSC	2009-00202	Rate Design
2009	Duke Energy Carolinas (Electric)	NC UC	E-7 Sub 909	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2009	PacifiCorp	Wa. UTC	UE-090205	Rate Design/Low Income
2009	Puget Sound Energy (Electric)	Wa. UTC	UE-090704	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2009	Puget Sound Energy (Gas)	Wa. UTC	UG-090705	Cost Allocations/Rate Design

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YEAR	CASE NAME	JURISDICTION	DOCKET NO.	SUBJECT OF TESTIMONY
2009	United Water of Pennsylvania	PA PUC	2009-212287	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	Aqua Virginia, Inc.	VA SCC	PUE-2009-00059	Rate Design
2010	Kentucky Utilities	Ky PSC	2009-00548	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Weather Normalization
2010	LG&E (Electric)	Ky PSC	2009-00549	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	LG&E (Natural Gas)	Ky PSC	2009-00549	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Weather Normalization
2010	Philadelphia Gas Works	PA PUC	2009-2139884	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	PA PUC	2009-2149262	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	PPL Electric Company	PA PUC	2010-2161694	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	York Water Company	PA PUC	2010-2157140	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	Valley Energy, Inc.	PA PUC	2010-2174470	Cost of Capital/Revenue Requirement/Rate Design
2010	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA SCC	INS-2010-00126	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2010	Columbia Gas of Virginia	VA SCC	PUE-2010-00017	Cost of Capital/Revenue Requirement/Rate Design
2010	Georgia Power Company	GA PSC	Docket No. 31958	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2010	City of Lancaster, Bureau of Water	PA PUC	R-2010-2179103	Cost of Capital
2011	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	PA PUC	R-2010-2215623	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2011	Owen Electric Cooperative	KY PSC	PUE-2011-00037	Rate Design
2011	Virginia Natural Gas	VA SCC	PUE-2010-00142	Pipeline Prudency/Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2011	United Water of Pennsylvania	PA PUC	2011-2232985	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2011	PPL Electric Company (Remand)	PA PUC	2010-2161694	Negotiated Industrial Rate
2011	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA SCC	2011-00163	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2011	Artesian Water Company	DE PSC	11-207	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2011	Arizona-American Water Company	AZ. CORP COMM	W-01303A-10-0448	Excess Capacity/Need For Facilities
2012	Tidewater Utilities, Inc.	DE PSC	11-397	Cost of Capital/Revenue Requirement/Rate Design
2012	PPL Electric	PA PUC	R-2012-2290597	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2012	NCCI (WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE)	VA SCC	INS-2012-00144	WORKERS COMPENSATION RATES
2012	Credit Life Accident & Health	VA SCC	INS-2012-00014	Market Structure and Performance
2012	Avista Utilities (Electric)	Wa. UTC	UE-120436	Electric rate Design
2012	Avista Utilities (Gas)	Wa. UTC	UG-120437	Gas Rate design
2012	Kentucky Utilities	Ky PSC	2012-00221	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Weather Normalization
2012	LG&E (Electric)	Ky PSC	2012-00222	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2012	LG&E (Natural Gas)	Ky PSC	2012-00222	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/ Weather Normalization
2012	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	PA PUC	2012-2321748	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/Revenue Distribution
2013	Virginia Natural Gas - CARE Plan	VA SCC	2012-00118	Energy Conservation and Decoupling
2013	Columbia Gas of Maryland	MD OPC	9316	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2013	Delmarva Power & Light	DE PSC	12-546	Revenue Requirement/Rate Design
2013	PacifiCorp	Wa. UTC	13-0043	Residential Customer Charges
2013	Gas-On-Gas Competition - Generic Investigation	PA PUC	2012-232-0323	Treatment of Rate Discounts
2013	Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative Pole Attachment Fees	VA SCC	2013-00055	Financial Performance
2013	Georgia Power Company	GA PSC	36989	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2013	Atmos Energy Kentucky	KY PSC	2013-00148	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2013	Columbia Gas of Kentucky	KY PSC	2013-00167	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2013	NCCI (Workers Compensation Insurance)	VA SCC	INS-2013-00158	Workers Compensation Rates
2013	Duquesne Light Company	PA PUC	R-2013-2372129	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2014	CITY OF BETHLEHEM WATER RATE CASE	PA PUC	R-2013-2390244	Cost of Capital
2014	PEPCO Maryland	MD OPC	9336	Rate Design
2014	Avista Utilities, Inc. (Gas)	Wa. UTC	UG-140189	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2014	Tidewater Utilities, Inc.	DE PSC	13-466	Cost of Capital/Rate Design
2014	Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania	PA PUC	R-2014-2406274	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2014	Columbia NAS Pilot	PA PUC	R-2014-2407345	Mains Extension Policy
2014	Emporium Water Company	PA PUC	R-2014-2402324	Cost of Capital
2014	City of Lancaster, Bureau of Water	PA PUC	R-2014-2418872	Cost of Capital
2014	NCCI (Workers Compensation Insurance)	VA SCC	INS-2014-00172	Workers Compensation Rates
2014	Artesian Water Company	DE PSC	14-132	Revenue Requirement/Rate Design
2014	Peoples Service Expansion Tariff	PA PUC	R-2014-2429613	Mains Extension Policy
2014	PacifiCorp	Wa. UTC	UE-140762	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2015	Exelon/PHI Acquisition	DE PSC	14-193	Merger/Acquisition
2015	Choptank Electric Cooperative	MD OPC	9368	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2015	PECO Energy Company-Service Expansion Tariff	PA PUC	R-2014-2451772	Mains Extension Policy

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YEAR	CASE NAME	JURISDICTION	DOCKET NO.	SUBJECT OF TESTIMONY
2015	Indianapolis Power & Light	Indiana OUCC	44576	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2015	Columbia Gas of Virginia	VA SCC	PUE-2014-00020	Rate Design-Customer Charges
2015	PPL Electric Corporation	PA PUC	R-2015-2469275	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2015	PECO Energy Company	PA PUC	R-2015-2468981	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2015	Credit Life/AH Rate Filing	VA SCC	INS-2015-00022	Market Structure and Performance
2015	NCCI (Workers Compensation Insurance)	VA SCC	INS-2015-00064	Workers Compensation Rates
2016	Northern Indiana Public Service Company	Indiana OUCC	Cause No. 44688	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Washington Suburban Sanitary Complaint Commission	MD OPC	Case No. 9391	Rate Structure
2016	UGI Utilities, Inc. - Gas Division	PA PUC	R-2015-2518438	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Cascade Natural Gas	WA UTC	UG-152286	Revenue Requirements
2016	Chesapeake Utilities, Inc.	DE PSC	15-1734	Revenue Requirements/Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Suez Water Company	DE PSC	16-0163	Revenue Requirements/Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Avista Utilities, Inc. (Gas & Electric)	WA UTC	UE-160228/UG-160229	Attrition
2016	Anthem/Cigna Merger	VA SCC	INS-2015-00154	Market Structure/Level of Competition
2016	Columbia Gas of Maryland	MD OPC	Case No. 9417	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/Main Line Extensions Policy
2016	Peoples Service Expansion Tariff	PA PUC	R-2016-2542918	Mains Extension Policy
2016	NCCI (Workers Compensation Insurance)	Va SCC	INS-2016-00158	Workers Compensation Rates: Cost of Capital, IRR
2016	Kansas Gas Service	KS CURB	16-KGSG-491-RTS	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Delmarva Power & Light - Electric	DE PSC	16-0649	Revenue Requirements/Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Delmarva Power & Light - Gas	DE PSC	16-0650	Revenue Requirements/Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Washington Gas Light	VA SCC	PUE-2016-00001	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Kentucky Utilities	Ky PSC	2016-00370	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Louisville Gas & Electric	Ky PSC	2016-00371	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2016	Atlantic City Sewerage	NJ Rate Counsel	WR16100957	Cost of Capital
2017	UGI Penn Natural Gas	PA PUC	R-2016-2580030	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2017	Puget Sound Energy	WA UTC	UE-170033 & UG-170034	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2017	Pennsylvania-American Water	PA PUC	R-2017-259583	Cost of Capital
2017	Virginia Natural Gas	VA SCC	PUE-2016-00143	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2017	Aqua-Limerick Valuations	PA PUC	A-2017-260534	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
2017	PAWC-McKeesport Valuations	PA PUC	A-2017-2606103	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
2017	Indiana Michigan Power Company	Indiana OUCC	Cause No. 44967	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2017	Choptank Electric Cooperative	MD OPC	Case No. 9459	Rate Design
2017	NCCI (Workers Compensation Insurance)	Va SCC	INS-2017-00059	Workers Compensation Rates: Cost of Capital, IRR
2017	Duke Energy Kentucky	Ky PSC	2017-00321	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2018	Delmarva Power & Light - Electric	DE PSC	17-0977	Revenue Requirements and Rate Design
2018	Delmarva Power & Light - Gas	DE PSC	17-0978	Revenue Requirements and Rate Design
2018	Delmarva Power & Light Plug-In Vehicle Charging	DE PSC	17-1094	Ratepayer subsidies for Electric Vehicles
2018	Chesapeake Utilities, Inc. Natural Gas Expansion	DE PSC	17-1224	Mains Extension Policy
2018	Indianapolis Power & Light	Indiana OUCC	Cause No. 45029	Cost Allocations/Rate Design
2018	Duquesne Light Company	PA PUC	R-2018-3000124	Cost Allocations/Rate Design/EV Subsidy/Microgrid
2018	PAWC-Sadsbury Valuations	PA PUC	A-2018-3002437	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
2018	SUEZ Water Company-Mahoning Valuations	PA PUC	A-2018-3003519	Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
2018	Baltimore Gas & Electric Company	MD OPC	Case No. 9484	Cost Allocations/Rate Design

Note: Does not include Expert Reports submitted to Courts or Regulatory agencies in which cases that settled prior to testimony. Testimony prior to 2003 may be incomplete.

KANSAS GAS SERVICE

RATES/PROOF OF REVENUE

Class	Staff's Proof of Revenue									
	Staff Customer Count	Staff Volumetric Total	Current Service Charge	Current Delivery Charge	Current Revenues at Current Rates	Proposed Service Charge	Proposed Delivery Charge	Proposed Revenues at Proposed Rates	Revenue Increase	Percentage Increase
Residential	579,541	43,459,596	\$ 15.35	\$ 2.1267	\$ 199,176,975	\$ 16.70	\$ 2.2316	\$ 213,124,451	\$ 13,947,476	7.0%
General Service - Small	36,849	3,725,753	\$ 28.65	\$ 2.1267	\$ 20,592,245	\$ 28.65	\$ 2.3472	\$ 21,413,774	\$ 821,529	4.0%
General Service - Large	11,905	6,369,279	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.6819	\$ 15,855,256	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.7810	\$ 16,486,451	\$ 631,196	4.0%
General Service - Transport Eligible	566	1,426,535	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.4598	\$ 2,489,976	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.5293	\$ 2,589,120	\$ 99,144	4.0%
Small Generator Service	649	10,703	\$ 52.20	\$ 0.6427	\$ 413,412	\$ 52.20	\$ 0.6427	\$ 413,412	\$ -	0.0%
Irrigation Sales	225	138,200	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.6819	\$ 329,639	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.6819	\$ 329,639	\$ -	0.0%
Kansas Gas Supply	1	33,689	\$ 350.00	\$ 0.8673	\$ 33,418	\$ 350.00	\$ 0.8673	\$ 33,418	\$ -	0.0%
Sales for Resale	16	66,051	\$ 85.00	\$ 1.2497	\$ 98,864	\$ 85.00	\$ 1.2497	\$ 98,864	\$ -	0.0%
Small Transport k-System	3,357	5,810,313	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.4598	\$ 10,899,050	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.4598	\$ 10,899,050	\$ -	0.0%
Small Transport t-System	1,120	1,704,867	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.9170	\$ 4,074,630	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.9170	\$ 4,074,630	\$ -	0.0%
Compressed Natural Gas	3	131,290	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.8199	\$ 109,805	\$ 60.00	\$ 0.8199	\$ 109,805	\$ -	0.0%
Irrigation Transport	508	839,690	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.6819	\$ 1,631,731	\$ 36.00	\$ 1.6819	\$ 1,631,731	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport k - Tier 1	188	887,449	\$ 208.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 1,242,904	\$ 208.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 1,242,904	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport k - Tier 2	110	1,607,211	\$ 252.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 1,732,660	\$ 252.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 1,732,660	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport k - Tier 3	64	1,794,876	\$ 323.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 1,812,765	\$ 323.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 1,812,765	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport k - Tier 4	60	6,376,210	\$ 392.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 5,839,253	\$ 392.00	\$ 0.8714	\$ 5,839,253	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport t - Tier 1	33	199,414	\$ 288.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 375,340	\$ 288.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 375,340	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport t - Tier 2	38	521,762	\$ 367.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 851,017	\$ 367.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 851,017	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport t - Tier 3	24	725,602	\$ 495.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 1,093,316	\$ 495.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 1,093,316	\$ -	0.0%
Large Transport t - Tier 4	29	3,774,256	\$ 621.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 5,161,516	\$ 621.00	\$ 1.3103	\$ 5,161,516	\$ -	0.0%
Wholesale Transport	28	968,190	\$ 85.00	\$ 1.2497	\$ 1,238,507	\$ 85.00	\$ 1.2497	\$ 1,238,507	\$ -	0.0%
Total	635,314	80,570,937			275,052,279			\$ 290,551,624	\$ 15,499,344	5.6%

KANSAS GAS SERVICE
Residential Customer Cost Analysis

	CURB COC & DEPRECIATION	COMPANY COC & DEPRECIATION
Gross Plant		
Services Plastic	\$420,032,468	\$420,032,468
Services Metallic	\$28,706,507	\$28,706,507
Meters	\$103,607,127	\$103,607,127
Meters - AMR	\$25,434,473	\$25,434,473
Meter Installations	\$84,514,335	\$84,514,335
Regulators	\$21,677,058	\$21,677,058
Installation on Customer Premises	\$204,597	\$204,597
Total Gross Plant	\$684,176,565	\$684,176,565
Accum. Depreciation Reserve		
Services Plastic	\$162,427,529	\$162,427,529
Services Metallic	(\$2,079,743)	(\$2,079,743)
Meters	\$23,607,190	\$23,607,190
Meters - AMR	\$6,298,337	\$6,298,337
Meter Installations	\$27,781,922	\$27,781,922
Regulators	\$6,801,166	\$6,801,166
Installation on Customer Premises	\$202,064	\$202,064
Total Depr. Reserve	\$225,038,465	\$225,038,465
Total Rate Base	\$459,138,100	\$459,138,100
Operation & Maintenance Expenses		
Oper Meter & House Reg.	\$7,242,740	\$7,242,740
Oper Customer Install Exp	\$4,848,445	\$4,848,445
Services Maintenance	\$1,931,470	\$1,931,470
Maint Meter & House Reg	\$1,713,603	\$1,713,603
Meter Reading	\$3,613,705	\$3,613,705
903 Records & Collections	\$9,708,562	\$9,708,562
Total O&M Expenses	\$29,058,525	\$29,058,525
Depreciation Expense		
Services Plastic	\$13,357,032 1/	\$15,751,218 2/
Services Metallic	\$1,561,634 1/	\$1,343,465 2/
Meters	\$2,880,278 1/	\$2,983,885 2/
Meters - AMR	\$1,696,479 1/	\$1,696,479 2/
Meter Installations	\$2,079,053 1/	\$2,755,167 2/
Regulators	\$390,187 1/	\$433,541 2/
Installation on Customer Premises	\$0 1/	\$41,247 2/
Total Depreciation Expense	\$21,964,664	\$25,005,002
Revenue Requirement		
Interest	\$8,140,519	\$6,839,845
Equity Return	\$22,727,336	\$28,553,798
Income Tax	\$8,206,836	\$10,310,770
Total	\$39,074,690	\$45,704,413
Revenue For Return	\$39,074,690	\$45,704,413
O&M Expenses	\$29,058,525	\$29,058,525
Depreciation Expense	\$21,964,664	\$25,005,002
Subtotal Customer Revenue Requirement	\$90,097,879	\$99,767,940
Plus: Uncollectible @ 1.2170% 3/	\$1,096,491	\$1,214,176
Total Customer Revenue Requirement	\$91,194,370	\$100,982,116
Number of Bills	6,996,600	6,996,600
Monthly Cost	\$13.03	\$14.43

1/ Gross plant x CURB proposed depreciation rates of 3.18% (Plastic Services), 5.44% (Metallic Services), 2.78% (Meters), 6.67% (AMR), 2.46% (Meter Installations), 1.80% (House Regulators), and 0.00% (Installation on Customer Premises).

2/ Gross plant x Kansas Gas proposed depreciation rate (Application Schedule 10-F).

3/ Calculated per CCOSS of \$2,525,010 (Residential uncollectible) divided by \$207,476,387 (Residential rate revenue).

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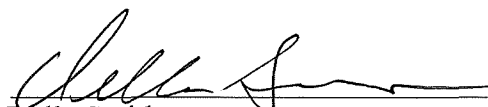
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