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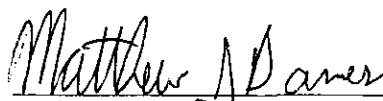
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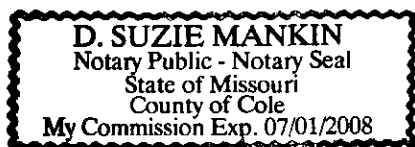
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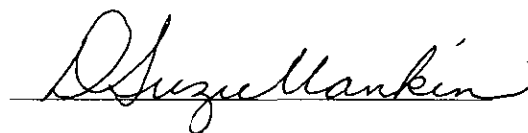
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Matthew J. Barnes

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Q. Please state your name.

A. My name is Matthew J. Barnes.

Q. Please state your business address.

A. My business address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

Q. What is your present occupation?

A. I am employed as a Utility Regulatory Auditor III for the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). I accepted the position of Utility Regulatory Auditor I in June 2003 and have since been promoted.

Q. Were you employed before you joined the Commission's Staff (Staff)?

A. Yes, I was employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Prior to MDNR I was employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation as an Auditor Aide.

Q. What is your educational background?

A. I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from Columbia College in December 2002. I earned a Masters in Business Administration with an emphasis in Accounting from William Woods University in May 2005.

Q. Have you filed testimony in other cases before this Commission?

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1 A. Yes. I filed Supplemental Direct Testimony in BPS Telephone Company
2 Case No. TC-2002-1076, Rebuttal Testimony in Sprint Nextel Case No. IO-2006-0086 and
3 Rebuttal Testimony in Alltel Missouri Inc. Case No. TM-2006-0272. The issue I covered in
4 BPS Telephone Company Case No. TC-2002-1076 was rate of return. This case was settled.

5 The issues I covered in Alltel Missouri Inc. Case No. TM-2006-0272 and Sprint
6 Nextel Case No. IO-2006-0086 was the spin-off of their regulated landline operations into a
7 new separate company. I analyzed indicative credit rating reports from the three major credit
8 rating agencies (Standard & Poor's, Moody's, and Fitch) that discussed the potential credit
9 rating, a reasonable dividend payout ratio and cash flows to the new spin-off companies. I
10 then used the indicative credit rating reports and compared the potential credit rating,
11 dividend payout ratio, and cash flows of the spin-off companies to a group of similar
12 telephone companies. These two cases were presented to the Commission and discussed
13 during an on-the-record presentation. Both cases were approved by the Commission.

14 Q. Have you participated in other rate cases in the past?

15 A. Yes. I participated in AmerenUE Case No. GR-2003-0517, Aquila, Inc. Case
16 No. ER-2004-0034, Empire ER-2004-0570, and Missouri American Water, Case
17 No. WR-2003-0500. I was involved in preparing the schedules and review of testimony for
18 the department manager and Auditor IV concerning rate of return.

19 Q. Have you made recommendations in any other cases before this Commission?

20 A. Yes, I have made recommendations on finance, merger and acquisition cases
21 before this Commission.

22 Q. Have you attended any schools, conferences or seminars specific to utility
23 finance and utility regulation?

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1 A. Yes. I attended The Rate Case Process in Missouri presented by Staff of the
2 Missouri Public Service Commission in March 2005. I have also attended the Financial
3 Research Institute seminars in 2003 and 2004 that covered topics such as rate of return,
4 restructuring of electric utility companies and the future operations of utility companies.

5 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?

6 A. I present the Staff's recommendation to the Commission of a fair and
7 reasonable rate of return for the Missouri jurisdictional electric utility rate base of Kansas
8 City Power and Light Company (KCP&L).

9 Q. Have you prepared a written analysis of the cost of capital for KCP&L?

10 A. Yes. I am sponsoring a study entitled "An Analysis of the Cost of Capital for
11 Kansas City Power and Light Company, Case No. ER-2006-0314" consisting of 21 schedules
12 which are attached to this direct testimony (see Schedule 1 for a list of these schedules).

13 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

14 Q. Please provide an executive summary of your testimony.

15 A. I present the Staff's recommendation that the Commission authorize an
16 overall rate of return (ROR) of 7.60 percent to 7.65 percent for KCP&L. This rate-of-return
17 recommendation is based on a recommended return on common equity of 9.32 percent to
18 9.42 percent applied to Great Plains Energy's (GPE) December 31, 2005, common equity
19 ratio of 50.94 percent. The recommendation is driven by my comparable company analysis
20 using the discounted cash flow (DCF) model. I believe the DCF model is the most reliable
21 model available.

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1 I used an embedded-cost-of-long-term-debt of ** ____ ** percent based on GPE's
2 embedded-cost-of-long-term-debt provided in response to Data Request 0019.

3 I used GPE's actual consolidated capital structure, which includes all of GPE's
4 operations, as of December 31, 2005 as the basis for the Staff's capital structure
5 recommendation. I included the amount of GPE's non-regulated debt in developing the
6 Staff's consolidated capital structure recommendation.

7 Q. How did you determine the Staff's recommended cost of common equity?

8 A. I determined the Staff's recommended cost of common equity by applying the
9 DCF model to a comparable group of vertically-integrated electric utility companies. I then
10 evaluated a number of factors to test the reasonableness of this recommendation. A complete
11 and detailed explanation of the Staff's recommended cost of common equity starts on
12 page 14, line 4 of this testimony.

13 **LEGAL PRINCIPLES**

14 Q. What legal principles do you understand constitute the basis for the
15 assessment of the justness and reasonableness of rate-of-return recommendations?

16 A. I understand that the *Bluefield Water Works and Improvement Company*
17 (1923) (*Bluefield*) and the *Hope Natural Gas Company* (1944) (*Hope*) cases have been cited
18 as the two most influential cases for the legal framework to determine a fair and reasonable
19 rate of return.

20 Q. What do you understand to be the teachings of the *Bluefield* case?

21 A. In the *Bluefield* case the Supreme Court ruled that a fair return would be:

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1. A return "generally being made at the same time" in that "general part of the country;"

2. A return achieved by other companies with "corresponding risks and uncertainties;" and

3. A return "sufficient to assure confidence in the financial soundness of the utility."

The Court specifically stated:

A public utility is entitled to such rates as will permit it to earn a return on the value of the property which it employs for the convenience of the public equal to that generally being made at the same time and in the same general part of the country on investments in other business undertakings which are attended by corresponding risks and uncertainties; but it has no constitutional right to profits such as are realized or anticipated in highly profitable enterprises or speculative ventures. The return should be reasonably sufficient to assure confidence in the financial soundness of the utility and should be adequate, under efficient and economical management, to maintain and support its credit and enable it to raise the money necessary for the proper discharge of its public duties. A rate of return may be reasonable at one time and become too high or too low by changes affecting opportunities for investment, the money market and business conditions generally.

Q. What do you understand to be the teachings of the *Hope* case?

A. In the *Hope* case, the Court stated that:

The rate-making process . . . , i.e., the fixing of "just and reasonable" rates, involves a balancing of the investor and the consumer interests. Thus we stated . . . that "regulation does not insure that the business shall produce net revenues" . . . it is important that there be enough revenue not only for operating expenses but also for the capital costs of the business. These include service on the debt and dividends on the stock . . . By that standard the return to the equity owner should be commensurate with returns on investments in other enterprises having corresponding risks. That return, moreover, should be sufficient to assure confidence in the financial integrity of the enterprise, so as to maintain its credit and to attract capital.

1 The *Hope* case restates the concept of comparable returns to include those achieved
2 by other enterprises that have "corresponding risks." The Supreme Court also noted in this
3 case that regulation does not guarantee profits to a utility company.

4 Q. Do you have any further comments on the use of cost of capital models to
5 determine a fair rate of return?

6 A. Yes. See Schedule A.

7 **CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

8 Q. What are the main points of the current capital and economic environment that
9 the Commission should consider in determining a reasonable authorized return on common
10 equity (ROE) for KCP&L?

11 A. The Federal Reserve (Fed) has been steadily raising the Fed Funds rate by
12 25 basis points at every Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting since June 30,
13 2004. This began after the Fed had kept the Fed Funds Rate at a 46-year low of 1.00 percent
14 for a full year. The Fed has now raised the Fed Funds Rate seventeen consecutive times to
15 its current level of 5.25 percent. According to a June 30, 2006, issue of the *Wall Street*
16 *Journal*:

17 "The extent and timing of any additional" rate increases "will depend
18 on the evolution of the outlook for both inflation and economic
19 growth," the Fed said in a statement. By contrast, the Fed's last
20 statement, on May 10, said "some further" rate increases "may yet be
21 needed."
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23 The language shift reflects Fed officials' decreased confidence that
24 they know now what they'll do next, given how much rates already
25 have risen, its view that the economy is slowing and its concern over
26 an expected rise in inflation that it nonetheless hopes is temporary.
27 The new language doesn't rule out another rate increase, but give the

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1 Fed added flexibility to base its decision more on coming economic
2 data than on any previous guidance it gave to markets.

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4 The Dow Jones Industrial Average, which was up about 80 points
5 before the statement was released, soared to close 217.24 points
6 higher, a gain of about 2%, its best day in more than three years.

7 Q. What has happened to long-term interest rates since the Fed started to increase
8 the Fed Funds rate from 1.00 percent?

9 A. Long-term interest rates have finally started to respond to the Fed's monetary
10 policy tightening. However, at this time it would be premature to label the increase in long-
11 term interest rates as a trend.

12 Q. How have utility bond yields responded to the tightening of U.S. monetary
13 policy?

14 A. A review of Schedules 5-1 and 5-3 shows that average utility bond yields fell
15 to an average annual yield of 5.39 percent during June 2005, which was the lowest yield in
16 the past 26 years. Utility bond yields have since increased to an average annual yield of
17 6.39 percent in May 2006.

18 Q. Would you explain the changes in utility bond yields and Thirty-Year U.S.
19 Treasury yields in a little more detail?

20 A. Cost of capital changes for utilities are closely reflected in the yields on public
21 utility bonds and yields on Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds (see attached Schedules 5-1
22 and 5-2). Schedule 5-3, attached to this direct testimony, shows how closely the Mergent's
23 "Public Utility Bond Yields" have followed the yields of Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds
24 during the period from 1980 to the present. The average spread for this period between these
25 two composite indices has been 151 basis points, with the spread ranging from a low of

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1 80 basis points to a high of 304 basis points (see attached Schedule 5-4). Although there may
2 be times when utility bond yield changes may lag the yield changes in the Thirty-Year
3 U.S. Treasury Bond, these spread parameters show just how tightly correlated utilities' cost
4 of capital is with the level of interest rates on long-term treasuries. For a detail explanation
5 of historical economic conditions please see Schedule B.

6 Q. What is the significance of the current economic conditions to KCP&L and
7 what conclusions should the Commission draw from it?

8 A. The significance of the current economic conditions to KCP&L is that yields
9 on public utility bonds and yields on Thirty-year Treasury bonds are low by recent historical
10 standards. An example of recent historical standards is the double digit yields for long-term
11 U.S. Government bonds and corporate bonds from the late 1970's to the mid 1980's. A
12 lower interest rate environment means a lower cost of capital and a higher interest rate
13 environment means a higher cost of capital for a utility. The current yields on U.S.
14 Government bonds and corporate bonds are now more normal by historical standards. The
15 Commission should take the lower and more normal yields on U.S. Government and
16 corporate bonds into consideration when authorizing a rate of return for GPE. For a history
17 of long-term investment grade Baa (Moody's equivalent of an S&P's BBB credit rating)
18 corporate bond yields please see Schedule 5-5.

19 **ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS**

20 Q. Do you have any information on economic projections?

21 A. Yes. See Schedule C for projections on inflation, interest rates and gross
22 domestic product (GDP).

BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF GPE AND KCP&L

Q. Please describe GPE's and KCP&L's business operations.

A. GPE's Form 10K Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filing for the 2005 calendar year provides a good description of GPE's and KCP&L's business operations:

Great Plains Energy, a Missouri corporation incorporated in 2001 and headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is a public utility holding company and does not own or operate any significant assets other than the stock of its subsidiaries. Great Plains Energy has four direct subsidiaries with operations or active subsidiaries:

- KCP&L is described below.
- KLT Inc. is an intermediate holding company that primarily holds, directly or indirectly, Innovative Energy Consultants Inc. (IEC) is an intermediate holding company that holds an indirect interest in Strategic Energy. IEC does not own or operate any assets other than its indirect interest in Strategic Energy. When combined with KLT Inc.'s indirect interest in Strategic Energy, the Company owns just under 100% of the indirect interest in Strategic Energy.
- Great Plains Energy Services Incorporated (Services) provides services at cost to Great Plains Energy and its subsidiaries, including consolidated KCP&L.

Great Plains Energy's wholly owned subsidiary, Great Plains Power Incorporated (GPP), focused on the development of wholesale generation. GPP sold all of its capital assets related to the siting and permitting process for construction of Iatan No. 2, a coal-fired generating plant, to KCP&L, at cost, during 2005. GPP was dissolved in 2005.

KCP&L, a Missouri corporation incorporated in 1922, is an integrated, regulated electric utility, which provides electricity to customers primarily in the states of Missouri and Kansas. KCP&L's wholly owned subsidiary, Home Service Solutions Inc. (HSS), sold its wholly owned subsidiary Worry Free Service, Inc. (Worry Free) in February 2005 and completed the disposition of its interest in R.S. Andrews Enterprises, Inc. (RSAE) in June 2003. After these sales, HSS has no active operations.

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1 KCP&L, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, engages in the
2 generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity. KCP&L
3 serves approximately 500,000 customers located in all or portions of
4 24 counties in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. Customers
5 include approximately 440,000 residences, over 55,000 commercial
6 firms, and over 2,200 industrials, municipalities and other electric
7 utilities. KCP&L's retail revenues averaged approximately 82% of its
8 total operating revenues over the last three years. Wholesale firm
9 power, bulk power sales and miscellaneous electric revenues
10 accounted for the remainder of utility revenues. KCP&L is
11 significantly impacted by seasonality with approximately one-third of
12 its retail revenues recorded in the third quarter. KCP&L's total
13 electric revenues averaged approximately 45% of Great Plains
14 Energy's revenues over the last three years. KCP&L's income from
15 continuing operations accounted for approximately 88%, 86% and
16 67% of Great Plains Energy's income from continuing operations in
17 2005, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

18 GPE's total operating revenues were \$2,604,882,000 for the 12 months ended
19 December 31, 2005, versus \$2,464,018,000 for the 12 months ended December 31, 2004.
20 These 2005 revenues resulted in an overall net income applicable to common stock of
21 \$162,310,000 and earnings per share (EPS) of \$2.15 as compared to the 2004 net income
22 applicable to common stock of \$180,811,000 and an EPS of \$2.49. These revenues and net
23 incomes were generated from total assets of \$3,833,726,000 at December 31, 2005, and
24 \$3,798,901,000 at December 31, 2004. These figures were taken from GPE's Form 10K
25 SEC filing for the 2005 calendar from KCP&L's company website at www.kcpl.com.

26 Q. What are GPE's current credit ratings?

27 A. GPE's current Standard & Poor's Corporation's (S&P) corporate credit rating
28 is "BBB" with a Stable outlook, which is two notches above non-investment grade; i.e., junk,
29 status. KCP&L's corporate credit rating is also rated "BBB" with a Stable Outlook. GPE's
30 current Moody's corporate credit rating is Baa2, which is equivalent to S&P's BBB credit
31 rating. Fitch does not rate GPE.

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1 Q. How does S&P assign credit ratings to GPE and KCP&L?

2 A. S&P's June 25, 2004 Great Plains Energy Research Report provides an
3 explanation of their methodology of assigning credit ratings to GPE and KCP&L:

4 Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed its ratings of Great Plains
5 Energy, including the 'BBB' corporate credit rating, as well as the
6 ratings of main subsidiary Kansas City Power & Light (KCP&L)...

7
8 Kansas City, Mo.-based Great Plains Energy Inc.'s ratings are based on
9 the consolidated financial and business risk profiles of its family of
10 companies. Through its subsidiaries, Great Plains is involved in
11 vertically integrated electric operations through its main subsidiary,
12 KCP&L, and in retail energy marketing and power supply
13 coordination through its majority interest in Strategic Energy. Because
14 there are no regulatory mechanisms or other structural barriers in
15 Missouri and Kansas that sufficiently restrict access by the parent to
16 the utility's cash flow, Standard & Poor's views the default risk of
17 KCP&L and Great Plains as the same.

18 Q. Do you have historical financial information on GPE?

19 A. Yes. Schedules 7 and 8 present historical capital structures and selected
20 financial ratios from 2001 through 2005 for GPE. GPE's consolidated common equity ratio
21 has ranged from a high of 50.94 percent to a low of 33.60 percent from 2001 through 2005.
22 GPE's consolidated company earned ROE has been fairly strong the last five years with a
23 low of 12.60 percent in 2001 to a high of 16.40 percent in 2003. GPE's consolidated
24 company earned 2005 ROE was 13.30 percent. In a March 31, 2006, report in *The Value*
25 *Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports*, Value Line estimates that GPE's consolidated
26 company projected ROE will be 10.50 percent for 2006 and 9.50 percent for 2007.

27 GPE's consolidated company historical funds from operations (FFO) interest
28 coverage ratios for the previous five years has ranged from a low of 3.1 times in 2001, to a
29 high of 4.9 times in 2004. GPE's consolidated company year-end 2005 FFO interest

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1 coverage ratio was 4.6 times. GPE's consolidated company FFO to average total debt ratios
2 for the previous five years has ranged from a low of 18 percent in 2001, to a high of
3 24 percent in 2003 and 2005. GPE's consolidated company year-end 2005 FFO to average
4 total debt ratios was 24 percent.

5 **DETERMINATION OF THE COST OF CAPITAL**

6 Q. How do you determine a utility company's cost of capital?

7 A. The total dollars of capital for the utility company are determined as of a
8 specific point in time. This total dollar amount is then apportioned into each specific capital
9 component, i.e. common equity, long-term debt, preferred stock and short-term debt. A
10 weighted cost for each capital component is determined by multiplying each capital
11 component ratio by the appropriate embedded cost or by the estimated cost of common
12 equity component. The individual weighted costs are summed to arrive at a total weighted
13 cost of capital. This total weighted average cost of capital (WACC) is synonymous with the
14 fair rate of return for the utility company.

15 Q. Why is a total WACC synonymous with a fair rate of return?

16 A. From a financial viewpoint, a company employs different forms of capital to
17 support or fund the assets of the company. Each different form of capital has a cost and these
18 costs are weighted proportionately to fund each dollar invested in the assets.

19 Assuming that the various forms of capital are within a reasonable balance and are
20 costed correctly, the resulting total WACC, when applied to rate base, will provide the funds
21 necessary to service the various forms of capital. Thus, the total WACC corresponds to a fair
22 rate of return for the utility company.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND EMBEDDED COSTS

Q. What capital structure did you use for KCP&L?

A. The capital structure I have used for this case is GPE's capital structure on a consolidated basis, as of December 31, 2005. Schedule 9 presents GPE's capital structure and associated capital ratios. The resulting capital structure consists of 50.94 percent common stock equity, 47.44 percent long-term debt and 1.62 percent preferred stock.

The amount of long-term debt outstanding on December 31, 2005 was ** _____ ** and includes current maturities due within one year. The amount of long-term debt in the capital structure is shown on Schedule 10 attached to this direct testimony.

The amount of preferred stock outstanding on December 31, 2005 was ** _____ ** as shown on Schedule 11.

I did not include GPE's short-term debt in the capital structure because as of December 31, 2005, GPE's Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) exceeded its short-term debt balance. Because CWIP is not included in rate base, the capital that supports the CWIP should not be included in the ROR recommendation.

Q. What was the embedded cost of long-term debt for GPE as of December 31, 2005?

A. The embedded cost of long-term debt for GPE as of December 31, 2005, was ** ____ ** percent.

Q. What was the embedded cost of preferred stock for GPE as of December 31, 2005?

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1 A. The embedded cost of preferred stock for GPE was ** ____ ** percent as of
2 December 31, 2005.

3 **COST OF COMMON EQUITY**

4 Q. How did you analyze those factors by which the cost of common equity for
5 KCP&L may be determined?

6 A. In order to calculate the cost of common equity for KCP&L, I performed a
7 comparable company analysis of five companies. I have selected the DCF model (explained
8 in detail in Schedule D) as the primary tool to determine the cost of common equity for
9 KCP&L, but I also used the CAPM (explained in detail in Schedule E) to check the
10 reasonableness of the DCF results. I also performed a company-specific analysis of GPE
11 using both of these models because I believe that this can provide insight into KCP&L's cost
12 of common equity even though GPE is a diversified company. Because GPE's stock is only
13 one option in a vast universe of many investment opportunities, the analysis of GPE's cost of
14 common equity as a possible proxy estimate for KCP&L's cost of common equity using
15 GPE's specific inputs provides information on the value investors place on GPE's stock, not
16 only as it relates to other utility companies, but also to all other investment opportunities
17 available to the investor.

18 Q. Can you directly analyze KCP&L's cost of common equity?

19 A. No. I can not directly analyze KCP&L's cost of common equity because it is
20 not publicly traded and it does not pay a dividend.

21 Q. How did you analyze KCP&L's cost of common equity?

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1 A. I decided to do an analysis of the cost of common equity for a comparable
2 group of vertically-integrated electric utility companies because these companies have
3 similar electric operations that are comparable to KCP&L. I also analyzed GPE's cost of
4 common equity even though it isn't currently classified as a vertically-integrated electric
5 utility.

6 Q. How did you determine which companies were comparable electric utility
7 companies?

8 A. I first relied on Standard & Poor's (S&P) current classification system, which
9 specifies companies that they consider to be vertically-integrated electric utilities. This
10 information was published by S&P on August 11, 2005, in its yearly CreditStats. Because
11 KCP&L is a vertically-integrated electric utility, this helps ensure the selection of companies
12 that are similar in risk profile to that of KCP&L's business operations. Schedule 12 presents
13 a list of the eleven electric utility companies that S&P currently classifies as vertically-
14 integrated electric utility companies. I then applied the following criteria to these eleven
15 companies in order to select my ultimate proxy group:

- 16 1. Stock publicly traded: This criterion eliminated two companies;
- 17 2. Information printed in Value Line: This criterion didn't eliminate any
18 companies;
- 19 3. Ten years of data available: This criterion eliminated one additional
20 company;
- 21 4. At least investment grade credit rating: This eliminated one company;
- 22 5. Two sources for projected growth available with one of those being
23 from Value Line: This criterion eliminated one additional company.
- 24 6. No Missouri Operations: This eliminated one additional company.

25 This resulted in a group of five publicly-traded electric utility companies. The comparables
26 are listed on Schedule 13.

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1 Q. How did you determine the cost of common equity of each of the
2 comparables?

3 A. I calculated a DCF cost of common equity for each of the comparables. The
4 first step was to calculate a growth rate. I reviewed the actual dividends per share (DPS),
5 earnings per share (EPS), and book values per share (BVPS) as well as projected EPS growth
6 rates for the comparables. Schedule 14-1 lists the annual compound growth rates for DPS,
7 EPS, and BVPS for the past ten years. Schedule 14-2 lists the annual compound growth rates
8 for DPS, EPS, and BVPS for the past five years. Schedule 14-3 presents the averages of the
9 growth rates shown in Schedules 14-1 and 14-2. Schedule 15 presents the average historical
10 growth rates and the projected growth rates for the comparables. The projected EPS growth
11 rates were obtained from three outside sources; I/B/E/S Inc.'s *Institutional Brokers Estimate*
12 *System*, Standard & Poor's Corporation's *Earnings Guide*, and *The Value Line Investment*
13 *Survey: Ratings and Reports*. The three projected EPS growth rates were averaged to
14 develop an average projected growth rate of 4.73 percent, which was averaged with the
15 historical growth rates to produce a historical and projected growth rate of 2.26 percent.
16 Because of the volatility of historical growth rates, I chose to rely primarily on the projected
17 growth rates to arrive at a growth rate range for the comparables of 4.70 percent to
18 4.80 percent.

19 The next step was to calculate an expected yield for each of the comparables. The
20 yield term of the DCF model is calculated by dividing the amount of DPS expected to be
21 paid over the next twelve months by the market price per share of the firm's stock. Even
22 though a strict technical application of the model requires the use of a current spot market
23 price, I have chosen to use a monthly average market price for each of the comparables. I

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1 used this averaging technique to minimize the effects on the dividend yield which can occur
2 due to daily volatility in the stock market. Schedule 16 presents the average high / low stock
3 price for the period of February 1, 2006, through May 31, 2006, for each comparable.
4 Column 1 of Schedule 17 indicates the expected dividend for each comparable over the next
5 12 months as projected by *The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports*, March 31,
6 May 12, and June 2, 2006. Column 3 of Schedule 17 shows the projected dividend yield for
7 each of the comparables. The dividend yield for each comparable was averaged to calculate
8 the projected dividend yield for the comparables of 4.62 percent.

9 As illustrated in Column 5 of Schedule 17, the average cost of common equity based
10 on the projected dividend yield added to the average of historical and projected growth is
11 6.88 percent. However, this is not my recommendation because in this case, the historical
12 growth rates are somewhat volatile. As a result, I decided to place almost complete weight
13 on the projected growth rates that I analyzed. Giving complete weight to the projected
14 growth rates, my DCF proxy group cost of common equity estimation is 9.32 percent to
15 9.42 percent.

16 Q. How did you verify the reasonableness of your DCF model-derived cost of
17 common equity for the comparable company group?

18 A. I performed a CAPM cost-of-common-equity analysis for the comparables.

19 Q. What did you use for your risk-free rate?

20 A. For purposes of this analysis, the risk-free rate I used was the yield on Thirty-
21 Year U.S. Treasury Bonds. I determined the appropriate rate to be the average yield for the
22 month of June 2006. The average yield of 5.16 percent was provided on the St. Louis
23 Federal Reserve website.

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1 For the second variable, beta, I researched Value Line in order to find the betas for
2 my comparable group of companies. Schedule 18 contains the appropriate betas for the
3 comparables.

4 The final term of the CAPM is the market risk premium ($R_m - R_f$). The market risk
5 premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the
6 expected return from holding a risk-free investment.

7 Q. Please explain your application of the CAPM using historical return
8 differences.

9 A. The first risk premium used was based on the long-term, arithmetic average
10 from 1926 to 2005, which was 6.50 percent. The second risk premium was based on the
11 long-term, geometric average from 1926 to 2005, which was determined to be 4.90 percent.
12 The third risk premium was based on a short-term, geometric average from 1996 to 2005,
13 which was determined to be 1.48 percent. These risk premiums were taken from Ibbotson
14 Associates, Inc.'s *Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2006 Yearbook*.

15 Schedule 18 presents the CAPM analysis of the comparables using historical actual
16 return spreads to estimate the required equity risk premium. The CAPM analysis produces
17 an estimated cost of common equity of 10.43 percent for the comparables when using the
18 long-term arithmetic average risk premium period; using the long-term geometric average
19 produces an estimated cost of common equity of 9.13 percent and using the short-term risk
20 premium period produces an estimated cost of common equity of 6.36 percent. The long-
21 term arithmetic average risk premium CAPM results would support a higher cost of common
22 equity. The long-term geometric average risk premium CAPM results supports a cost of
23 common equity similar to what is currently produced in performing a DCF analysis.

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1 Q. Would you summarize your cost of common equity analysis for KCP&L?

2 A. I performed a DCF and CAPM cost of common equity analysis on a group of
3 five comparable companies. The results are summarized below.

	<u>DCF</u>	<u>CAPM (Historical)</u>
4 Comparable Companies	9.32% - 9.42%	Historical - 10.43%; 9.13%; 6.36%

6 Q. Based on your analysis, what is your recommended return on common equity
7 for KCP&L in this proceeding?

8 A. I recommend a return on common equity in the range of 9.32 percent to
9 9.42 percent based on the results of my comparable-company-DCF analysis.

10 **RATE OF RETURN FOR KCP&L**

11 Q. How are the returns you developed for each capital component used in the
12 ratemaking approach you have adopted for KCP&L?

13 A. The cost of service ratemaking method was adopted in this case. This
14 approach develops the public utility's revenue requirement. The cost of service (revenue
15 requirement) is based on the following components: operating costs, rate base and a return
16 allowed on the rate base (see Schedule 20).

17 It is my responsibility to calculate and recommend a rate of return that should be
18 authorized on the Missouri jurisdictional electric utility rate base of KCP&L. Under the cost
19 of service ratemaking approach, a weighted cost of capital in the range of 7.60 to
20 7.65 percent was developed for KCP&L's electric utility operations (see Schedule 21). This
21 rate was calculated by applying an embedded cost of long-term debt of ** ____ ** percent,
22 an embedded cost of trust preferred stock of ** ____ ** percent and a cost of common
23 equity range of 9.32 percent to 9.42 percent to a capital structure consisting of 47.44 percent

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1 long-term debt, 1.62 percent preferred stock and 50.94 percent common equity. Therefore,
2 from a financial prospective I am recommending that KCP&L's electric utility operations be
3 allowed to earn a return on its original cost rate base in the range of 7.60 to 7.65 percent.

4 It is my expert opinion that, through my analysis I have developed a fair and
5 reasonable return, which, when applied to KCP&L's jurisdictional rate base, will allow
6 KCP&L the opportunity to earn the revenue requirement developed in this rate case.

7 Q. Does this conclude your prepared direct testimony?

8 A. Yes, it does.

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A. Yes. It is my expert opinion that my recommendation as to the case of common equity is consistent with a fair rate of return on common equity. It is generally recognized that authorizing an allowed return on common equity based on a utility's cost of common equity is consistent with a fair rate of return. It is for this very reason that the discounted cash flow (DCF) model is widely recognized as an appropriate model to utilize in arriving at a reasonable recommended return on equity that should be authorized for a utility. The concept underlying the DCF model is to determine the cost of common equity capital to the utility, which reflects the current economic and capital market environment. For example, a company may achieve a return on common equity that is higher than its cost of common equity. This situation will tend to increase the share price. However, this does not mean that this past achieved return is the barometer for what would be a fair authorized return in the context of a rate case. It is the lower cost of capital that should be recognized as a fair authorized return. If a utility continues to be allowed a return on common equity that is not reflective of today's current low-cost-of-capital environment, then this will result in the possibility of excessive returns.

1 The authorized return should provide a fair and reasonable return to the investors of
2 the company, while ensuring that ratepayers do not support excessive earnings that could
3 result from the utility's monopolistic powers. However, this fair and reasonable rate does not
4 necessarily guarantee revenues or the continued financial integrity of the utility.

5 It should be noted that a reasonable return may vary over time as economic conditions,
6 such as the level of interest rates, and business conditions change. Therefore, the past, present
7 and projected economic and business conditions must be analyzed in order to calculate a fair
8 and reasonable rate of return.

1 Q. Please discuss the historical economic conditions in which GPE has operated.

2 A. One of the most commonly accepted indicators of economic conditions is the
3 discount rate set by the Federal Reserve Board (Federal Reserve or Fed). The Federal
4 Reserve tries to achieve its monetary policy objectives by controlling the discount rate (the
5 interest rate charged by the Federal Reserve for loans of reserves to depository institutions)
6 and the Federal (Fed) Funds Rate (the overnight lending rate between banks). However,
7 recently the Fed Funds Rate has become the primary means for the Federal Reserve to achieve
8 its monetary policy, and the discount rate has become more of a symbolic interest rate. This
9 explains why the Federal Reserve's decisions now focus on the Fed Funds rate and this is
10 reflected in the discussion of interest rates. It should also be noted that on January 9, 2003,
11 the Federal Reserve changed the administration of the discount window. Under the changed
12 administration of the discount window an eligible institution does not need to exhaust other
13 sources of funds before coming to the discount window, nor are there restrictions on the
14 purposes for which the borrower can use primary credit. This explains why the discount rate
15 jumped from 0.75 percent to 2.25 percent on January 9, 2003, when the Fed Funds rate didn't
16 change. Therefore, discount rates before January 9, 2003, are not comparable to discount
17 rates after January 9, 2003.

18 At the end of 1982, the U.S. economy was in the early stages of an economic
19 expansion, following the longest post-World War II recession. This economic expansion
20 began when the Federal Reserve reduced the discount rate seven times in the second half of
21 1982 in an attempt to stimulate the economy. This reduction in the discount rate led to a
22 reduction in the prime interest rate (the rate charged by banks on short-term loans to
23 borrowers with high credit ratings) from 16.50 percent in June 1982, to 11.50 percent in

1 December 1982. The economic expansion continued for approximately eight years until July
2 1990, when the economy entered into a recession.

3 In December 1990, the Federal Reserve responded to the slumping economy by
4 lowering the discount rate to 6.50 percent (see Schedules 2-1 and 2-2). Over the next year-
5 and-a-half, the Federal Reserve lowered the discount rate another six times to a low of
6 3.00 percent, which had the effect of lowering the prime interest rate to 6.00 percent (see
7 Schedules 3-1 and 3-2).

8 In 1993, perhaps the most important factor for the U.S. economy was the passage of
9 the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). NAFTA created a free trade zone
10 consisting of the United States, Canada and Mexico. The rate of economic growth for the
11 fourth quarter of 1993 was one the Federal Reserve believed could not be sustained without
12 experiencing higher inflation. In the first quarter of 1994, the Federal Reserve took steps to
13 try to restrict the economy by increasing interest rates. As a result, on March 24, 1994, the
14 prime interest rate increased to 6.25 percent. On April 18, 1994, the Federal Reserve
15 announced its intention to raise its targeted interest rates, which resulted in the prime interest
16 rate increasing to 6.75 percent. The Federal Reserve took action again on May 17, 1994, by
17 raising the discount rate to 3.50 percent. The Federal Reserve took three additional restrictive
18 monetary actions, with the last occurring on February 1, 1995. These actions raised the
19 discount rate to 5.25 percent, and in turn, banks raised the prime interest rate to 9.00 percent.

20 The Federal Reserve then reversed its policy in late 1995 by lowering its target for the
21 Fed Funds Rate by 0.25 percentage points on two different occasions. This had the effect of
22 lowering the prime interest rate to 8.50 percent. On January 31, 1996, the Federal Reserve
23 lowered the discount rate to a rate of 5.00 percent.

1 The actions of the Federal Reserve from 1996 through 2000 were primarily focused on
2 keeping the level of inflation under control, and it was successful. The inflation rate, as
3 measured by the *Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers* (CPI), had never been higher
4 than 3.70 percent during this period. The increase in CPI stood at 4.20 percent for the twelve
5 months ending May 31, 2006 (see attached Schedules 4-1, 4-2 and 6).

6 The unemployment rate was 4.60 percent as of May 2006 (see Schedule 6), which is
7 low by historical standards. A lower unemployment rate probably provides the Fed with
8 some comfort to continue to raise the Fed Funds rate if it believes it is needed to contain
9 inflation.

10 The combination of low inflation and low unemployment had led to a prosperous
11 economy from 1993 through 2000 as evidenced by the fact that real gross domestic
12 product (GDP) of the United States increased every quarter during this period. However,
13 GDP actually declined for the first three quarters of 2001, indicating there was a contraction
14 in the economy during these three quarters. This contraction of GDP for more than two
15 quarters in a row meets the textbook definition of a recession. According to the National
16 Bureau of Economic Research, the recession began in March of 2001 and ended eight months
17 later. Since the recession ended, GDP had been low up until the second quarter of 2003, but
18 since the second quarter of 2003, GDP has been fairly healthy. GDP grew at a rate of
19 5.60 percent for the second quarter of 2006 (see attached Schedule 6).

1 Q. What are the inflationary estimations and expectations for 2006 through 2008?

2 A. *The Value Line Investment Survey: Selection & Opinion*, May 24, 2006,
3 estimates inflation to be 2.7 percent for 2006, 2.4 percent for 2007 and 2.2 percent for 2008.
4 The Congressional Budget Office, *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years*
5 *2007-2016*, issued January 2006, states that inflation is expected to be 2.8 percent for 2006,
6 2.2 percent for 2007 and 2.2 percent for 2008 (see attached Schedule 6).

7 Q. What are the interest rate forecasts for 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the current
8 interest rates?

9 A. Short-term interest rates, those measured by three-month U.S. Treasury Bills,
10 are estimated to be 4.8 percent in 2006, 4.8 percent in 2007 and 4.6 percent in 2008
11 according to Value Line's predictions. Value Line expects the long-term Thirty-Year
12 U.S. Treasury Bonds to average 5.2 percent in 2006, 5.3 percent in 2007 and 5.5 percent
13 in 2008. The current rate for three-month U.S. Treasury Bills was 4.79 percent as of
14 June 1, 2006, as noted on the St. Louis Federal Reserve website,
15 <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/TB3MS/22>. The current rate for Thirty-Year U.S.
16 Treasury Bonds was 5.23 percent as of July 6, 2006, as noted on the CBS MarketWatch
17 website, <http://www.marketwatch.com/tools/marketsummary/default.asp?site=mktw>.

18 Q. What are the growth estimates and expectations for real GDP?

19 A. GDP is a benchmark utilized by the Commerce Department to measure
20 economic growth within the U.S. borders. Real GDP is measured by the actual GDP, adjusted
21 for inflation. Value Line stated that real GDP growth is expected to increase by 3.5 percent in
22 2006, 3.0 percent in 2007 and 3.1 percent in 2008. The Congressional Budget Office, *The*
23 *Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2007-2016*, stated that real GDP is expected to

1 increase by 3.6 percent in 2006, 3.4 percent in 2007 and 3.1 percent in 2008 (see attached
2 Schedule 6).

3 Q. Please summarize the expectations of the economic conditions for the next few
4 years.

5 A. In summary, when combining the previously mentioned sources, inflation is
6 expected to be in the range of 2.2 to 2.8 percent, increase in real GDP in the range of 3.1 to
7 3.6 percent and long-term interest rates are expected to range from 5.2 to 5.5 percent.

8 Selected excerpts from *The Value Line Investment Survey: Selection & Opinion*,
9 July 14, 2006, follow:

10 We think we'll get the proverbial soft landing. Following the slower
11 rate of GDP growth indicated for the just-ended quarter, we would
12 expect the economy to grow at a similar rate in the third and the fourth
13 quarters. Growth is likely to stay in that range, or even ease a bit
14 further in the first half of 2007 as the effects of higher interest rates
15 and near-record oil prices are increasingly felt within the economy.

16 The Federal Reserve may not have much room to maneuver. The Fed
17 now has raised interest rates at 17 Federal Open Market Committee
18 meetings in a row, dating back to June 2004, taking rates from 1.00%
19 to 5.25% in the process. However, those hikes were enacted in a
20 period of strengthening business activity. Now, growth is slowing,
21 and the Fed must be careful not to raise rates too high and risk
22 bringing on a recession. Hopefully, inflation, which heads the list of
23 Fed concerns, will ease in the current half in response to slowing
24 economic growth.

25 We would pay close attention to the signals coming out of the Fed.
26 Recent months have seen a number of Federal Reserve officials warn
27 of rising inflationary pressures. Those warnings typically have
28 preceded rate increases. Should those officials now begin to suggest
29 that slowing GDP growth may be starting to reduce the pricing
30 pressures within the economy, the chances for a relaxation in Fed
31 monetary policies would increase.

32 Investor concerns remain high. Not only is the market worried about
33 the Fed and inflation, but it is also fearful about increasing tensions
34 with North Korea and Iran.

1 Q. Please describe the DCF model.

2 A. The DCF model is a market-oriented approach for deriving the cost of
3 common equity. The cost of common equity calculated from the DCF model is inherently
4 capable of attracting capital. This results from the theory that security prices adjust
5 continually over time, so that an equilibrium price exists and the stock is neither undervalued
6 nor overvalued. It can also be stated that stock prices continually fluctuate to reflect the
7 required and expected return for the investor.

8 The constant-growth form of the DCF model was used in this analysis. This model
9 relies upon the fact that a company's common stock price is dependent upon the expected
10 cash dividends and upon cash flows received through capital gains or losses that result from
11 stock price changes. The interest rate which discounts the sum of the future expected cash
12 flows to the current market price of the common stock is the calculated cost of common
13 equity. This can be expressed algebraically as:

$$14 \quad \text{Present Price} = \frac{\text{Expected Dividends}}{\text{Discounted by } k} + \frac{\text{Expected Price in 1 year}}{\text{Discounted by } k} \quad (1)$$

16 where k equals the cost of equity. Since the expected price of a stock in one year is equal to
17 the present price multiplied by one plus the growth rate, equation (1) can be restated as:

$$18 \quad \text{Present Price} = \frac{\text{Expected Dividends}}{(1 + k)} + \frac{\text{Present Price } (1+g)}{(1 + k)} \quad (2)$$

20 where g equals the growth rate and k equals the cost of equity. Letting the present price equal
21 P_0 and expected dividends equal D_1 , the equation appears as:

$$22 \quad P_0 = \frac{D_1}{(1 + k)} + \frac{P_0(1+g)}{(1 + k)} \quad (3)$$

1 The cost of equity equation may also be algebraically represented as:

$$2 \quad k = \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g \quad (4)$$

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5 Thus, the cost of common stock equity, k , is equal to the expected dividend yield
6 (D_1/P_0) plus the expected growth in dividends (g) continuously summed into the future. The
7 growth in dividends and implied growth in earnings will be reflected in the current price.
8 Therefore, this model also recognizes the potential of capital gains or losses associated with
9 owning a share of common stock.

10 The discounted cash flow method is a continuous stock valuation model. The DCF
11 theory is based on the following assumptions:

- 12 1. Market equilibrium;
- 13 2. Perpetual life of the company;
- 14 3. Constant payout ratio;
- 15 4. Payout of less than 100% earnings;
- 16 5. Constant price/earnings ratio;
- 17 6. Constant growth in cash dividends;
- 18 7. Stability in interest rates over time;
- 19 8. Stability in required rates of return over time; and
- 20 9. Stability in earned returns over time.

21 Flowing from these, it is further assumed that an investor's growth horizon is
22 unlimited and that earnings, book values and market prices grow hand-in-hand. Although the
23 entire list of the above assumptions is rarely met, the DCF model is a reasonable working
24 model describing an actual investor's expectations and resulting behaviors.

1 Q. Please describe the CAPM.

2 A. The CAPM describes the relationship between a security's investment risk and
3 its market rate of return. This relationship identifies the rate of return which investors expect a
4 security to earn so that its market return is comparable with the market returns earned by other
5 securities that have similar risk. The general form of the CAPM is as follows:

$$6 \quad k = R_f + \beta (R_m - R_f)$$

7 where:

8 k = the expected return on equity for a specific security;

9 R_f = the risk-free rate;

10 β = beta; and

11 $R_m - R_f$ = the market risk premium.

12 The first term of the CAPM is the risk-free rate (R_f). The risk-free rate reflects the
13 level of return that can be achieved without accepting any risk. In reality, there is no such
14 risk-free asset, but it is generally represented by U.S. Treasury securities.

15 The second term of the CAPM is beta (β). Beta is an indicator of a security's
16 investment risk. It represents the relative movement and relative risk between a particular
17 security and the market as a whole (where beta for the market equals 1.00). Securities with
18 betas greater than 1.00 exhibit greater volatility than do securities with betas less than 1.00.
19 This causes a higher beta security to be less desirable to a risk-averse investor and therefore
20 requires a higher return in order to attract investor capital away from a lower beta security.

21 The final term of the CAPM is the market risk premium ($R_m - R_f$). The market risk
22 premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the
23 expected return from holding a risk-free investment.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST OF CAPITAL
FOR
KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
CASE NO. ER-2006-0314
SCHEDULES

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Federal Reserve Discount Rate Changes

Date	Federal Reserve Discount Rate	Federal Reserve Funds Rate	Date	Federal Reserve Discount Rate	Federal Reserve Funds Rate
07/19/82	11.50%		01/31/96	5.00%	5.25%
07/31/82	11.00%		03/25/97		5.50%
08/14/82	10.50%		12/12/97	5.00%	
08/26/82	10.00%		01/09/98	5.00%	
10/10/82	9.50%		03/06/98	5.00%	
11/20/82	9.00%		09/29/98		5.25%
12/14/82	8.50%		10/15/98	4.75%	5.00%
01/01/83	8.50%		11/17/98	4.50%	4.75%
12/31/83	8.50%		06/30/99	4.50%	5.00%
04/09/84	9.00%		08/24/99	4.75%	5.25%
11/21/84	8.50%		11/16/99	5.00%	5.50%
12/24/84	8.00%		02/02/00	5.25%	5.75%
05/20/85	7.50%		03/21/00	5.50%	6.00%
03/07/86	7.00%		05/19/00	6.00%	6.50%
04/21/86	6.50%		01/03/01	5.75%	6.00%
07/11/86	6.00%		01/04/01	5.50%	6.00%
08/21/86	5.50%		01/31/01	5.00%	5.50%
09/04/87	6.00%		03/20/01	4.50%	5.00%
08/09/88	6.50%		04/18/01	4.00%	4.50%
02/24/89	7.00%		05/15/01	3.50%	4.00%
07/13/90		8.00%	06/27/01	3.25%	3.75%
10/29/90		7.75%	08/21/01	3.00%	3.50%
11/13/90		7.50%	09/17/01	2.50%	3.00%
12/07/90		7.25%	10/02/01	2.00%	2.50%
12/18/90		7.00%	11/06/01	1.50%	2.00%
12/19/90	6.50%		12/11/01	1.25%	1.75%
01/09/91		6.75%	11/06/02	0.75%	1.25%
02/01/91	6.00%	6.25%	01/09/03	2.25%**	1.25%
03/08/91		6.00%	06/25/03	2.00%	1.00%
04/30/91	5.50%	5.75%	06/30/04	2.25%	1.25%
08/06/91		5.50%	08/10/04	2.50%	1.50%
09/13/91	5.00%	5.25%	09/21/04	2.75%	1.75%
10/31/91		5.00%	11/10/04	3.00%	2.00%
11/06/91	4.50%	4.75%	12/14/04	3.25%	2.25%
12/06/91		4.50%	02/02/05	3.50%	2.50%
12/20/91	3.50%	4.00%	03/22/05	3.75%	2.75%
04/09/92		3.75%	05/03/05	4.00%	3.00%
07/02/92	3.00%	3.25%	06/30/05	4.25%	3.25%
09/04/92		3.00%	08/09/05	4.50%	3.50%
01/01/93			09/20/05	4.75%	3.75%
12/31/93	No Changes	No Changes	11/01/05	5.00%	4.00%
02/04/94		3.25%	12/13/05	5.25%	4.25%
03/22/94		3.50%	01/31/06	5.50%	4.50%
04/18/94		3.75%	03/28/06	5.75%	4.75%
05/17/94	3.50%	4.25%	05/10/06	6.00%	5.00%
08/16/94	4.00%	4.75%	06/29/06	6.25%	5.25%
11/15/94	4.75%	5.50%			
02/01/95	5.25%	6.00%			
07/06/95		5.75%			
12/19/95		5.50%			

* Staff began tracking the Federal Funds Rate.

**Revised discount window program begins. Reflects rate on primary credit. This revised discount window policy results in incomparability of the discount rates after January 9, 2003 to discount rates before January 9, 2003.

Source:

Federal Reserve Discount rate

<http://www.newyorkfed.org/markets/statistics/dlyrates/fedrate.html>

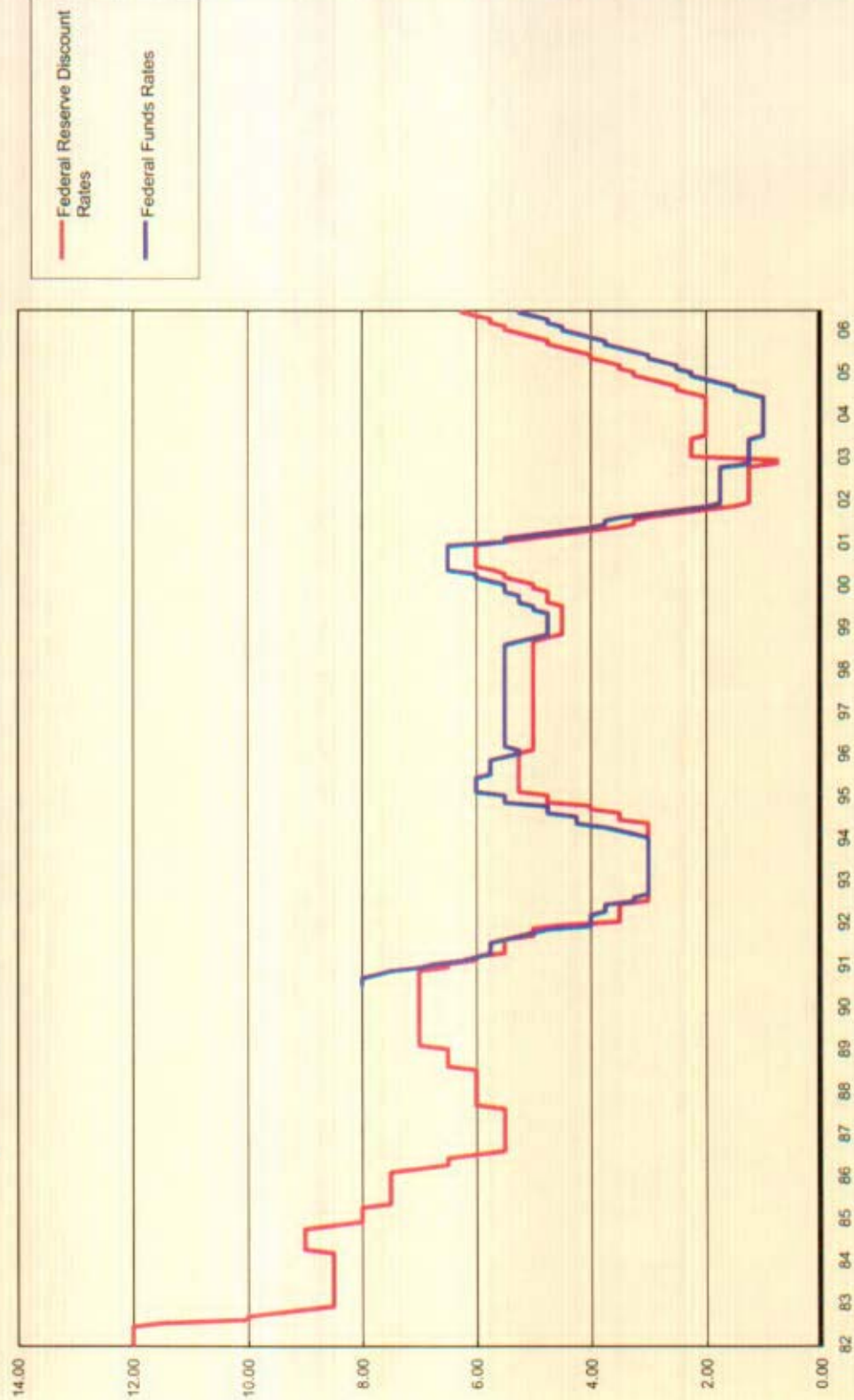
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Note: Interest rates as of December 31 for each year are underlined.

Federal Reserve Discount Rates and Federal Funds Rates

1982 - 2006



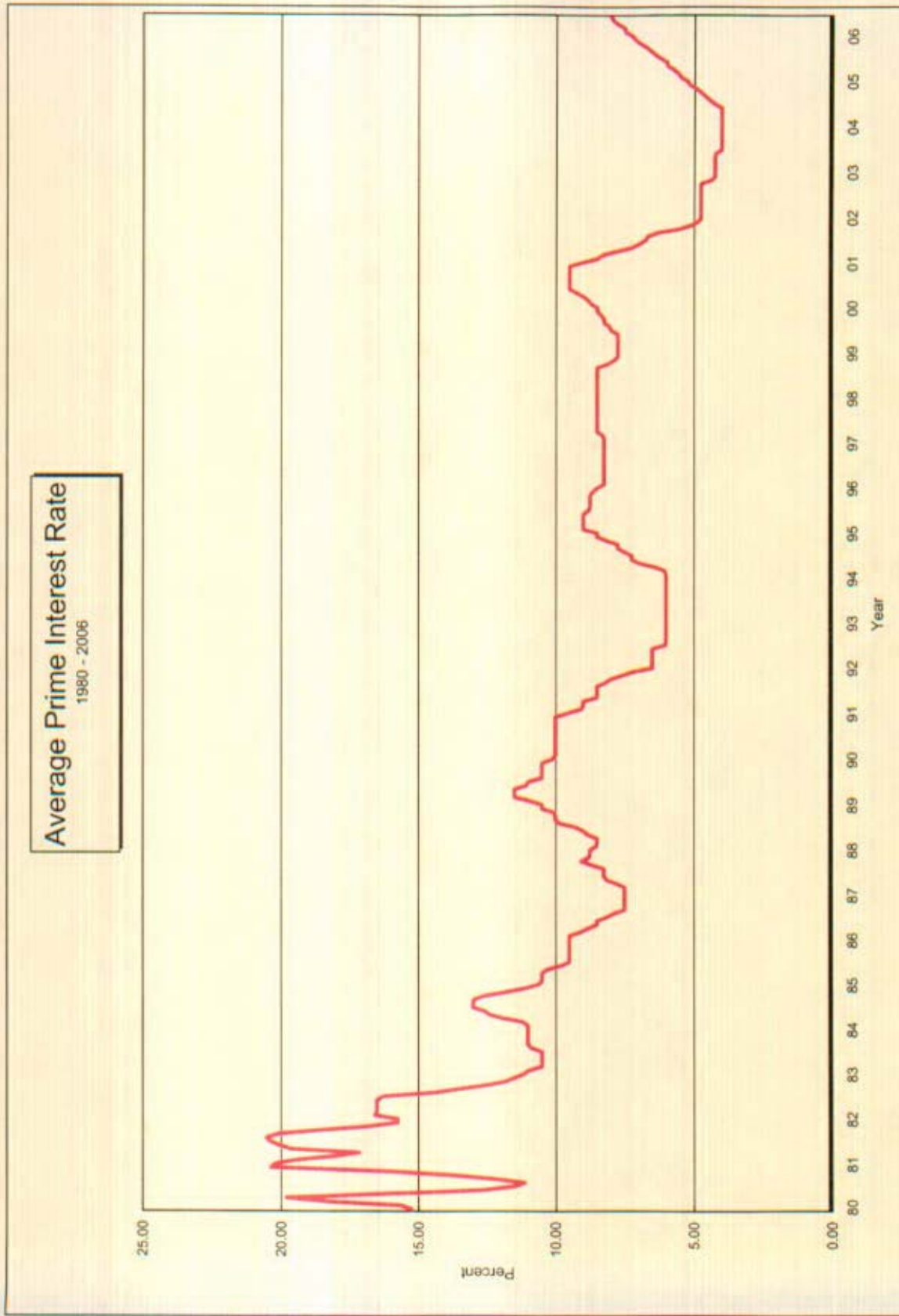
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Average Prime Interest Rates

Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)
Jan 1980	15.25	Jan 1984	11.00	Jan 1988	8.75	Jan 1992	6.50	Jan 1996	8.50	Jan 2000	8.50	Jan 2004	8.50	Jan 2008	4.00	Jan 2012	4.00
Feb	15.63	Feb	11.00	Feb	8.51	Feb	6.50	Feb	8.50	Feb	8.25	Feb	8.75	Feb	4.00	Feb	4.00
Mar	18.31	Mar	11.21	Mar	8.50	Mar	6.50	Mar	8.25	Mar	8.25	Mar	8.63	Mar	4.00	Mar	4.00
Apr	19.77	Apr	11.93	Apr	8.50	Apr	6.50	Apr	8.25	Apr	8.25	Apr	9.00	Apr	4.00	Apr	4.00
May	16.57	May	12.38	May	8.84	May	6.50	May	8.25	May	8.25	May	9.24	May	4.00	May	4.00
Jun	12.63	Jun	12.60	Jun	9.00	Jun	6.50	Jun	8.25	Jun	8.25	Jun	9.50	Jun	4.00	Jun	4.00
Jul	11.48	Jul	13.00	Jul	9.29	Jul	6.02	Jul	8.25	Jul	8.25	Jul	9.50	Jul	4.25	Jul	4.25
Aug	11.12	Aug	13.00	Aug	9.84	Aug	6.00	Aug	8.25	Aug	8.25	Aug	9.50	Aug	4.43	Aug	4.43
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Oct	13.79	Oct	12.58	Oct	10.00	Oct	6.00	Oct	8.25	Oct	8.25	Oct	9.50	Oct	4.75	Oct	4.75
Nov	16.06	Nov	11.77	Nov	10.05	Nov	6.00	Nov	8.25	Nov	8.25	Nov	9.50	Nov	4.93	Nov	4.93
Dec	20.35	Dec	11.06	Dec	10.50	Dec	6.00	Dec	8.25	Dec	8.25	Dec	9.50	Dec	5.15	Dec	5.15
Jan 1981	20.16	Jan 1985	10.61	Jan 1989	10.50	Jan 1993	6.00	Jan 1997	8.26	Jan 2001	9.05	Jan 2005	9.05	Jan 2009	5.25	Jan 2013	5.25
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Apr	17.15	Apr	10.50	Apr	11.50	Apr	6.00	Apr	8.50	Apr	8.50	Apr	7.80	Apr	5.75	Apr	5.75
May	19.61	May	10.31	May	11.50	May	6.00	May	8.50	May	8.50	May	7.24	May	5.98	May	5.98
Jun	20.03	Jun	9.78	Jun	11.07	Jun	6.00	Jun	8.50	Jun	8.50	Jun	6.98	Jun	6.01	Jun	6.01
Jul	20.39	Jul	9.50	Jul	10.98	Jul	6.00	Jul	8.50	Jul	8.50	Jul	6.75	Jul	6.25	Jul	6.25
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Jul	16.26	Jul	8.16	Jul	10.00	Jul	7.25	Jul	8.50	Jul	8.50	Jul	4.75	Jul	8.02	Jul	8.02
Aug	14.39	Aug	7.90	Aug	10.00	Aug	7.51	Aug	8.50	Aug	8.50	Aug	4.75	Aug	8.02	Aug	8.02
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Jan 1983	11.16	Jan 1987	7.50	Jan 1991	9.52	Jan 1995	9.05	Jan 1999	7.75	Jan 2003	7.75	Jan 2007	7.26	Jan 2011	7.50	Jan 2015	7.50
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Aug	10.89	Aug	8.25	Aug	8.50	Aug	8.75	Aug	8.75	Aug	8.75	Aug	4.00	Aug	7.50	Aug	7.50
Sep	11.00	Sep	8.70	Sep	8.20	Sep	8.50	Sep	8.75	Sep	8.75	Sep	4.00	Sep	7.50	Sep	7.50
Oct	11.00	Oct	9.07	Oct	8.00	Oct	8.00	Oct	8.75	Oct	8.75	Oct	4.00	Oct	7.50	Oct	7.50
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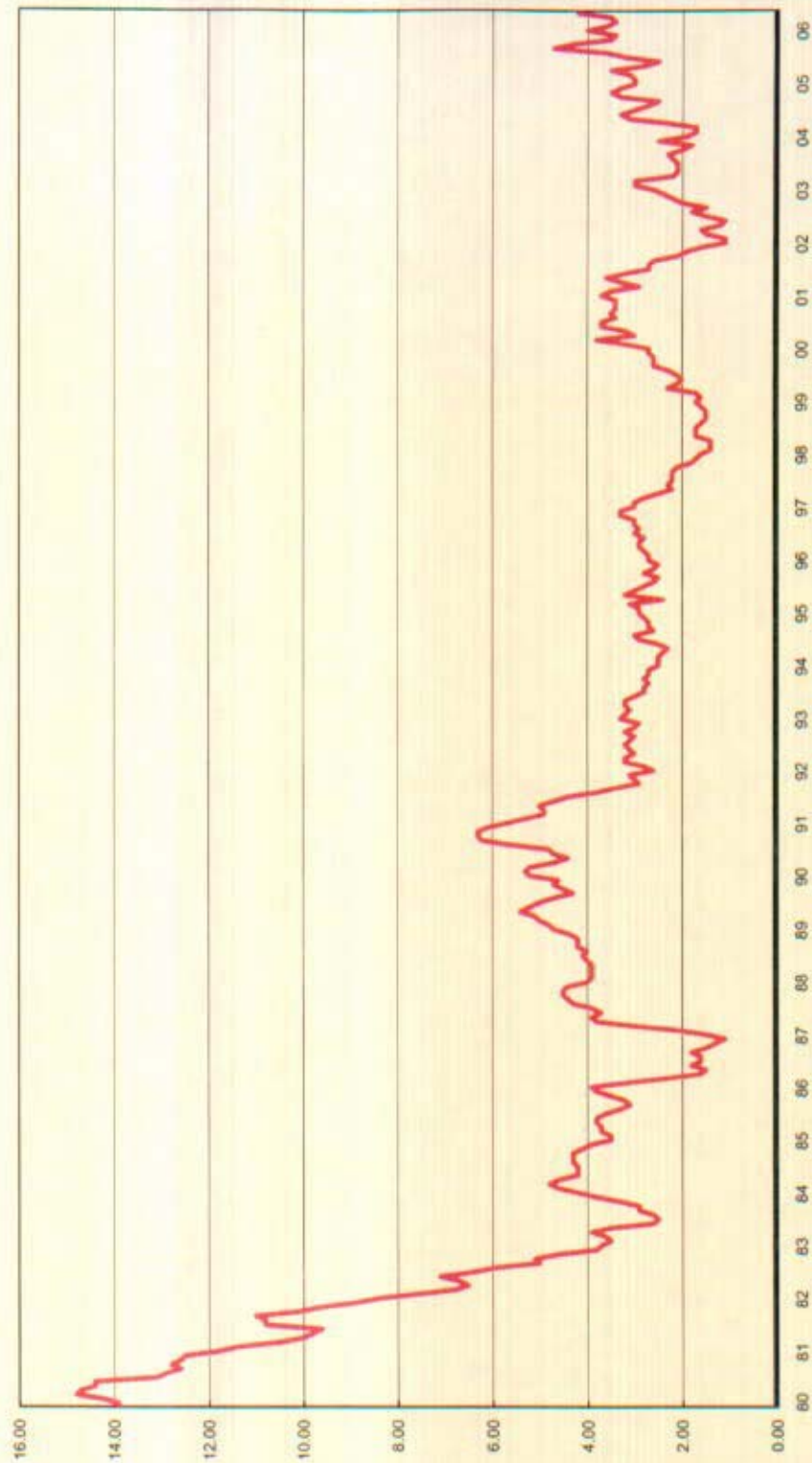
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Rate of Inflation

Source: U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, Change for 12 Month Period, Bureau of Labor Statistics, http://www.bls.gov/schedule/archives/cpi_all.htm

Rate of Inflation
1980 - 2006

Source:
Mercant Bond Record for June 2006 PU Bonds (page 6)

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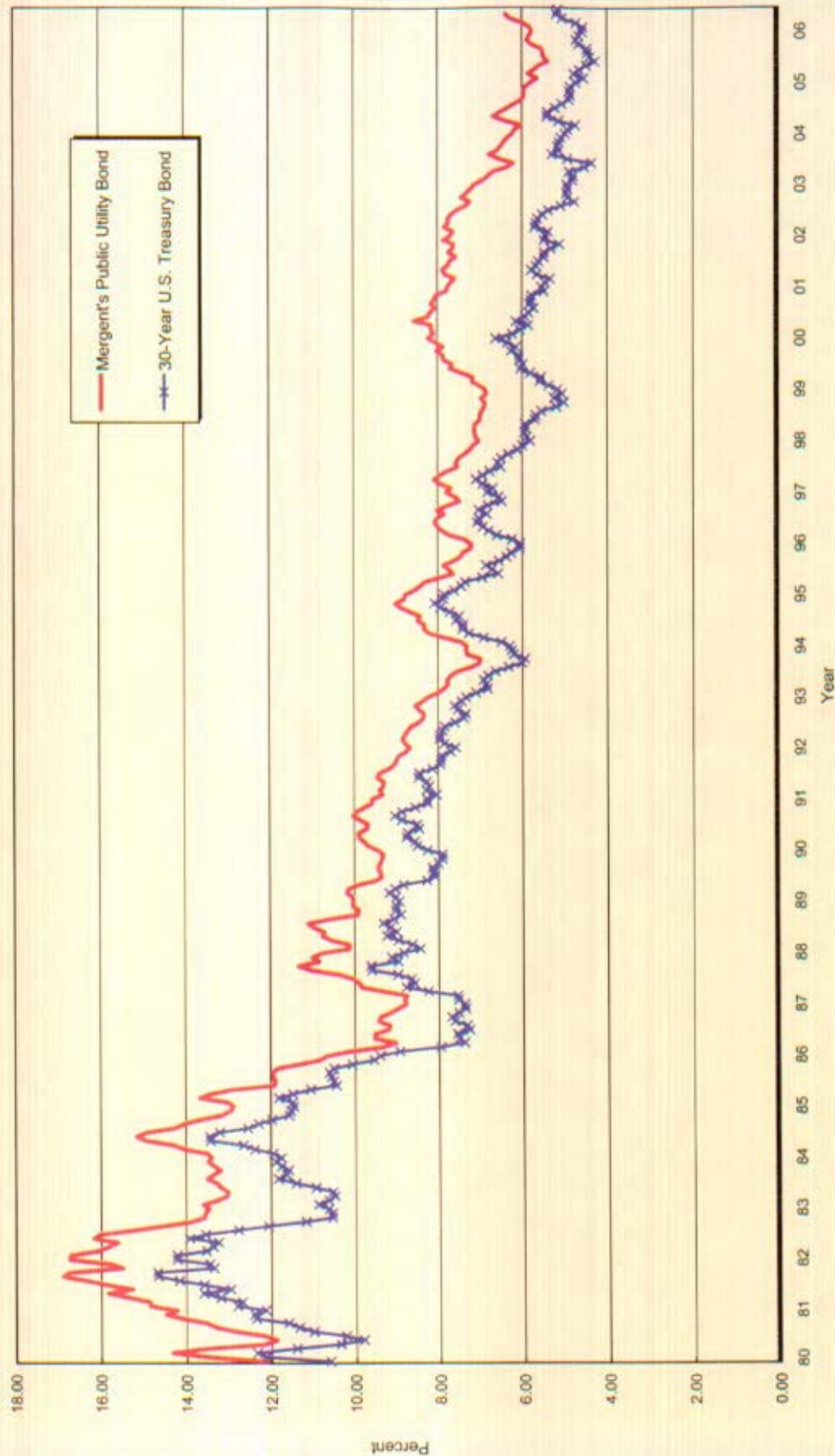
Average Yields on Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds

Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)	Mo/Year	Rate (%)
Jan 1980	10.60	Jan 1984	11.75	Jan 1988	8.83	Jan 1992	7.58	Jan 1996	6.05	Jan 2000	6.63	Jan 2004	4.99	Jan 2008	6.23	Jan 2012	4.93	Jan 2016	4.74	Jan 2020	5.14
Feb	12.13	Feb	11.95	Feb	8.43	Feb	7.85	Feb	6.24	Feb	6.23	Feb	4.86	Feb	6.05	Feb	4.74	Feb	5.14	Feb	5.42
Mar	12.34	Mar	12.38	Mar	8.63	Mar	7.97	Mar	6.60	Mar	6.05	Mar	4.86	Mar	6.15	Mar	4.74	Mar	5.14	Mar	5.41
Apr	11.40	Apr	12.65	Apr	8.95	Apr	7.96	Apr	6.79	Apr	6.93	Apr	4.86	Apr	6.15	Apr	4.74	Apr	5.14	Apr	5.41
May	10.36	May	13.43	May	9.23	May	7.89	May	6.93	May	7.00	May	4.86	May	6.15	May	4.74	May	5.14	May	5.41
Jun	9.81	Jun	13.44	Jun	9.00	Jun	7.84	Jun	7.00	Jun	7.00	Jun	4.86	Jun	6.15	Jun	4.74	Jun	5.14	Jun	5.41
Jul	10.24	Jul	13.21	Jul	9.14	Jul	7.60	Jul	7.00	Jul	7.00	Jul	4.86	Jul	6.15	Jul	4.74	Jul	5.14	Jul	5.41
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Jun	13.92	Jun	7.57	Jun	8.46	Jun	7.40	Jun	5.70	Jun	5.70	Jun	4.56	Jun	5.52	Jun	4.59	Jun	4.73	Jun	5.16
Jul	13.55	Jul	7.27	Jul	8.50	Jul	7.56	Jul	5.68	Jul	5.68	Jul	4.56	Jul	5.38	Jul	4.59	Jul	4.73	Jul	5.16
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Dec	11.88	Dec	9.12	Dec	7.70	Dec	6.06	Dec	6.35	Dec	6.35	Dec	4.58	Dec	5.08	Dec	4.59	Dec	4.73	Dec	5.16

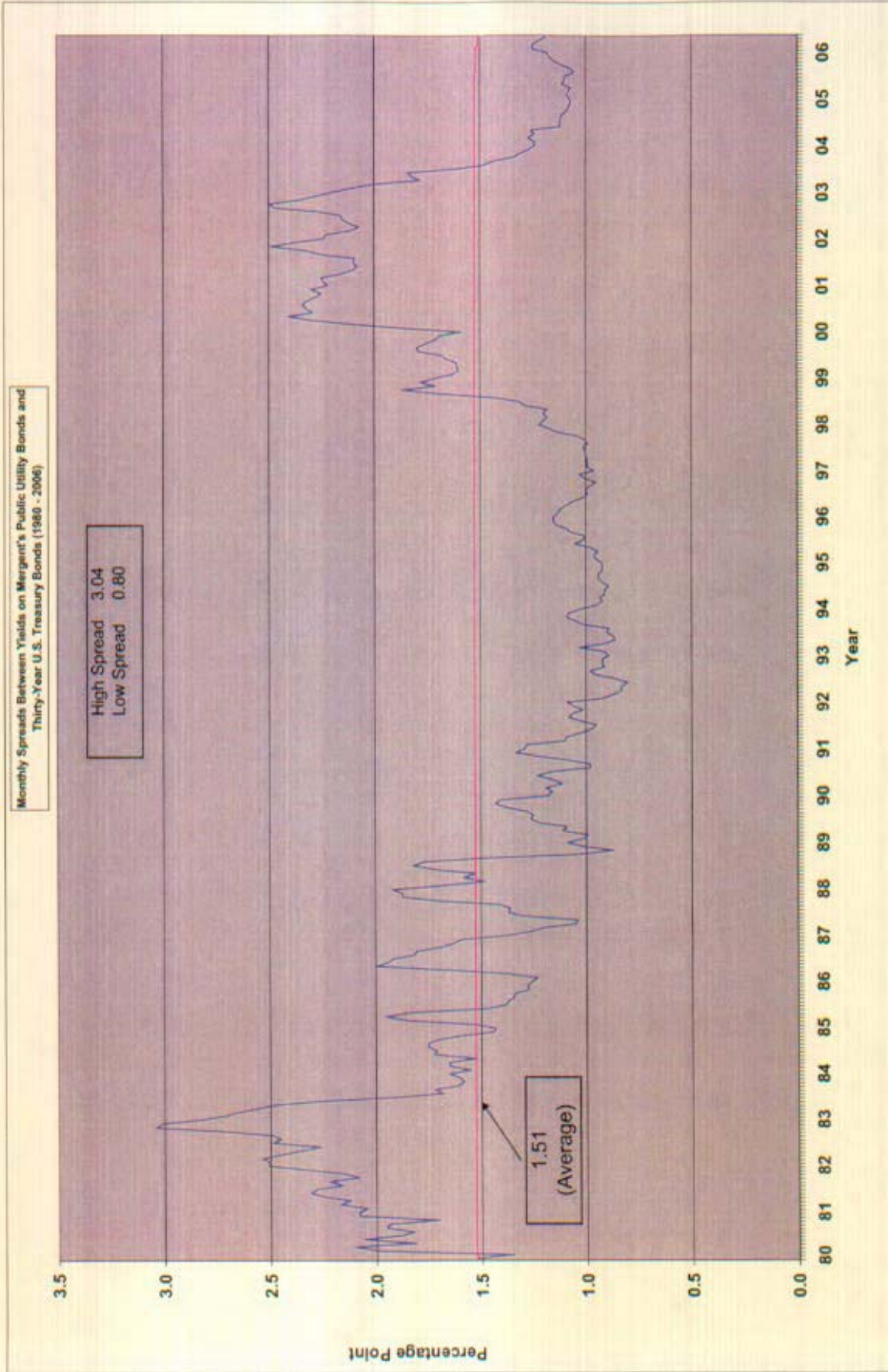
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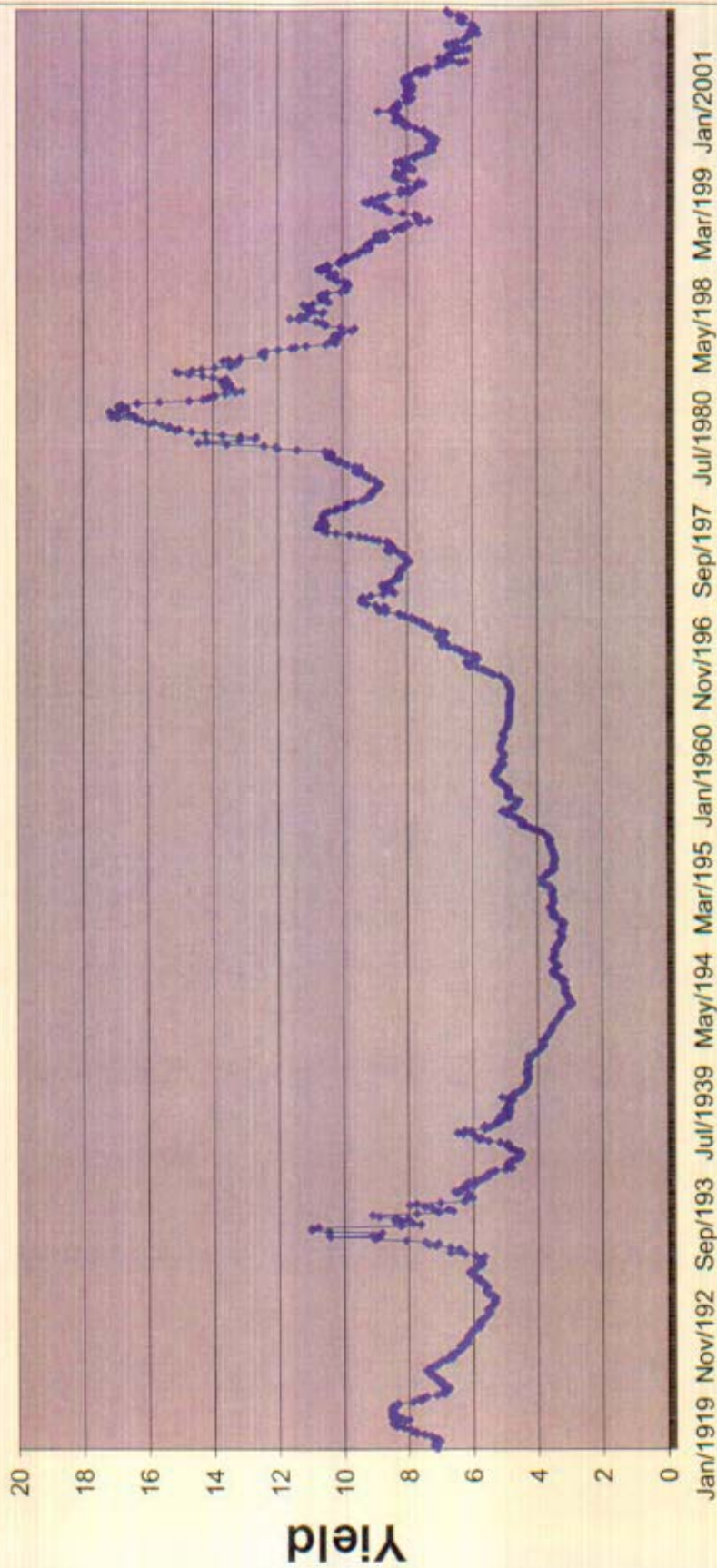
Average Yields on Mergent's Public Utility Bonds and
Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds (1980 - 2006)



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Moody's Baa Corporate Bond Yields



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Economic Estimates and Projections, 2006-2008

Economic Estimates and Projections, 2006-2008															
Source	Inflation Rate			Real GDP			Unemployment			3-Mo. T-Bill Rate			30-Year T-Bond Rate		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
Value Line Investment Survey – Selection & Opinion (03-24-06, page 1109)	2.70%	2.40%	2.20%	3.50%	3.00%	3.10%	4.70%	4.90%	4.80%	4.80%	4.80%	4.60%	5.20%	5.30%	5.50%
The Budget and Economic Outlook FY2007-2016	2.80%	2.20%	2.20%	3.60%	3.40%	3.10%	5.00%	5.00%	5.20%	4.50%	4.50%	4.40%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Current rate	4.20%			5.60%			4.60%			4.79%			5.23%		
Notes: N.A. = Not Available. Value Line data for 2006-2008 are estimated. CBO data for 2006 and 2007 are forecasted, data for 2008 is projected.															
Sources of Current Rates:															
Inflation:	The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, 12-Month Period Ending, May 31, 2006 (see first paragraph). http://www.bls.gov/schedule/archives/cpi_all.htm														
GDP:	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis for the Quarter Ending June 29, 2006 (see first paragraph). http://www.bea.gov/bea/newsrel/gdpnewsrelease.htm														
Unemployment:	The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economy Situation Summary - Unemployment Rate, May 2006. http://www.bls.gov/news.release/empst.nr0.htm														
3-Month Treasury:	St. Louis Federal Reserve website for June 1, 2006. http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/TB3MS/22														
30-Yr. T-Bond:	CBS MarketWatch website on July 6, 2006. http://www.marketwatch.com/tools/marketsummary/default.asp?site=mkw														
Other Sources (2006 - 2008):	ValueLine Investment Survey Selection & Opinion, May 24, 2006, page 1109.														
	The Congressional Budget Office, The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2007-2016, January 2006, page 46. http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdocs/70xx/doc7027/01-26-BudgetOutlook.pdf														

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Historical Consolidated Capital Structures for Great Plains Energy

(Millions of Dollars)						
Capital Components	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	5-Year Average
Common Equity	\$778,812.0	\$939,470.0	\$957,294.0	\$1,141,594.0	\$1,229,711.0	\$1,009,376.2
Preferred Stock	39,000.0	39,000.0	39,000.0	39,000.0	39,000.0	\$39,000.0
Long-Term Debt	1,344,953.0 *	1,332,388.0 *	1,346,936.0 *	1,295,612.0 *	1,145,155.0 *	\$1,293,008.8
Short-Term Debt	155,139.0	0.0	33,750.0	0.0	0.0	\$37,777.8
Total	\$2,317,904.0	\$2,310,858.0	\$2,376,980.0	\$2,476,206.0	\$2,413,866.0	\$2,379,162.8
Capital Components	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	5-Year Average
Common Equity	33.60%	40.65%	40.27%	46.10%	50.94%	42.31%
Preferred Stock	1.68%	1.69%	1.64%	1.57%	1.62%	1.64%
Long-Term Debt	58.02%	57.66%	56.67%	52.32%	47.44%	54.42%
Short-Term Debt	6.69%	0.00%	1.42%	0.00%	0.00%	1.62%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
Source: Great Plains Energy's SEC 10-K for 12/31/2002.						
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Note: *Includes current maturities of long-term debt.						

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Selected Financial Ratios for Great Plains Energy

Financial Ratios	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Return on Common Equity	12.60%	13.60%	16.40%	15.50%	13.30%
Earnings Per Common Share	\$1.59	\$2.04	\$2.27	\$2.46	\$2.18
Cash Dividends Per Common Share	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66
Common Dividend Payout Ratio	104.40%	81.37%	73.13%	67.48%	76.15%
Year-End Market Price Per Common Share	\$25.20	\$22.88	\$31.82	\$30.28	\$27.96
Year-End Book Value Per Common Share	\$12.59	\$13.58	\$13.82	\$15.35	\$16.35 *
Year-End Market-to-Book Ratio	2.00 x	1.68 x	2.30 x	1.97 x	1.71 x
Funds From Operations (FFO)					
Interest Coverage Ratio	3.1 x	3.9 x	4.9 x	4.4 x	4.6 x
FFO/Average Total Debt	18%	20%	24%	23%	24%
Corporate Credit Rating (Standard & Poor's Corporation)	N.R.	BBB	BBB	BBB	BBB

Formulas:

Common Dividend Payout Ratio = Common Dividends Paid / Earnings Per Common Share.

Year-End Market-to-Book Ratio = Year-End Market Price Per Common Share / Year-End Book Value Per Common Share.

Sources: Standard and Poor's CreditStats, August 11, 2005.

Standard and Poor's Stock Guide, January 2002, January 2003, January 2004, January 2005, and January 2006.

Value Line Investment Survey for Great Plains Energy, March 31, 2006.

Response to Staff Data Request 0031.

Notes: *2005 Year-end Book Value Per Common Share is an estimate.

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Capital Structure as of December 31, 2005
Great Plains Energy

Capital Component	Dollar Amount (000's)	Percentage of Capital
Common Stock Equity	\$ 1,229,711	50.94%
Preferred Stock	\$ 39,000	1.62%
Long-Term Debt	\$ 1,145,155	47.44%
Short-Term Debt	\$ -	0.00%
Total Capitalization	\$ 2,413,866	100.00%

Electric Financial Ratio Benchmark
Total Debt / Total Capital

Standard & Poor's Corporation's
RatingsDirect,
Revised Financial Guidelines as of
June 2, 2004

BBB Credit Rating based on a "6" Business Profile
48% to 58%

Notes: 1. Long-term Debt at December 31, 2005 is based on the net balance of long-term debt, including current maturities (total principal amount of long-term debt outstanding less unamortized expenses and discounts) shown on Schedule 10. This balance also includes the amount of non-regulated debt. These balances were provided in KCP&L's response to DR 0019.

2. Short-term debt balance net of construction work in progress (CWIP) was negative as of December 31, 2005. Therefore, no short-term debt is included in the capital structure.

Source: Kansas City Power and Light's response to Staff's Data Request No. 0019.

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Criteria for Selecting Comparable Electric Utility Companies

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	
Vertically Integrated Electric Utility Companies(Ticker)	Stock Publicly Traded	Information Printed in Value Line	10-Years of Data Available	At Least Investment Grade Credit Rating	Two Sources for Projected Growth Available with One from Value Line	No Missouri Operations	Comparable Company Met All Criteria
Gen. Vermont Pub. Serv.(CV)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
El Paso Electric(EE)	Yes	Yes	No				
Empire Dist. Electric(EDE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
Green Mountain Power(GMP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
Hawaiian Electric(HE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
IDACORP, Inc.(IDA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PacificCorp(N.A.)	No						
Pinnacle West Capital(PNW)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portland General Electric Co.(N.A.)	No						
Puget Energy Inc.(PSD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Southern Co.(SO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources: Columns 1, 2 and 5 = Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect.

Columns 3, 4 and 6 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports.

Column 7 = May 2006 Earnings Guide and I/B/E/S Inc.'s Institutional Brokers Estimate System, June 15, 2006.

Notes: N.A. = Not available because not publicly traded.

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Comparable Electrical Utility Companies for Kansas City Power & Light

Number	Ticker Symbol	Company Name
1	HE	Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.
2	IDA	IDACORP, Inc.
3	PNW	Pinnacle West Capital
4	PSD	Puget Energy Inc.
5	SO	Southern Co.

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**Ten-Year Dividends Per Share, Earnings Per Share & Book Value Per Share Growth Rates
for the Six Comparable Electric Utility Companies and Great Plains Energy**

Company Name	10-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates			Average of 10 Year Annual Compound Growth Rates
	DPS	EPS	BVPS	
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	0.50%	1.50%	2.00%	1.33%
IDACORP, Inc.	-3.00%	-2.50%	2.50%	-1.00%
Pinnacle West Capital	11.00%	2.00%	5.00%	6.00%
Puget Energy Inc.	-6.00%	-3.50%	-1.00%	-3.50%
Southern Co.	2.00%	2.50%	1.00%	1.83%
Average	0.90%	0.00%	1.90%	0.93%
Standard Deviation	5.77%	2.49%	1.96%	3.16%
Great Plains Energy	1.50%	4.00%	0.00%	1.83%

Source: The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, March 31, May 12, and June 2, 2006.

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**Five-Year Dividends Per Share, Earnings Per Share & Book Value Per Share Growth Rates
for the Five Comparable Electric Utility Companies and Great Plains Energy**

	----- 5-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates -----			Average of 5 Year Annual Compound Growth Rates
<u>Company Name</u>	<u>DPS</u>	<u>EPS</u>	<u>BVPS</u>	
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	0.00%	1.00%	3.00%	1.33%
IDACORP, Inc.	-6.00%	-11.00%	3.00%	-4.67%
Pinnacle West Capital	6.50%	-4.50%	4.00%	2.00%
Puget Energy Inc.	-11.50%	-7.50%	0.50%	-6.17%
Southern Co.	<u>1.00%</u>	<u>2.00%</u>	<u>-1.00%</u>	<u>0.67%</u>
Average	<u>-2.00%</u>	<u>-4.00%</u>	<u>1.90%</u>	<u>-1.37%</u>
Standard Deviation	6.19%	4.95%	1.85%	3.37%
 Great Plains Energy	 0.00%	 7.00%	 0.00%	 2.33%

Source: The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, March 31, May 12, and June 2, 2006.

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**Average of Ten- and Five-Year Dividends Per Share, Earnings Per Share &
Book Value Per Share Growth Rates for the Five Comparable Electric Utility Companies
and Great Plains Energy**

Company Name	10-Year Average DPS, EPS & BVPS	5-Year Average DPS, EPS & BVPS	Average of 5-Year & 10-Year Averages
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	1.33%	1.33%	1.33%
IDACORP, Inc.	-1.00%	-4.67%	-2.83%
Pinnacle West Capital	6.00%	2.00%	4.00%
Puget Energy Inc.	-3.50%	-6.17%	-4.83%
Southern Co.	1.83%	0.67%	1.25%
Average	<u>0.93%</u>	<u>-1.37%</u>	<u>-0.22%</u>
 Great Plains Energy	 1.83%	 2.33%	 2.08%

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**Historical and Projected Growth Rates
for the Five Comparable Electric Utility Companies
and Great Plains Energy**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Company Name	Historical Growth Rate (DPS, EPS and BVPS)	Projected 5-Year EPS Growth IBES (Mean)	Projected 5-Year EPS Growth S&P	Projected 3-5 Year EPS Growth Value Line	Average Projected Growth	Average of Historical & Projected Growth
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	1.33%	3.38%	3.00%	3.00%	3.13%	2.23%
IDACORP, Inc.	-2.83%	4.67%	5.00%	4.50%	4.72%	0.95%
Pinnacle West Capital	4.00%	7.20%	7.00%	6.00%	6.73%	5.37%
Puget Energy Inc.	-4.83%	3.50%	4.00%	5.00%	4.17%	-0.33%
Southern Co.	1.25%	4.75%	5.00%	5.00%	4.92%	3.08%
Average	-0.22%	4.70%	4.80%	4.70%	4.73%	2.26%
Great Plains Energy	2.08%	2.50%	2.00%	Nil	2.25%	2.17%

Proposed Range of Growth for Comparables: 4.70%-4.80%

Column 5 = [(Column 2 + Column 3 + Column 4) / 3]

Column 6 = [(Column 1 + Column 5) / 2]

Sources: Column 1 = Average of 10-Year and 5-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates from Schedule 13-3.

Column 2 = I/B/E/S Inc.'s Institutional Brokers Estimate System, June 15, 2006.

Column 3 = Standard & Poor's Earnings Guide, June 2006.

Column 4 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, March 31, May 12, and June 2, 2006.

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**Average High / Low Stock Price for February 2006 through May 2006
for the Five Comparable Electric Utility Companies and
Great Plains Energy**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	-- Feb 2006 --		-- March 2006 --		-- April 2006 --		-- May 2006 --		Average
									High/Low
Company Name	High Stock Price	Low Stock Price	High Stock Price	Low Stock Price	High Stock Price	Low Stock Price	High Stock Price	Low Stock Price	Stock Price (2/06 - 6/06)
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	\$27.050	\$25.910	\$27.260	\$26.350	\$27.440	\$26.200	\$27.050	\$25.690	\$26.619
IDACORP, Inc.	\$33.280	\$30.500	\$33.100	\$30.700	\$34.180	\$32.000	\$35.200	\$32.270	\$32.654
Pinnacle West Capital	\$42.650	\$40.890	\$41.010	\$38.760	\$41.060	\$38.980	\$40.490	\$38.310	\$40.269
Puget Energy Inc.	\$21.670	\$20.750	\$21.680	\$20.700	\$21.430	\$20.130	\$21.290	\$20.280	\$20.991
Southern Co.	\$34.850	\$33.020	\$34.100	\$32.340	\$33.250	\$31.130	\$32.450	\$30.480	\$32.703
 Great Plains Energy	 \$29.130	 \$28.010	 \$28.620	 \$27.700	 \$29.250	 \$27.910	 \$29.000	 \$27.280	 \$28.363

Notes:

Column 9 = [(Column 1 + Column 2 + Column 3 + Column 4 + Column 5 + Column 6 + Column 7 + Column 8) / 8].

Sources: S & P Stock Guides: March 2006, April 2006, May 2006 and June 2006.

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Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Estimated Costs of Common Equity
for the Five Comparable Electric Utility Companies and
Great Plains Energy

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Company Name	Expected Annual Dividend	Average High/Low Stock Price	Projected Dividend Yield	Average of Historical & Projected Growth	Estimated Cost of Common Equity
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	\$1.24	\$26.619	4.66%	2.23%	6.89%
IDACORP, Inc.	\$1.20	\$32.654	3.67%	0.95%	4.62%
Pinnacle West Capital	\$2.08	\$40.269	5.17%	5.37%	10.53%
Puget Energy Inc.	\$1.00	\$20.991	4.76%	-0.33%	4.43%
Southern Co.	\$1.58	\$32.703	4.83%	3.08%	7.91%
Average			<u>4.62%</u>	<u>2.26%</u>	<u>6.88%</u>
Great Plains Energy	\$1.66	\$28.363	5.85%	2.17%	8.02%
Proposed Dividend Yield:					4.62%
Proposed Range of Growth:					<u>4.70% - 4.80%</u>
Estimated Proxy Cost of Common Equity:					9.32%-9.42%
GPE Company-Specific Using Average Projected Growth					8.10%
GPE Company-Specific Using IBES Average Growth					8.35%

Notes: Column 1 = Estimated Dividends Declared per share represents the average projected dividends for 2006 and 2007

Column 3 = (Column 1 / Column 2).

Column 5 = (Column 3 + Column 4).

Sources: Column 1 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, March 31, May 12, June 2, 2006.

Column 2 = Schedule 15.

Column 4 = Schedule 14.

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**Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) Costs of Common Equity Estimates
Based on Historical Return Differences Between Common Stocks and Long-Term U.S. Treasuries
for the Five comparable Electric Utility Companies and Great Plains Energy**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
			Arithmetic Average Market Risk Premium (1926-2005)	Geometric Average Market Risk Premium (1926-2005)	Geometric Average Market Risk Premium (1996-2005)	Arithmetic CAPM Cost of Common Equity (1926-2005)	Geometric CAPM Cost of Common Equity (1926-2005)	Geometric CAPM Cost of Common Equity (1996-2005)
Company Name	Risk Free Rate	Company's Value Line Beta						
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	5.16%	0.70	6.50%	4.90%	1.48%	9.71%	8.59%	6.20%
IDACORP, Inc.	5.16%	0.95	6.50%	4.90%	1.48%	11.34%	9.82%	6.57%
Pinnacle West Capital	5.16%	0.95	6.50%	4.90%	1.48%	11.34%	9.82%	6.57%
Puget Energy Inc.	5.16%	0.80	6.50%	4.90%	1.48%	10.36%	9.08%	6.34%
Southern Co.	5.16%	0.65	6.50%	4.90%	1.48%	9.39%	8.35%	6.12%
Average		0.81				10.43%	9.13%	6.36%
Great Plains Energy	5.16%	0.90	6.50%	4.90%	1.48%	11.01%	9.57%	6.49%

Sources:

Column 1 = The appropriate yield is equal to the average 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond yield for June 2006 which was obtained from the St. Louis Federal Reserve website at <http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/GS30/22>.

Column 2 = Beta is a measure of the movement and relative risk of an individual stock to the market as a whole as reported by the Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, March 31, May 12, and June 2, 2006.

Column 3 = The Market Risk Premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the expected return from holding a risk free investment. The appropriate Market Risk Premium for the period 1926 - 2005 was determined to be 6.50% based on an arithmetic average as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2006 Yearbook.

Column 4 = The Market Risk Premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the expected return from holding a risk free investment. The appropriate Market Risk Premium for the period 1926 - 2005 was determined to be 4.90% based on a geometric average as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2006 Yearbook.

Column 5 = The Market Risk Premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the expected return from holding a risk free investment. The appropriate Market Risk Premium for the period 1996 - 2005 was determined to be 2.29% as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2006 Yearbook.

Column 6 = (Column 1 + (Column 2 * Column 3)).

Column 7 = (Column 1 + (Column 2 * Column 4)).

Column 8 = (Column 1 + (Column 2 * Column 5)).

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**Selected Financial Ratios for the Five Comparable Electric Utility Companies
and Great Plains Energy**

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Company Name	2005 Common Equity Ratio	2005 Long-Term Debt Ratio	Funds From Operations Interest Coverage	Funds From Operations to Total Debt	Market- to-Book Value	2005 Return on Common Equity	2006 Projected Return on Common Equity	Bond Rating
Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc.	53.30%	45.20%	4.00 x	19.0%	1.79 x	9.70%	10.00% *	BBB+
IDACORP, Inc.	50.00%	50.00%	2.80 x	12.0%	1.36 x	6.20%	7.50% *	BBB+
Pinnacle West Capital	56.80%	43.20%	N.A. x	15.0%	1.21 x	6.50%	8.50% *	BBB+
Puget Energy Inc.	45.60%	54.40%	2.90 x	14.0%	1.17 x	7.20%	8.00% *	BBB-
Southern Co.	44.30%	53.20%	5.30 x	N.A.	2.26 x	14.90%	14.00% *	A
Average	50.00%	49.20%	3.75 x	15.0%	1.56 x	8.90%	9.60%	BBB+
Great Plains Energy	50.90%	47.50%	4.60 x	23.6%	1.74 x	13.30%	10.50% *	BBB

Sources:

The Value Line Investment Survey Ratings & Reports, March 31, May 12, and June 2, 2006: for columns (1), (2), (6) and (7).
Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect and Response to Staff Data Request 0031 for columns (3), (4).
AUS Utility Reports, July 2006 for column (5).

Note: * Estimated.

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Public Utility Revenue Requirement

or

Cost of Service

The formula for the revenue requirement of a public utility may be stated as follows :

Equation 1 : **Revenue Requirement = Cost of Service**

or

Equation 2 : **$RR = O + (V - D) R$**

The symbols in the second equation are represented by the following factors :

RR	= Revenue Requirement
O	= Prudent Operating Costs, including Depreciation and Taxes
V	= Gross Valuation of the Property Serving the Public
D	= Accumulated Depreciation
$(V - D)$	= Rate Base (Net Valuation)
$(V - D) R$	= Return Amount (\$\$) or Earnings Allowed on Rate Base
R	= $iL + dP + kE$ or Overall Rate of Return (%)
i	= Embedded Cost of Debt
L	= Proportion of Debt in the Capital Structure
d	= Embedded Cost of Preferred Stock
P	= Proportion of Preferred Stock in the Capital Structure
k	= Required Return on Common Equity (ROE)
E	= Proportion of Common Equity in the Capital Structure

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