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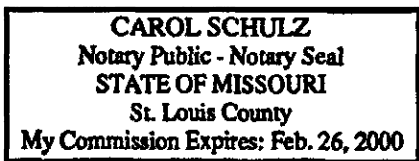
John W. Mallinckrodt, being of lawful age and duly affirmed, states the following:


1. My name is John W. Mallinckrodt. I am a consultant in the field of utility regulation and a member of Brubaker & Associates, Inc.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my Rebuttal Testimony consisting of Pages 1 through 14, and Schedules 1 through 2, filed on behalf of the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers.
3. I have reviewed the attached rebuttal testimony and hereby affirm that my testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



John W. Mallinckrodt

Duly affirmed before this 5th day of August 1999.





Notary Public

My commission expires on February 26, 2000.

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Rebuttal Testimony of John W. Mallinckrodt

1 Q PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

2 A John W. Mallinckrodt, Brubaker & Associates, Inc., 723 Gardner Road, Flossmoor,
3 Illinois 60422.

4 Q ARE YOU THE SAME JOHN W. MALLINCKRODT WHO PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED
5 TESTIMONY IN THIS CASE?

6 A Yes, I am.

7 Q WHAT SUBJECTS WILL YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY ADDRESS?

8 A My Rebuttal Testimony will address the positions of the Staff of the Missouri Public
9 Service Commission (Staff) and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) on allocation of the
10 cost of mains, services, and meters and regulators (M&R). In addition, my Testimony will
11 also address Laclede Gas Company's (Laclede) position in its cost of service study
12 (COSS) on allocation of the above costs.

13 Q WHAT GENERAL COMMENTS DO YOU HAVE RELATIVE TO THE COST
14 ALLOCATIONS OF LACLEDE, THE STAFF AND THE OPC?

1 A The findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgement of the Circuit Court of Cole
2 County, Missouri in the case, Noranda Aluminum, Inc. vs. Public Service Commission of
3 the State of Missouri, Case No. CV 198-122C, seems to offer some guidance. However,
4 I understand that further appeals are pending, so the judgement is not final at this time.
5 First, the Court found that the Commission's Order shall not result in the allocation of any
6 distribution costs to "a customer who" is not connected to any distribution system but
7 rather is connected directly to the transmission system. Second, the Court ordered the
8 Commission not to allocate any regulator, meter and installation allocations cost "to a
9 class" other than those actually used to serve "a customer or class" for the reason that
10 it is not causing any costs to be incurred.

11 While I understand the Court's decision is not yet final, it certainly comports with
12 cost of service principles we have long been supporting on behalf of MIEC. Moreover,
13 the direction of the Court is instructional because to various extents Laclede, the Staff
14 and the OPC are allocating distribution main costs to customers who are not connected
15 to the parts of Laclede's distribution system comprised of the medium pressure and low
16 pressure systems. The use of mains is more fully described in my Direct Testimony at
17 pages 2 through 4. These customers and/or classes are not served by the medium and
18 low pressure facilities and hence are not causing costs to be incurred.

19 Although some of its testimony in this case is not current, OPC renewed a
20 proposal that the cost of mains 2" and smaller be allocated only to the general service
21 class (OPC asserts that 2" mains and smaller are used only to serve general service
22 customers). This is a step in the right conceptual direction and partially recognizes what
23 the Court ordered regarding Associated Natural Gas. However, the determination of
24 which facilities are connected and actually used should be based on a careful study of
25 the pressure systems that serve the customer's and/or classes' facilities and not on the

1 size of the main. OPC's approach, while a step in the correct conceptual direction, is an
2 arbitrary approximation. In contrast, I have carefully reviewed the records of Laclede to
3 accurately define the facilities being used in service to the customer classes.

4 **Allocation of Mains, Services and M&R Costs**

5 Q WHAT HAVE STAFF, OPC AND THE COMPANY PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO
6 ALLOCATION OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS?

7 A STAFF

8 Staff witness Daniel I. Beck has sponsored the Staff's COSS. Witness Beck developed
9 the COSS in this case by updating the COSS filed by the Staff in Case No. GR-98-374
10 which was Laclede's previous rate case. The allocators used in this case were
11 developed in the previous case and apparently updated in this case to reflect the test
12 year ending December 31, 1998. Witness Beck has not filed any testimony in this
13 proceeding to support the allocators used in the Staff's COSS. Therefore, there is
14 nothing in the record in this case to support or even describe the Staff's allocation
15 factors. My comments are based on a review of the Staff's testimony in the last
16 proceeding, and work papers.

17 However, in case the Commission should consider the Staff's allocators for
18 transmission and distribution mains, I will in this Rebuttal Testimony address the Staff's
19 allocation of mains using its capacity utilization method as it was described in the
20 previous case. The capacity utilization method yields an allocation to the Large Volume
21 Transportation and Sales (LVTS) Firm and Basic Transportation customer classes of
22 approximately 2.81% and 4.39% respectively of both transmission and distribution
23 mains.

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1 OPC

2 OPC in the Testimony of Ms. Hong Hu has proposed that transmission and distribution
3 mains be allocated by the use of a modified RSUM (Relative System Utilization Method)
4 allocator. This is an unconventional method developed not by Ms. Hu, but supported by
5 Mr. Barry Hall, a former OPC employee, in the last case. Ms. Hu appears to have
6 submitted his work verbatim. For distribution mains, Ms. Hu has allocated all of the cost
7 associated with mains having a diameter of 2 inches and less to the Residential and
8 Commercial & Industrial general service classes, thereby excluding all other classes from
9 these costs. She used RSUM allocators that were developed by in the former OPC
10 engineer Barry Hall in Case No. GR-98-374. Again, his work has been adopted verbatim
11 without update. Mr. Hall's method yields an allocation of distribution main costs to the
12 LVTS Firm and Basic Transportation customer classes of approximately 4.20% and
13 7.30%, respectively. The difference in the transmission and distribution allocators is due
14 to the OPC's treatment of the 2" and smaller mains.

15 LACLEDE

16 Laclede has proposed an allocation which uses a demand and throughput allocator for
17 transmission mains and distribution mains. Demand is based on the non-coincident peak
18 (NCP) demand of each class and is applied to 73.527% of the main cost. The
19 throughput allocator was determined by applying the ratio of the total system average
20 daily usage to the total NCP day usage and is applied to 26.473% of the main cost. This
21 results in a demand allocation of 3.702% of transmission and distribution mains to the
22 LVTS Firm Transportation class and 5.626% of mains to the LVTS Basic Transportation
23 class, as shown in the cost of service study supporting the Direct Testimony of R.
24 Lawrence Sherwin. The throughput allocation is 7.204% of transmission and distribution
25 mains to the LVTS Firm Transportation class and 12.316% of mains to the LVTS Basic

1 Transportation class. This results in an overall allocation of approximately 4.63% of
2 transmission and distribution mains to the LVTS Firm Transportation class and
3 approximately 7.40% of mains to the LVTS Basic Transportation class. However, in his
4 Direct Testimony, Mr. Sherwin states that his study is intended to serve as a means of
5 determining the relative cost responsibility of the various rate classes. Like the Staff's,
6 the study submitted by Mr. Sherwin has completely ignored the fact that many large
7 customers are served without any use of the medium and low pressure mains.

8 **Q PLEASE COMMENT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE COMPANY'S METHOD**
9 **OF ALLOCATION OF MAINS.**

10 **A** In Mr. Johnstone's Direct Testimony for the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers (MIEC)
11 group, he utilized Laclede's COSS as a starting point and then made adjustments to
12 reflect changes that must be made to develop a proper study. Instead of Laclede's
13 method for allocation of transmission and distribution mains using an NCP
14 demand/throughput allocation and an approximately 73/27 percentage split between the
15 two, Mr Johnstone proposed an NCP demand/customer allocation a 70/30 percentage
16 split between the two. In addition, three NCP demand allocators were developed to
17 accommodate the fact that the large volume customers are not served by the low
18 pressure mains in Laclede's distribution system and many of the large volume customers
19 are not served by the medium pressure mains. The use of a customer allocator instead
20 of a commodity allocator better reflects the assignment of costs to each class because
21 a portion of the cost is related to the ability to connect customers to the system. Also,
22 the cost of mains is not a variable cost and is not related to the volume of gas moving
23 through the mains at any point in time. Consequently, there is no good reason for
24 allocating any portion of main costs based on throughput. The MIEC method of

1 allocation of mains reflects a reasonable allocation of the cost of transmission and
2 distribution mains for this case.

3 **Q PLEASE COMMENT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE STAFF'S METHOD OF**
4 **ALLOCATION OF MAINS.**

5 **A** The Staff's method does not allocate the proper amount of transmission and distribution
6 main costs to the LVTS Firm and Basic Transportation classes. The Stand Alone
7 method utilized by the Staff to derive the customer component generates similar results
8 to the use of the customer component by MIEC and in a very general sense both are
9 intended to account for costs that are incurred to serve customers notwithstanding peak
10 capacity requirements. Staff and MIEC allocators also utilize similar demand allocation
11 factors. Therefore, the single biggest problem in the Staff's method is the failure to
12 account for the fact that lower pressure facilities are not used in providing service to
13 large customers. When modified to incorporate the use of only certain mains by the
14 large volume classes, the Staff study would then better reflect the use and cost of the
15 transmission and distribution mains used to provide service to the classes. I also
16 disagree with the capacity utilization method because, as the name implies, the method
17 focuses on usage instead of cost causations.

18 **Q PLEASE ADDRESS THE OPC'S METHODS OF ALLOCATION OF MAINS.**

19 **A** The OPC's RSUM method does not allocate the proper main costs to the classes in part
20 because it is based on monthly NCP and not on the annual NCP. Like the Staff capacity
21 utilization method, it fails to focus on cost causation. Since the maximum usage is what
22 drives the capacity component of the cost of mains, the cost allocation should be based
23 on the annual NCP, as adjusted for the use or non-use of the different pressure system

1 mains by the various classes. This would reflect the costs which are incurred in order to
2 meet the maximum daily gas demand imposed by customers. The capacity component
3 of the distribution system and the related investment for the system is primarily a function
4 of the peak demand of each rate class. Peak demand therefore better reflects the cost
5 responsibility of the classes. This calculation combined with a customer-related factor
6 and adjusted as described above for the non-use of mains reflects the appropriate
7 allocation of the cost of transmission and distribution mains to the classes.

8 OPC has not allocated the cost of 2" and smaller mains to classes other than the
9 general service class, however, this 2" threshold is arbitrary and does not reflect actual
10 use of system facilities. Main costs should be accumulated based on the pressure
11 system, as described more fully in my Direct Testimony. An allocator using the annual
12 NCP demands on each pressure system reflects the investment in mains and the cost
13 basis for mains while the monthly NCPs in the OPC's RSUM method do not reflect the
14 reality of system usage.

15 **Q HOW DOES THE MIEC PROPOSAL COMPARE TO THE OTHER PROPOSALS FOR**
16 **ALLOCATION OF MAINS?**

17 **A** A comparison of the allocators for distribution mains for the LVTS Firm and Basic
18 Transportation classes is shown in the Table below.

MAINS ALLOCATION - AS FILED

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<u>Mains</u>	<u>LVTS Firm</u>	<u>LVTS Basic</u>	<u>Reflects Usage by Pressure System</u>
Laclede	4.629%	7.397%	No
Staff	2.810%	4.390%	No
OPC	4.197%	7.292%	Arbitrary
MIEC	1.002%	1.564%	Yes

10 Q WHAT HAS THE STAFF PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO ALLOCATION OF
11 METERS?

12 A Mr. Beck used an allocation of meters which reflects the relative costs of the meters and
13 the numbers of meters. Mr. Beck allocated meters by assigning 69.87% of costs using
14 a customer allocator and 30.13% of meter costs using a demand allocator. An
15 allocation factor for each customer class was, as developed in the last case, based on
16 the percentage of customers in the class for the customer allocator and on the
17 percentage of total demand in each class. This resulted in an overall allocation of meter
18 costs to the LVTS Firm Transportation class of 1.14% and to the LVTS Basic
19 Transportation class of 1.79%.

20 Q DO YOU FIND MR. BECK'S APPROACH APPROPRIATE?

21 A No. While it accounts for variations in costs by use of a weighted per unit cost, the
22 demand component does not capture any element of cost causations not already
23 addressed by directly accounting for variations in the costs of the meters.

24 Q WHAT HAS THE OPC PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO ALLOCATION OF METERS?

1 A The OPC in the Testimony of Ms. Hong Hu allocated meters based on the current cost
2 for the meters used by each class. The current meter and installation (regulator) costs
3 of the Company were utilized to derive the average meter and installation cost for each
4 customer class. This cost by class was compared to the cost for the residential class
5 and a weight was developed from this. The estimated number of meters was developed
6 from the number of customers in each class multiplied by a meter/customer ratio. The
7 estimated number of meters was multiplied by the cost weighting to develop the
8 weighted meter count which was used to calculate the meter allocation factor. The final
9 meter and regulator allocators for the LVTS Firm Transportation and Basic
10 Transportation classes are 1.284% and 2.037% respectively.

11 Q DO YOU FIND MS. HU'S APPROACH REASONABLE?

12 A Yes. It accounts for variations in costs based on costs by use of a weighted per unit
13 cost. I have provided data to Mr. Johnstone so he could revise the MIEC study to
14 incorporate Ms. Hu's approach.

15 Q WHAT HAS THE STAFF PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO ALLOCATION OF
16 REGULATORS?

17 A Staff witness Beck allocated regulators by determining the customer and demand
18 components in the same manner as done for meters, except the cost was split 54.15%
19 to customer and 45.85% to demand. This resulted in an allocation of regulator costs to
20 the LVTS Firm Transportation class of 1.74% and to the LVTS Basic Transportation
21 class of 2.71%.

1 Q WHAT HAS THE OPC PROPOSED WITH RESPECT TO ALLOCATION OF
2 REGULATORS?

3 A As discussed above, the OPC in the Testimony of Ms. Hong Hu allocated regulators
4 based on the meter allocators. This results in regulator allocators for the LVTS Firm and
5 Basic Transportation classes which are the same as the meter allocators.

6 Q WHAT DID LACLEDE FILE WITH RESPECT TO ALLOCATION OF METERS,
7 REGULATORS AND SERVICES?

8 A Laclede allocated meters and regulators using customer (50.213%), NCP demand
9 (38.607%), and commodity (13.18%) related functions. The customer-related portion of
10 the meters, regulators and services, was based on the cost of the minimum size of
11 meters and services used in the Laclede system. The balance of the costs of meters
12 and services was then divided between demand-related and commodity-related costs
13 using the same procedures followed for the functionalization of mains. This resulted in
14 an allocation of 2.475% of meters and regulators to the LVTS Firm Transportation class
15 and 3.853% to the LVTS Basic Transportation class.

16 Q IS THE LACLEDE APPROACH REASONABLE?

17 A No. Unlike the approaches of Staff and OPC, it has little basis in causation. As a result
18 Laclede would charge large volume customers for the costs actually incurred to provide
19 service to general service customers.

20 Q DID THE MIEC COST STUDY FILED WITH MR. JOHNSTONE'S DIRECT TESTIMONY
21 CORRECT THE PROBLEMS WITH THE LACLEDE APPROACH?

1 A No, however I will be providing data for a revised study to reflect the approach
2 recommended by Ms. Hu as it provides a reasonable allocation founded in the costs of
3 the meters, regulators and services used to provide service to the customer classes.

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5 Q **WHAT METHOD DID STAFF, OPC AND COMPANY UTILIZE FOR THE ALLOCATION**
6 **OF SERVICE LINES?**

7 A Mr. Beck for the Staff based his allocation of services on weighted customer numbers.
8 The weights were based on the average cost of services for each class. These weights
9 were applied to the customer numbers to derive weighted customer numbers. The OPC
10 in the Direct Testimony of Ms. Hong Hu also allocated services based on an estimate of
11 the cost of services for each class. She developed weighting relative to the residential
12 class for each class which was multiplied by the number of customers in each class to
13 develop a weighted service count for each class. This count was used to derive the
14 service allocation factor.

15 The Staff's method of allocation of services resulted in an allocation of service
16 costs to the LVTS Firm and Basic Transportation classes of 0.060% and 0.10%,
17 respectively. The OPC's results in Ms. Hu's Direct Testimony allocated service costs to
18 the LVTS Firm and Basic Transportation classes of 0.060% and 0.095% respectively.

19 Laclede based the allocation of services for the customer classes on the same
20 method used for meters and regulators but the customer-related cost was set at
21 74.102% of the total cost. Laclede's method of allocation resulted in an allocation of
22 approximately 1.45% of services to the LVTS Firm Transportation class and 2.167% to
23 the LVTS Basic Transport class.

1 Q PLEASE COMMENT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF LACLEDE'S METHODS,
2 OPC'S METHODS, AND STAFF'S METHODS OF ALLOCATION OF SERVICES.

3 A Laclede's method is not acceptable as it is based to heavily on the customer-related
4 function, determined by the minimum size service, and also on the commodity-related
5 function. The OPC and Staff methods are superior to Laclede's because they use the
6 cost of services for each class to develop a weighting which is used to derive a cost
7 weighted service count. It is more appropriate to base the cost allocation on the actual
8 cost of services than on the customer, demand, and commodity-related components of
9 cost, which would only at best approximate the cost.

10 Q WHAT APPROACH DID MIEC USE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SERVICES?

11 A The MIEC COSS developed an allocator based 70% on NCP demand and 30% on
12 customer-related functions. The Staff and OPC methods better reflect cost and produce
13 essentially identical results.

14 I provided data to Mr. Johnstone so he could revise the MIEC study to incorporate
15 the OPC approach. A comparison of the allocators for services for the LVTS Firm and
16 Basic Transportation classes is shown in the Table below.

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18	<u>Meters</u>	<u>LVTS Firm</u>	<u>LVTS Basic</u>
19	Laclede	1.450%	2.167%
20	Staff	0.060%	0.100%
21	OPC	0.060%	0.095%
22	MIEC (as modified)	0.060%	0.095%

1 Q IS IT POSSIBLE TO CORRECT THE MAIN DEMAND ALLOCATORS OF LACLEDE,
2 STAFF AND OPC TO REFLECT ACTUAL USAGE OF THE PRESSURE SYSTEMS?

3 A Yes. I have, for each party's allocation, estimated the effect of allocating costs only
4 where facilities are used in providing service to the customer. This will better reflect the
5 principle of cost causation and the required essential equity and non-discrimination as
6 discussed in the Order of the Circuit Court.

7 Q PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENTS YOU HAVE MADE.

8 A Both the Staff and OPC's COSS were adjusted by revising the main demand allocators
9 to account for the usage of mains. The studies were also adjusted for gas revenues as
10 described in the Rebuttal Testimony of Mr. Johnstone. The results are set forth in my
11 Rebuttal Schedules 1 and 2.

12 Q PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE MAIN POINTS OF YOUR TESTIMONY.

13 A The main points of my Testimony are as follows: (1) Staff, OPC and Laclede methods
14 of allocation of mains should be rejected because they do not account for the fact that
15 many large customers do not receive any service from medium and low pressure mains;
16 (2) Mains should be allocated on an NCP demand/customer allocation with an
17 approximately 70/30 percent split between the two and with the NCP demand allocator
18 adjusted for customers not served by low pressure and medium pressures mains; (3)
19 Meters and regulators should be allocated using the method proposed by OPC, which
20 is quite similar in effect to the Staff method; (4) Services could be allocated as
21 proposed by OPC (these results are equivalent to Staff's); and (5) MIEC endorses these

1 methods and incorporates the recommendation into the MIEC Recommended Cost of
2 Service Study.

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4 Q DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME?

5 A Yes, it does.

STAFF ANALYSIS AS MODIFIED BY MIEC
 LACLEDE GAS COMPANY
 CASE NO. GR-99-315
 CLASS COST-OF-SERVICE SUMMARY
 TEST YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

	TOTAL	RESIDENTIAL	SMALL GENERAL SERVICE	LIQUID PROPANE	LARGE VOLUME	INTERRUPT	FIRM TRANSPORT	BASIC TRANSPORT	UNMETERED GAS LIGHTS
RATE BASE	\$512,139,000	\$395,291,888	\$89,959,158	\$32,111	\$7,442,856	\$886,376	\$7,115,120	\$11,387,526	\$23,966
REQUESTED RETURN	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%	8.2700%
RETURN ON RATE BASE	\$42,353,895	\$32,690,639	\$7,439,622	\$2,656	\$615,524	\$73,303	\$588,420	\$941,748	\$1,982
O & M EXPENSES	\$103,634,000	\$83,982,918	\$14,907,718	\$30,472	\$1,160,525	\$147,938	\$1,297,671	\$2,103,164	\$3,594
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$21,280,000	\$16,906,258	\$3,348,173	\$6,429	\$254,502	\$35,260	\$276,601	\$451,673	\$1,104
AMORTIZATION EXPENSE	\$1,018,000	\$804,099	\$156,717	\$232	\$12,331	\$1,545	\$16,524	\$26,508	\$46
EXPLORATION/DEVELOPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
LACLEDE PIPELINE/OTHER	(\$415,000)	(\$274,146)	(\$94,165)	(\$22)	(\$9,647)	(\$1,395)	(\$13,861)	(\$21,747)	(\$17)
TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME	\$17,205,000	\$13,583,794	\$2,841,887	\$5,539	\$217,663	\$28,921	\$201,127	\$325,311	\$759
INCOME TAXES	\$16,293,000	\$12,575,669	\$2,861,927	\$1,022	\$236,784	\$28,199	\$226,358	\$362,279	\$762
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$159,015,000	\$127,578,592	\$24,022,256	\$43,670	\$1,872,159	\$240,468	\$2,004,419	\$3,247,187	\$6,248
TOTAL C-O-S	\$201,368,895	\$160,269,231	\$31,461,879	\$46,326	\$2,487,683	\$313,772	\$2,592,840	\$4,188,936	\$8,230
OTHER REVENUES	\$2,074,000	\$1,638,213	\$319,284	\$472	\$25,122	\$3,147	\$33,665	\$54,005	\$93
REQUIRED MARGIN REVENUE	\$199,294,895	\$158,631,019	\$31,142,595	\$45,854	\$2,462,561	\$310,624	\$2,559,175	\$4,134,931	\$8,137
CURRENT MARGIN REVENUES	\$204,655,578	\$156,923,403	\$31,908,241	\$48,467	\$4,159,701	\$373,323	\$5,407,548	\$5,801,825	\$33,071
AVERAGE GAS REVENUES	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ZERO REVENUE INCREASE PLUG	\$5,360,683	\$4,266,896	\$837,681	\$1,233	\$66,239	\$8,355	\$68,837	\$111,222	\$219
C-O-S MARGIN REVENUES @ 0%	\$204,655,578	\$162,897,915	\$31,980,276	\$47,088	\$2,528,799	\$318,979	\$2,628,012	\$4,246,153	\$8,358
AVERAGE GAS COSTS	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUE INCREASE AT	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
REVENUE ABOVE (BELOW) COS	(\$0)	(\$5,974,512)	(\$72,035)	\$1,380	\$1,630,901	\$54,344	\$2,779,536	\$1,555,672	\$24,715
% INCREASE WITHOUT GAS COSTS	0.00%	3.81%	0.23%	-2.85%	-39.21%	-14.56%	-51.40%	-26.81%	-74.73%
% INCREASE WITH GAS COSTS & REVENUE INCREASE	0.00%	3.81%	0.23%	-2.85%	-39.21%	-14.56%	-51.40%	-26.81%	-74.73%

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Note:

1. MIEC has adjusted the allocation of the costs of mains to eliminate the allocations to large volume customers of the costs of facilities not used in service to large volume customers. MIEC continues to disagree with the Staff method of allocating the cost of mains.
2. Revenue adjustment for gas costs and revenues is based on the MIEC gas cost allocation method.

Rebuttal Schedule 1

OPC ANALYSIS AS MODIFIED BY MIEC
COST OF SERVICES RATE DESIGN SUMMARY

TOTAL COST OF SERVICE SUMMARY (000)		TOTAL	GS RESIDENTIAL	GS COM. & INDUSTRIAL	LARGE VOLUME	INTER- RUPTIBLE	FIRM	BASIC	LP	UMGL
1	O & M Expenses	103,218	75,294	23,234	1,988	266	903	1,504	23	5
2	Depreciation Expenses	21,666	15,997	4,642	473	63	182	302	4	2
3	Taxes	37,054	26,795	8,432	878	122	307	511	7	3
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5	TOTAL - Expenses and Taxes	161,938	118,087	36,307	3,339	451	1,392	2,318	34	10
6										
7	Current Revenue (non-gas)									
8	Rate Revenue (non-gas)	204,698	159,398	30,605	3,647	215	5,185	5,582	47	17
9	Late Payment Charges	3,020	2,197	680	65	9	25	42	1	0
10	Other Revenue (reverse S6.5)	(946)	(688)	(213)	(20)	(3)	(8)	(13)	(0)	(0)
11										
12	TOTAL - Current Revenues	206,772	160,907	31,072	3,692	221	5,203	5,611	47	17
13	Current Revenue Percentage	100.00%	77.82%	15.03%	1.79%	0.11%	2.52%	2.71%	0.02%	0.01%
14										
15	OPERATING INCOME	44,834	42,820	(5,235)	353	(230)	3,811	3,294	13	8
16		44,834								
17	TOTAL RATE BASE	512,141	369,256	117,486	12,656	1,784	4,063	6,771	84	41
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19	Implicit Rate of Return (ROR)	8.75%	11.60%	-4.46%	2.79%	-12.91%	93.79%	48.64%	15.87%	18.59%
20										
21	OPC Recommended Rate of Return	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%	8.34%
22										
23	Recommended Operating Income With									
24	Equalized (OPC) Rates of Return	42,713	30,796	9,798	1,056	149	339	565	7	3
25		42,713								
26	Class COS at OPC's Recommended Rate of Return	204,651	148,883	46,106	4,395	600	1,731	2,882	41	13
27	Revenue Percentage	100.00%	72.75%	22.53%	2.15%	0.29%	0.85%	1.41%	0.02%	0.01%
28										
29	Allocation of Difference Between Current									
30	Revenue and Recommended Revenue	(2,121)	(1,543)	(478)	(46)	(6)	(18)	(30)	(0)	(0)
31		(2,121)								
32	Margin Revenue Required to Equalize									
33	Class ROR - Revenue Neutral	206,772	150,426	46,583	4,441	606	1,749	2,912	41	13
34	Revenue Percentage	100.00%	72.75%	22.53%	2.15%	0.29%	0.85%	1.41%	0.02%	0.01%
35		206,772								
36	Rev. Neutral Shift to Equalize Class ROR	0	(10,481)	15,511	748	385	(3,454)	(2,699)	(6)	(4)
37	Rev. Neutral Shift Percentage to Equalize Class ROR		-6.58%	50.68%	20.52%	179.10%	-66.61%	-48.36%	-12.68%	-23.42%
38										
39	Recommended Revenue Neutral Shift = 1/2 indicated shift		(5,241)	7,756	374	193	(1,727)	(1,350)	(3)	(2)
40	OPC Recommended Revenue Neutral Shift Percentage		-3.29%	25.34%	10.26%	89.55%	-33.31%	-24.18%	-6.34%	-11.71%
41	Class Revenue Percentages After Rec. Rev. Neutral Shift		75.28%	18.78%	1.97%	0.20%	1.68%	2.06%	0.02%	0.01%

Note:

- MIEC has adjusted the allocation of the costs of mains to eliminate the allocations to large volume customers of the costs of facilities not used in service to large volume customers. MIEC continues to disagree with the RSUM method which remains a part of the OPC study.
- Revenue adjustment for the gas costs and revenues is based on the MIEC gas cost allocation method.