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**OF** 

**MATTHEW J. BARNES** 

# KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY CASE NO. ER-2007-0291

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application City Power and Light Control Approval to Make Certain Control Charges for Electric Service Control Its Regulatory Plan.	Company for Changes in its	) Case No. ER-2007-0291 )		
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STATE OF MISSOURI	) ss. )			
Matthew J. Barnes, being of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the following Direct Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the following Direct Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.				
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Subscribed and sworn to before	re me this	23 <sup>-d</sup> day of July, 2007.		
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1		DIRECT TESTIMONY
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4		KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
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6	Q.	Please state your name.
7	A.	My name is Matthew J. Barnes.
8	Q.	Please state your business address.
9	A.	My business address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.
10	Q.	What is your present occupation?
11	A.	I am employed as a Utility Regulatory Auditor III for the Missouri Public
12	Service Con	nmission (Commission). I accepted the position of Utility Regulatory Auditor I
13	in June 2003	3.
14	Q.	Were you employed before you joined the Commission's Staff (Staff)?
15	A.	Yes, I was employed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources
16	(MDNR). I	Prior to MDNR I was employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation as
17	an Auditor A	Aide.
18	Q.	What is your educational background?
19	A.	I earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with an
20	emphasis in	Accounting from Columbia College in December 2002. I earned a Masters in
21	Business Ac	Iministration with an emphasis in Accounting from William Woods University in
22	May 2005.	
23	Q.	Have you filed testimony in other cases before this Commission?

1	A. Yes. Please see Schedule MJB 1.					
2	Q. Have you participated in other rate cases in the past?					
3	A. Yes. I participated in AmerenUE Case No. GR-2003-0517, Aquila, Inc. Case					
4	No. ER-2004-0034, Empire ER-2004-0570, and Missouri American Water, Case					
5	No. WR-2003-0500. I was involved in preparing schedules and review of testimony for the					
6	department manager and Auditor IV concerning rate of return.					
7	Q. Have you made recommendations in any other cases before this Commission?					
8	A. Yes, I have made recommendations on finance, merger and acquisition cases					
9	before this Commission.					
10	Q. Have you attended any schools, conferences or seminars specific to utility					
11	finance and utility regulation?					
12	A. Yes. I attended The Rate Case Process in Missouri presented by Staff of the					
13	Missouri Public Service Commission in March 2005. I have also attended the Financial					
14	Research Institute seminars in 2003 and 2004 that covered topics such as rate of return,					
15	restructuring of electric utility companies and the future operations of utility companies.					
16	Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?					
17	A. I present the Staff's recommendation to the Commission of a fair and					
18	reasonable rate of return for the Missouri jurisdictional electric utility rate base of					
19	Kansas City Power and Light Company (KCP&L).					
20	Q. Have you prepared a written analysis of the cost of capital for KCP&L?					
21	A. Yes. I am sponsoring a study entitled "An Analysis of the Cost of Capital for					
22	Kansas City Power and Light Company, Case No. ER-2007-0291" consisting of 21 schedules					
23	which are attached to this direct testimony (see Schedule 2 for a list of these schedules).					

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Q. Please provide an executive summary of your testimony.

A. I present the Staff's recommendation that the Commission authorize an overall rate of return (ROR) of 7.97 percent to 8.73 percent for KCP&L. This rate-of-return recommendation is based on a recommended return on common equity of 9.14 percent to 10.30 percent applied to Great Plains Energy's (GPE) March 31, 2007, common equity ratio of 66.01 percent. The recommendation is driven by my comparable company analysis using the discounted cash flow (DCF) model. I believe the DCF model is the most reliable model available.

I used an embedded-cost-of-long-term-debt of 5.77 percent based on GPE's embedded-cost-of-long-term-debt provided in response to Data Request 0087.

I used GPE's actual consolidated capital structure, which includes all of GPE's operations, as of March 31, 2007 as the basis for the Staff's capital structure recommendation. I included the amount of GPE's non-regulated debt in developing the Staff's consolidated capital structure recommendation.

- Q. How did you determine the Staff's recommended cost of common equity?
- A. I determined the Staff's recommended cost of common equity by applying the DCF model to a comparable group of electric utility companies. I then evaluated a number of factors to test the reasonableness of this recommendation. A complete and detailed explanation of the Staff's recommended cost of common equity starts on page 13, line 13 of this testimony.

## **LEGAL PRINCIPLES**

- Q. What legal principles do you understand constitute the basis for the assessment of the justness and reasonableness of rate-of-return recommendations?
- A. I understand that the *Bluefield Water Works and Improvement Company* (1923) (*Bluefield*) and the *Hope Natural Gas Company* (1944) (*Hope*) cases have been cited as the two most influential cases for the legal framework to determine a fair and reasonable rate of return.
  - Q. What do you understand to be the teachings of the *Bluefield* case?
  - A. In the Bluefield case the Supreme Court ruled that a fair return would be:
    - 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.

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- Q. What do you understand to be the teachings of the *Hope* case?
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- A. In the *Hope* case, the Court stated that:

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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.

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

- Q. Do you have any further comments on the use of cost of capital models to determine a fair rate of return?
  - A. Yes. See Schedule A.

## **CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS**

- Q. What are the main points of the current capital and economic environment that the Commission should consider in determining a reasonable authorized return on common equity (ROE) for KCP&L?
- The Federal Reserve (Fed) has been steadily raising the Fed Funds rate by 25 basis points at every Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting since

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- June 30, 2004. This began after the Fed had kept the Fed Funds Rate at a 46-year low of 1.00 percent for a full year. The Fed has now raised the Fed Funds Rate seventeen consecutive times to its current level of 5.25 percent. The Fed Funds Rate has remained at 5.25 percent since June 29, 2006.
- How have utility bond yields responded to the tightening of U.S. monetary Q. policy?
- A. A review of Schedules 5-1 through 5-3 shows that average utility bond yields fell to an average annual yield of 5.39 percent during June 2005, which was the lowest yield in the past 26 years. Utility bond yields have since increased to an average annual yield of 6.03 percent in May 2007.
- Q. Would you explain the changes in utility bond yields and Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury yields in a little more detail?
- A. Cost of capital changes for utilities are closely reflected in the yields on public utility bonds and yields on Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds (see attached Schedules 5-1 and 5-2). Schedule 5-3, attached to this direct testimony, shows how closely the Mergent's "Public Utility Bond Yields" have followed the yields of Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds during the period from 1980 to the present. The average spread for this period between these two composite indices has been 150 basis points, with the spread ranging from a low of 80 basis points to a high of 304 basis points (see attached Schedule 5-4). Although there may be times when utility bond yield changes may lag the yield changes in the Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bond, these spread parameters show just how closely correlated utilities' cost of capital is with the level of interest rates on long-term treasuries. For a detail explanation of historical economic conditions please see Schedule B.

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

A. The significance of the current economic conditions to KCP&L is that yields on public utility bonds and yields on Thirty-year Treasury bonds are low by historical standards. An example of historical standards is the double digit yields for long-term U.S. Government bonds and corporate bonds from the late 1970's to the mid 1980's. A lower interest rate environment means a lower cost of capital and a higher interest rate environment means a higher cost of capital for a utility. The current yields on U.S. Government bonds and corporate bonds are now more normal by historical standards. The Commission should take the lower and more normal yields on U.S. Government and corporate bonds into consideration when authorizing a rate of return for GPE.

## **ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS**

- Q. Do you have any information on economic projections?
- A. Yes. See Schedule C for projections on inflation, interest rates and gross 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 2006 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 indirect interests in Strategic Energy, L.L.C. (Strategic Energy), which provides competitive retail electricity supply services in several electricity markets offering retail choice, and holds investments in affordable housing limited partnerships. KLT Inc. also wholly owns KLT Gas Inc. (KLT Gas), which has no active operations.

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 indirectly owns 100% of Strategic Energy.

Great Plains Energy Services Incorporated (Services) provides services at cost to Great Plains Energy and its subsidiaries, including consolidated KCP&L.

### CONSOLIDATED KCP&L

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 has two wholly owned subsidiaries, Kansas City Power & Light Receivables Company (Receivables Company) and Home Service Solutions Inc. (HSS). HSS has no active operations.

### Business Segments of Great Plains Energy and KCP&L

Consolidated KCP&L's sole reportable business segment is KCP&L. Great Plains Energy, through its direct and indirect subsidiaries, has two reportable business segments: KCP&L and Strategic Energy.

For information regarding the revenues, income and assets attributable to the Company's reportable business segments, see Note 17 to the consolidated financial statements. Comparative financial information and discussion regarding the Company's and KCP&L's reportable business segments can be found in Item 7. MD&A.

### KCP&L

KCP&L, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is an integrated, regulated electric utility that engages in the generation, transmission, distribution and sale of electricity. KCP&L serves over 505,000 customers located in all or portions of 24 counties in western Missouri and eastern Kansas. Customers include approximately 446,000

residences, over 57,000 commercial firms, and approximately 2,200 industrials, municipalities and other electric utilities. KCP&L's retail revenues averaged approximately 81% of its total operating revenues over the last three years. Wholesale firm power, bulk power sales and miscellaneous electric revenues accounted for the remainder of utility revenues. KCP&L is significantly impacted by seasonality with approximately one-third of its retail revenues recorded in the third quarter. KCP&L's total electric revenues averaged approximately 43% of Great Plains Energy's revenues over the last three years. KCP&L's net income accounted for approximately 119%, 88% and 87% of Great Plains Energy's income from continuing operations in 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively.

### Regulation

KCP&L is regulated by the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri (MPSC) and The State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (KCC) with respect to retail rates, certain accounting matters, standards of service and, in certain cases, the issuance of securities, certification of facilities and service territories. KCP&L is classified as a public utility under the Federal Power Act and accordingly, is subject to regulation by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). By virtue of its 47% ownership interest in Wolf Creek Generating Station (Wolf Creek), KCP&L is subject to regulation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), with respect to licensing, operations and safety-related requirements.

Missouri and Kansas jurisdictional retail revenues averaged 57% and 43%, respectively, of KCP&L's total retail revenue over the last three years. See Item 7. MD&A, Critical Accounting Policies section and Note 6 to the consolidated financial statements for additional information concerning regulatory matters.

GPE's total operating revenues were \$2,675,349,000 for the 12 months ended December 31, 2006, versus \$2,604,882,000 for the 12 months ended December 31, 2005. These 2006 revenues resulted in an overall net income applicable to common stock of \$125,984,000 and earnings per share (EPS) of \$1.61 as compared to the 2005 net income applicable to common stock of \$160,652,000 and an EPS of \$2.15. These revenues and net incomes were generated from total assets of \$4,335,660,000 at December 31, 2006, and

- \$3,841,789,000 at December 31, 2005. These figures were taken from GPE's Form 10K SEC filing for the 2006 calendar from KCP&L's company website at www.kcpl.com.

Q. What are GPE's current credit ratings?

A. GPE's current Standard & Poor's Corporation's (S&P) corporate credit rating is "BBB" with a Stable outlook, which is two notches above non-investment grade; i.e., junk,

status. KCP&L's corporate credit rating is also rated "BBB" with a Stable Outlook.

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

explanation of their methodology of assigning credit ratings to GPE and KCP&L:

A. S&P's June 25, 2004 Great Plains Energy Research Report provides an

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

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

Q. Do you have historical financial information on GPE?

A. Yes. Schedules 7 and 8 present historical capital structures and selected financial ratios from 2002 through 2006 for GPE. GPE's consolidated common equity ratio

has ranged from a high of 52.95 percent to a low of 39.39 percent from 2002 through 2006.

- GPE's consolidated company earned ROE for the last five years has ranged from a low of
- 29 9.40 percent in 2006 to a high of 16.40 percent in 2003. GPE's consolidated company

earned 2006 ROE was 9.40 percent. In a June 29, 2007, report in *The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports*, Value Line estimates that GPE's consolidated company projected ROE will be 9.0 percent for 2007 and 9.50 percent for 2008.

GPE's consolidated company historical funds from operations (FFO) interest coverage ratio for the previous five years has ranged from a low of 3.9 times in 2002, to a high of 4.9 times in 2003. GPE's consolidated company year-end 2006 FFO interest coverage ratio was 4.5 times. GPE's consolidated company FFO to average total debt ratio for the previous five years has ranged from a low of 20 percent in 2002, to a high of 24 percent in 2003, 2005, and 2006. GPE's consolidated company year-end 2006 FFO to average total debt ratios was 24 percent.

## **DETERMINATION OF THE COST OF CAPITAL**

- Q. How do you determine a utility company's cost of capital?
- A. The total dollars of capital for the utility company are determined as of a specific point in time. This total dollar amount is then apportioned into each specific capital component, i.e. common equity, long-term debt, preferred stock and short-term debt. A weighted cost for each capital component is determined by multiplying each capital component ratio by the appropriate embedded cost or by the estimated cost of common equity component. The individual weighted costs are summed to arrive at a total weighted cost of capital. This total weighted average cost of capital (WACC) is synonymous with the fair rate of return for the utility company.
  - Q. Why is a total WACC synonymous with a fair rate of return?

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

Assuming that the various forms of capital are within a reasonable balance and are costed correctly, the resulting total WACC, when applied to rate base, will provide the funds necessary to service the various forms of capital. Thus, the total WACC corresponds to a fair 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 March 31, 2007. Schedule 9 presents GPE's capital structure and associated capital ratios. The resulting capital structure consists of 66.01 percent common stock equity, 32.32 percent long-term debt and 1.67 percent preferred stock.

The amount of long-term debt outstanding on March 31, 2007 was \$755,084,000 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 March 31, 2007 was \$39,000,000 as shown on Schedule 11.

I did not include GPE's short-term debt in the capital structure because as of March 31, 2007, GPE's Construction Work In Progress (CWIP) exceeded its short-term debt balance. The capital that supports the CWIP should not be included in the ROR

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1	recommendation, because it is assumed that CWIP will be re-financed in the future with				
2	long-term deb	t.			
3	Q.	How has GPE been capitalized for the last 5 years?			
4	A.	Schedule 7 presents GPE's capital structure for the last 5 years. Long-term			
5	debt has avera	ged 50.13 percent, common equity has averaged 45.68 percent, preferred stock			
6	has averaged 1	1.59 percent, and short-term debt has averaged 2.60 percent.			
7	Q.	Staff recommended 66.01 percent common equity and 32.32 percent			
8	long-term deb	t in this case, is that correct?			
9	A.	Yes.			
10	Q.	Please explain why the common equity ratio is higher as of March 31, 2007			
11	compared to D	December 31, 2006.			
12	A.	GPE refinanced two notes since December 31, 2006 for approximately			
13	\$388,600,000.	This decreased the Company's debt ratio to 32.32 percent and increased the			
14	common equit	ty ratio to 66.01 percent and increased the preferred stock ratio to 1.67 percent.			
15	This is not how	w the Company is typically capitalized. The Company anticipates issuing new			
16	long-term deb	t notes for approximately ** ** in 2007 for capital expenditures.			
17	After the com	pletion of the issuance of new long-term debt notes, the Company anticipates			
18	having a debt	ratio of 45.24 percent, preferred stock ratio of 1.33 percent and common equity			
19	ratio of 53.43	percent.			
20	Q.	Why did you not use GPE's pro forma capital structure in this case?			

A. I did not use GPE's pro forma capital structure in this case because Staff typically does not use a pro forma capital structure for ratemaking purposes as the issuances of long-term debt are not known and measurable at this time.



1	Q. Will Staff's capital structure change when GPE does issue long-term debt				
2	during this rate case?				
3	A. Yes. The parties agreed to file True-up Direct Testimony on				
4	November 2, 2007. At that time Staff will file an updated capital structure that will reflect				
5	the new issuances of long-term debt as of September 30, 2007. This capital structure will be				
6	reflective of how the Company is typically capitalized and it will be similar with the				
7	Commission's authorized capital structure in KCP&L's last rate case, Case				
8	No. ER-2006-0314.				
9	Q. What was the embedded cost of long-term debt for GPE as of				
10	March 31, 2007?				
11	A. The embedded cost of long-term debt for GPE as of March 31, 2007,				
12	was 5.77 percent. Please see Schedule 10.				
13	Q. What was the embedded cost of preferred stock for GPE as of				
14	March 31, 2007?				
15	A. The embedded cost of preferred stock for GPE was 4.29 percent as of March				
16	31, 2007. Please see Schedule 11.				
17	COST OF COMMON EQUITY				
18	Q. How did you analyze those factors by which the cost of common equity for				
19	KCP&L may be determined?				
20	A. In order to calculate the cost of common equity for KCP&L, I performed a				
21	comparable company analysis of sixteen companies. I have selected the discounted cash				
22	flow (DCF) model (explained in detail in Schedule D) as the primary tool to determine th				

- cost of common equity for KCP&L, but I also used the CAPM (explained in detail in Schedule E) to check the reasonableness of the DCF results. I also performed a company-specific analysis of GPE using both of these models because I believe that this can provide insight into KCP&L's cost of common equity even though GPE is a diversified company. Because GPE's stock is only one option in a vast universe of many investment opportunities, the analysis of GPE's cost of common equity as a possible proxy estimate for KCP&L's cost of common equity using GPE's specific inputs provides information on the value investors place on GPE's stock, not only as it relates to other utility companies, but also to all other investment opportunities available to the investor.
  - Q. Can you directly analyze KCP&L's cost of common equity?
- A. No. I cannot directly analyze KCP&L's cost of common equity because it is not publicly traded and KCP&L does not pay a dividend.
  - Q. How did you analyze KCP&L's cost of common equity?
- A. I decided to do an analysis of the cost of common equity for a comparable group of electric utility companies because these companies have similar electric operations that are comparable to KCP&L.
- Q. How did you determine which companies were comparable electric utility companies?
- A. I first relied on Value Line's classification system, which specifies companies that they consider to be electric utilities. This information was published by Value Line on July 13, 2007. Schedule 12 presents a list of the sixty-six electric utility companies that Value Line currently classifies as electric utility companies. I then applied the following criteria to these sixty-six companies in order to select my ultimate proxy group:

Transmission Only-Electric, Gas, and Other; 3. Integrated Electric, Gas, and Combination

Utilities; 4. Diversified Energy and Diversified Non-Energy; and 5. Energy Merchants/Power Developers/Trading and Marketing. Staff analyzed the companies listed as Integrated Electric, Gas, and Combination Utilities and noticed a majority of the companies listed are subsidiaries of parent companies, such as KCP&L being a subsidiary of the diversified company Great Plains Energy. If the parent company isn't rated by S&P, then Staff may have had to exclude what may otherwise be used as a comparable company if it used another source, such as Value Line. Therefore, Staff started with Value Line in this case to select its proxy group. It is noteworthy that Staff has used Value Line in previous rate cases. However, Staff will continue to explore different methodologies for selecting comparable companies.

- Q. How did you determine the cost of common equity of each of the comparables?
- A. I calculated a DCF cost of common equity for each of the comparables. The first step was to calculate a growth rate. I reviewed the actual dividends per share (DPS), earnings per share (EPS), and book values per share (BVPS) as well as projected EPS growth rates for the comparables. Schedule 14-1 lists the annual compound growth rates for DPS, EPS, and BVPS for the past ten years. Schedule 14-2 lists the annual compound growth rates for DPS, EPS, and BVPS for the past five years. Schedule 14-3 presents the averages of the growth rates shown in Schedules 14-1 and 14-2. Schedule 15 presents the average historical growth rates and the projected growth rates for the comparables. The projected EPS growth rates were obtained from three outside sources; I/B/E/S Inc.'s Institutional Brokers Estimate System, Standard & Poor's Corporation's Earnings Guide, and The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports. The three projected EPS growth

rates were averaged to develop an average projected growth rate of 6.07 percent, which was averaged with the historical growth rates to produce a historical and projected growth rate of 3.68 percent. Because of the volatility of historical growth rates, I chose to rely primarily on the projected growth rates to arrive at a growth rate range for the comparables of 5.34 percent to 6.50 percent.

The next step was to calculate an expected yield for each of the comparables. The yield term of the DCF model is calculated by dividing the amount of DPS expected to be paid over the next twelve months by the market price per share of the firm's stock. Even though a strict technical application of the model requires the use of a current spot market price, I have chosen to use a monthly average market price for each of the comparables. I used this averaging technique to minimize the effects on the dividend yield which can occur due to daily volatility in the stock market. Schedule 16 presents the average high / low stock price for the period of February 1, 2007, through May 31, 2007, for each comparable. Column 1 of Schedule 17 indicates the expected dividend for each comparable over the next 12 months as projected by *The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports*, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2006. Column 3 of Schedule 17 shows the projected dividend yield for each comparable was averaged to calculate the projected dividend yield for the comparables of 3.80 percent.

As illustrated in Column 5 of Schedule 17, the average cost of common equity based on the projected dividend yield added to the average of historical and projected growth is 7.48 percent. However, this is not my recommendation because in this case, the historical growth rates are somewhat volatile. As a result, I decided to rely on the projected

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growth rates that I analyzed. Giving complete weight to the projected growth rates, my DCF proxy group cost of common equity estimation is 9.14 percent to 10.30 percent.

- Q. How did you verify the reasonableness of your DCF model-derived cost of common equity for the comparable company group?
  - A. I performed a CAPM cost-of-common-equity analysis for the comparables.
  - Q. What did you use for your risk-free rate?
- A. For purposes of this analysis, the risk-free rate I used was the vield on Thirtv-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds. I determined the appropriate rate to be the average yield for the month of June 2007. The average yield of 5.20 percent was provided on the St. Louis Federal Reserve website.

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

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

- Q. Please explain your application of the CAPM using historical return differences.
- A. The first risk premium used was based on the long-term, arithmetic average from 1926 to 2006, which was 6.50 percent. The second risk premium was based on the long-term, geometric average from 1926 to 2006, which was determined to be 5.00 percent. The third risk premium was based on a 10-year geometric average from 1996 to 2006,

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which was determined to be .59 percent. These risk premiums were taken from Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2007 Yearbook.

Schedule 18 presents the CAPM analysis of the comparables using historical actual return spreads to estimate the required equity risk premium. The CAPM analysis produces an estimated cost of common equity of 11.33 percent for the comparables when using the long-term arithmetic average risk premium period; using the long-term geometric average produces an estimated cost of common equity of 9.92 percent and using the short-term risk premium period produces an estimated cost of common equity of 5.76 percent. The longterm arithmetic average risk premium CAPM results would support a higher cost of common equity. The long-term geometric average risk premium CAPM results supports a cost of common equity similar to what is currently produced in performing a DCF analysis.

- Q. Would you summarize your cost of common equity analysis for KCP&L?
- I performed a DCF and CAPM cost of common equity analysis on a group of A. five comparable companies. The results are summarized below.

**CAPM (Historical)** 9.14% - 10.30% Historical - 10.43%; 9.92%; 5.76%

- Q. Based on your analysis, what is your recommended return on common equity for KCP&L in this proceeding?
- A. I recommend a return on common equity in the range of 9.14 percent to 10.30 percent based on the results of my comparable-company-DCF analysis.

### RATE OF RETURN FOR KCP&L

Comparable Companies

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

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

It is my responsibility to calculate and recommend a rate of return that should be authorized on the Missouri jurisdictional electric utility rate base of KCP&L. Under the cost of service ratemaking approach, a weighted cost of capital in the range of 7.97 to 8.73 percent was developed for KCP&L's electric utility operations (see Schedule 21). This rate was calculated by applying an embedded cost of long-term debt of 5.77 percent, an embedded cost of trust preferred stock of 4.29 percent and a cost of common equity range of 9.14 percent to 10.30 percent to a capital structure consisting of 32.32 percent long-term debt, 1.67 percent preferred stock and 66.01 percent common equity. Therefore, from a financial prospective I am recommending that KCP&L's electric utility operations be allowed to earn a return on its original cost rate base in the range of 7.97 to 8.73 percent.

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

- Q. Does this conclude your prepared direct testimony?
- A. Yes, it does.

## SUMMARY OF

# MATTHEW J. BARNES

## CASE PARTICIPATION

Date Filed	Issue	Case Number	Exhibit	Case Name
10/6/2006	Rate of Return/ Cost of Capital	ER20060314	Surrebuttal	Kansas City Power & Light Company
9/8/2006	Rate of Return	ER20060314	Rebuttal	Kansas City Power & Light Company
9/13/2006	Rate of Return	GR20060387	Direct	Atmos Energy Corporation
10/15/2004	Rate of Return	TC20021076	Supplemental Direct	BPS Telephone Company
11/7/2006	Rate of Return	ER20060314	True-Up	Kansas City Power & Light Company
11/7/2006	Cost of Capital	ER20060314	True-Up	Kansas City Power & Light Company
8/8/2006	Rate of Return	ER20060314	Direct	Kansas City Power & Light Company
11/13/2006	Rate of Return	GR20060387	Surrebuttal	Atmos Energy Corporation
3/8/2006	Transaction Structure	TM20060272	Rebuttal	Alltel Missouri, Inc.
1/12/2007	Rate of Return	WR20060425	Surrebuttal	Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri LLC

## SUMMARY OF

# MATTHEW J. BARNES

## CASE PARTICIPATION

Date Filed	Issue	Case Number	Exhibit	Case Name
12/28/2006	Rate of Return	WR20060425	Rebuttal	Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri LLC
12/1/2006	Rate of Return	WR20060425	Direct	Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri LLC
11/15/2005	Transaction Structure	IO20060086	Rebuttal	Sprint Nextel Corporation
11/13/2006	Rate of Return	GR20060387	Rebuttal	Atmos Energy Corporation
05/04/07	Rate of Return	GR20070208	Direct	Laclede Gas Company

#### MATTHEW J. BARNES

#### TESTIMONY SCHEDULES A THROUGH E

#### KANSAS CITY POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

### CASE NO. ER-2007-0291

Q. Is your recommendation of the cost of common equity consistent with a fair rate of return on common equity?

A. Yes. It is my expert opinion that my recommendation 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.

The authorized return should provide a fair and reasonable return to the investors of the company, while ensuring that ratepayers do not support excessive earnings that could

result from the utility's monopolistic powers. However, this fair and reasonable rate does not necessarily guarantee revenues or the continued financial integrity of the utility.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The actions of the Federal Reserve from 1996 through 2000 were primarily focused on keeping the level of inflation under control, and it was successful. The inflation rate, as measured by the *Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers* (CPI), had never been higher than 3.70 percent during this period. The increase in CPI stood at 2.70 percent for the twelve months ending May 31, 2007 (see attached Schedules 4-1, 4-2 and 6). The unemployment rate was 4.50 percent as of June 2007.

The combination of low inflation and low unemployment had led to a prosperous economy from 1993 through 2000 as evidenced by the fact that real gross domestic product (GDP) of the United States increased every quarter during this period. However, GDP actually declined for the first three quarters of 2001, indicating there was a contraction in the economy during these three quarters. This contraction of GDP for more than two quarters in a row meets the textbook definition of a recession. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the recession began in March of 2001 and ended eight months later. Since the recession ended, GDP had been low up until the second quarter of 2003, but since the second quarter of 2003, GDP has been fairly healthy. GDP grew at a rate of .70 percent for the first quarter of 2007 (see attached Schedule 6).

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- Q. What are the inflationary estimations and expectations for 2007 through 2009?
- A. The Value Line Investment Survey: Selection & Opinion, May 25, 2007, estimates inflation to be 3.5 percent for 2007, 2.4 percent for 2008 and 2.4 percent for 2009. The Congressional Budget Office, *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years* 2008-2017, issued January 2007, states that inflation is expected to be 1.9 percent for 2007, 2.3 percent for 2008 and 2.2 percent for 2009 (see attached Schedule 6).
- Q. What are the interest rate forecasts for 2007, 2008 and 2009 and the current interest rates?
- A. Short-term interest rates, those measured by three-month U.S. Treasury Bills, are estimated to be 4.9 percent in 2007, 4.9 percent in 2008 and 4.9 percent in 2009 according to Value Line's predictions. Value Line expects the long-term Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds to average 4.8 percent in 2007, 5.0 percent in 2008 and 5.3 percent in 2009. The current rate for three-month U.S. Treasury Bills was 4.61 percent as of St. June 2007, noted on the Louis Federal Reserve website, http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/TB3MS/22. The current rate for Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds was 5.13 percent as of July 10, 2007, as noted on the CBS MarketWatch website, http://www.marketwatch.com/tools/marketsummary/default.asp?site=mktw.
  - Q. What are the growth estimates and expectations for real GDP?
- A. GDP is a benchmark utilized by the Commerce Department to measure economic growth within the U.S. borders. Real GDP is measured by the actual GDP, adjusted for inflation. Value Line stated that real GDP growth is expected to increase by 2.0 percent in 2007, 2.6 percent in 2008 and 3.0 percent in 2009. The Congressional Budget Office, *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2008-2017*, stated that real GDP is expected

to increase by 2.3 percent in 2007, 3.0 percent in 2008 and 3.1 percent in 2009 (see attached Schedule 6).

- Q. Please summarize the expectations of the economic conditions for the next few years.
- A. In summary, when combining the previously mentioned sources, inflation is expected to be in the range of 1.9 to 3.5 percent, increase in real GDP in the range of 2.0 to 3.1 percent and long-term interest rates are expected to range from 4.8 to 5.3 percent.

Selected excerpts from *The Value Line Investment Survey: Selection & Opinion*, July 13, 2007, follow:

The economy is starting the new half with a modest head of steam. First, reports issued recently confirm that manufacturing is strengthening, after some softness earlier in 2007. Second, construction is picking up, as increases in nonresidential projects (most notably the building of factories and utilities) help offset weakness in homebuilding brought about by a glut of unsold properties on the market. Finally, both personal income and consumer spending are rising, albeit irregularly. This upbeat combination probably helped the nation's gross domestic product gain a solid 3%, or so, in the just-ended quarter. (GDP results for the second quarter are to be released on July 27<sup>th</sup>.)

We think the business expansion will grind on for a while. Following the apparently good second quarter (with growth in the April-through-June period probably aided by inventory building, which helped to increase production levels at U.S. factories), we expect the economy to grow at a steady 2.5%-3.0% over the final six months of 2007. A similar pace of improvement appears likely in 2008.

Inflation is moderating, but with some exceptions. Reports issued recently showed that the core price index of personal consumption (that is inflation excluding food and energy) rose just 0.1% in May and by only 1.9% during the last year. Those are tame enough figures for the Federal Reserve to turn a little anxious about inflation. However, if food and energy are put back into the pricing calculation, the cost increases are much more worrisome, owing to the sharp rise in corn, wheat, and gasoline prices recently.

Oil is a concern. Not only has the price of gasoline surged in recent weeks, but with oil prices passing the \$70-a-barrel mark as July began, the expense of driving and cooling one's home this summer will rise as well. Recent energy price trends also do not augur well for the coming heating season this fall and winter.

The Federal Reserve is likely to keep interest rates where they are for now. However, with the economy growing faster that it was for much of the spring, the possibility that the Fed will tighten monetary policy as some point is less remote than it had been, although we continue to believe that a reduction in rates, perhaps in 2008, is more likely than an increase.

Conclusion: We think that buying enthusiasm for stocks will remain generally modest in the current half. Please refer to the inside back cover of *Selection & Opinion* for our Asset Allocation Model's current reading.

Q. Please describe the DCF model.

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

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

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

Present Price = 
$$\underbrace{\text{Expected Dividends}}_{(1+k)}$$
 +  $\underbrace{\text{Present Price (1+g)}}_{(1+k)}$  (2)

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

$$P_{0} = \frac{D_{1}}{(1+k)} + \frac{P_{0}(1+g)}{(1+k)}$$
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The cost of equity equation may also be algebraically represented as:

$$k = \frac{D_1}{P_0} + g \tag{4}$$

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

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

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

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

Q. Please describe the CAPM.

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

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

where:

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

 $R_f$  = the risk-free rate;

 $\beta$  = beta; and

 $R_m - R_f =$  the market risk premium.

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

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

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

# AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST OF CAPITAL

# **FOR**

# KANSAS CITY POWER & LIGHT COMPANY CASE NO. ER-2007-0291

**SCHEDULES** 

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**JULY 2007** 

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	Federal Reserve	Federal Reserve		Federal Reserve	Federal Reserve
Date	Discount Rate	Funds Rate	Date	Discount Rate	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%
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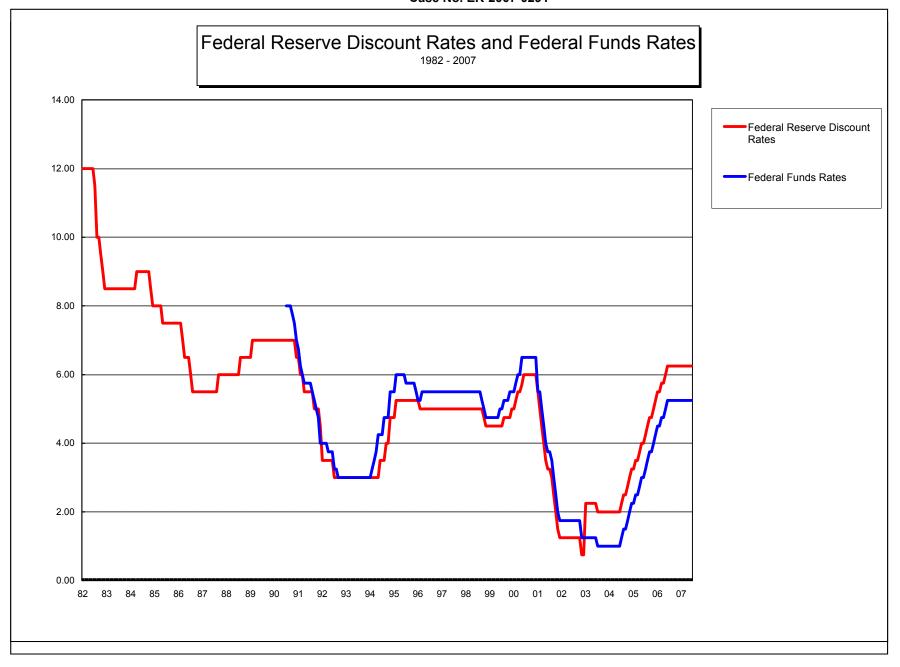
Federal Reserve Discount rate Federal Reserve Funds rate

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

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

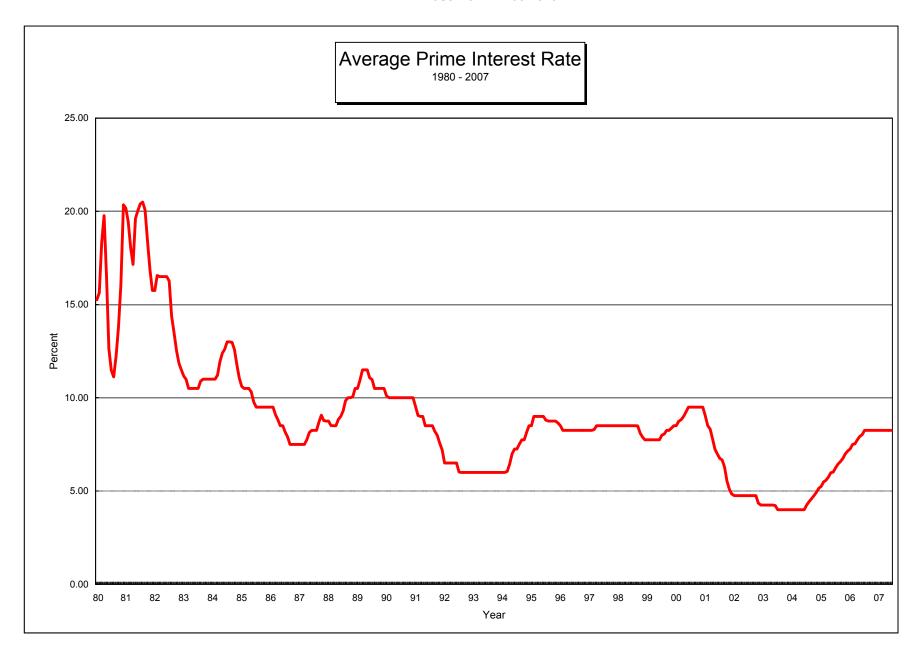


# **Average Prime Interest Rates**

Mo/Year Jan 1980	Rate (%) 15.25	Mo/Year Jan 1984	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1988	Rate (%) 8.75	Mo/Year Jan 1992	Rate (%) 6.50	Mo/Year Jan 1996	Rate (%) 8.50	Mo/Year Jan 2000	Rate (%) 8.50	Mo/Year Jan 2004	Rate (%) 4.00
Feb	15.63	Feb	11.00	Feb	8.51	Feb	6.50	Feb	8.25	Feb	8.73	Feb	4.00
Mar	18.31	Mar	11.21	Mar	8.50	Mar	6.50	Mar	8.25	Mar	8.83	Mar	4.00
Apr	19.77	Apr	11.93	Apr	8.50	Apr	6.50	Apr	8.25	Apr	9.00	Apr	4.00
May	16.57	May	12.39	May	8.84	May	6.50	May	8.25	May	9.24	May	4.00
Jun	12.63	Jun	12.60	Jun	9.00	Jun	6.50	Jun	8.25	Jun	9.50	Jun	4.00
Jul	11.48	Jul	13.00	Jul	9.29	Jul	6.02	Jul	8.25	Jul	9.50	Jul	4.25
Aug	11.12	Aug	13.00	Aug	9.84	Aug	6.00	Aug	8.25	Aug	9.50	Aug	4.43
Sep	12.23	Sep	12.97	Sep	10.00	Sep	6.00	Sep	8.25	Sep	9.50	Sep	4.58
Oct	13.79	Oct	12.58	Oct	10.00	Oct	6.00	Oct	8.25	Oct	9.50	Oct	4.75
Nov	16.06	Nov	11.77	Nov	10.05	Nov	6.00	Nov	8.25	Nov	9.50	Nov	4.93
Dec	20.35	Dec	11.06	Dec	10.50	Dec	6.00	Dec	8.25	Dec	9.50	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	5.25
Feb	19.43	Feb	10.50	Feb	10.93	Feb	6.00	Feb	8.25	Feb	8.50	Feb	5.49
Mar	18.05	Mar	10.50	Mar	11.50	Mar	6.00	Mar	8.30	Mar	8.32	Mar	5.58
Apr	17.15	Apr	10.50	Apr	11.50	Apr	6.00	Apr	8.50	Apr	7.80	Apr	5.75
May	19.61	May	10.31	May	11.50	May	6.00	May	8.50	May	7.24	May	5.98
Jun	20.03	Jun	9.78	Jun	11.07	Jun	6.00	Jun	8.50	Jun	6.98	Jun	6.01
Jul	20.39	Jul	9.50	Jul	10.98	Jul	6.00	Jul	8.50	Jul	6.75	Jul	6.25
Aug	20.50	Aug	9.50	Aug	10.50	Aug	6.00	Aug	8.50	Aug	6.67	Aug	6.44
Sep	20.08	Sep	9.50	Sep	10.50	Sep	6.00	Sep	8.50	Sep	6.28	Sep	6.59
Oct	18.45	Oct	9.50	Oct	10.50	Oct	6.00	Oct	8.50	Oct	5.53	Oct	6.75
Nov	16.84	Nov	9.50	Nov	10.50	Nov	6.00	Nov	8.50	Nov	5.10	Nov	7.00
Dec	15.75	Dec	9.50	Dec	10.50	Dec	6.00	Dec	8.50	Dec	4.84	Dec	7.15
Jan 1982	15.75	Jan 1986	9.50	Jan 1990	10.11	Jan 1994	6.00	Jan 1998	8.50	Jan 2002	4.75	Jan 2006	7.26
Feb	16.56	Feb	9.50	Feb	10.00	Feb	6.00	Feb	8.50	Feb	4.75	Feb	7.50
Mar	16.50	Mar	9.10	Mar	10.00	Mar	6.06	Mar	8.50	Mar	4.75	Mar	7.53
Apr	16.50	Apr	8.83	Apr	10.00	Apr	6.45	Apr	8.50	Apr	4.75	Apr	7.75
May	16.50	May	8.50	May	10.00	May	6.99	May	8.50	May	4.75	May	7.93
Jun	16.50	Jun	8.50	Jun	10.00	Jun	7.25	Jun	8.50	Jun	4.75	June	8.02
Jul	16.26	Jul	8.16	Jul	10.00	Jul	7.25	Jul	8.50	Jul	4.75	July	8.25
Aug	14.39	Aug	7.90	Aug	10.00	Aug	7.51	Aug	8.50	Aug	4.75	Aug	8.25
Sep	13.50	Sep	7.50	Sep	10.00	Sep	7.75	Sep	8.49	Sep	4.75	Sep	8.25
Oct	12.52	Oct	7.50	Oct	10.00	Oct	7.75	Oct	8.12	Oct	4.75	Oct	8.25
Nov	11.85	Nov	7.50	Nov	10.00	Nov	8.15	Nov	7.89	Nov	4.35	Nov	8.25
Dec	11.50	Dec	7.50	Dec	10.00	Dec	8.50	Dec	7.75	Dec	4.25	Dec	8.25
Jan 1983	11.16	Jan 1987	7.50	Jan 1991	9.52	Jan 1995	8.50	Jan 1999	7.75	Jan 2003	4.25	Jan 2007	8.25
Feb	10.98	Feb	7.50	Feb	9.05	Feb	9.00	Feb	7.75	Feb	4.25	Feb	8.25
Mar	10.50	Mar	7.50	Mar	9.00	Mar	9.00	Mar	7.75	Mar	4.25	Mar	8.25
Apr	10.50	Apr	7.75	Apr	9.00	Apr	9.00	Apr	7.75	Apr	4.25	Apr	8.25
May	10.50	May	8.14	May	8.50	May	9.00	May	7.75	May	4.25	May	8.25
Jun	10.50	Jun	8.25	Jun	8.50	Jun	9.00	Jun	7.75	Jun	4.22	June	8.25
Jul	10.50	Jul	8.25	Jul	8.50	Jul	8.80	Jul	8.00	Jul	4.00		
Aug	10.89	Aug	8.25	Aug	8.50	Aug	8.75	Aug	8.06	Aug	4.00		
Sep	11.00	Sep	8.70	Sep	8.20	Sep	8.75	Sep	8.25	Sep	4.00		
Oct	11.00	Oct	9.07	Oct	8.00	Oct	8.75	Oct	8.25	Oct	4.00		
Nov	11.00	Nov	8.78	Nov	7.58	Nov	8.75	Nov	8.37	Nov	4.00		
Dec	11.00	Dec	8.75	Dec	7.21	Dec	8.65	Dec	8.50	Dec	4.00		

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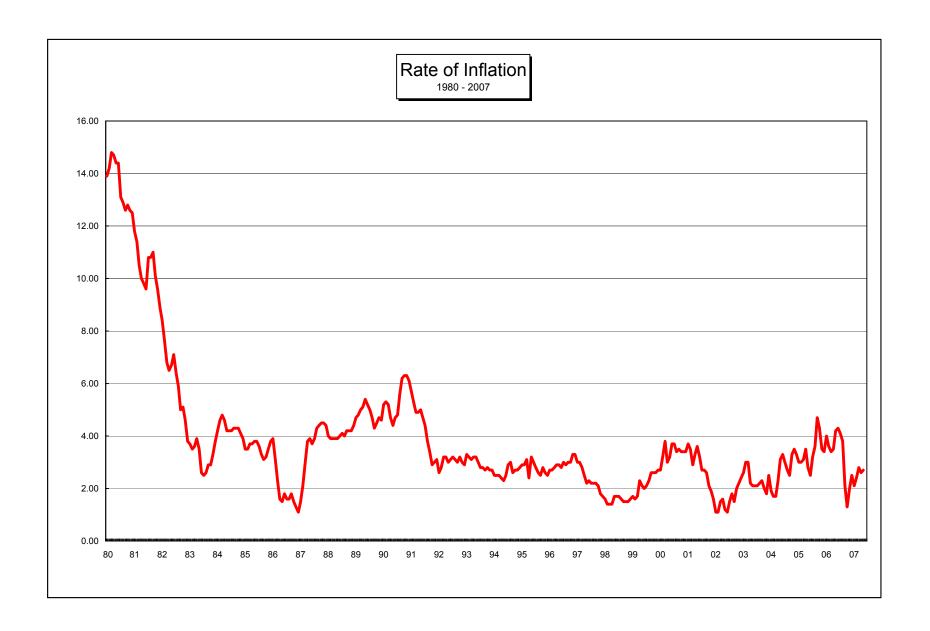
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# Rate of Inflation

Mo/Year	Rate (%)												
Jan 1980	13.90	Jan 1984	4.20	Jan 1988	4.00	Jan 1992	2.60	Jan 1996	2.70	Jan 2000	2.70	Jan 2004	1.90
Feb	14.20	Feb	4.60	Feb	3.90	Feb	2.80	Feb	2.70	Feb	3.20	Feb	1.70
Mar	14.80	Mar	4.80	Mar	3.90	Mar	3.20	Mar	2.80	Mar	3.70	Mar	1.70
Apr	14.70	Apr	4.60	Apr	3.90	Apr	3.20	Apr	2.90	Apr	3.00	Apr	2.30
May	14.40	May	4.20	May	3.90	May	3.00	May	2.90	May	3.20	May	3.10
Jun	14.40	Jun	4.20	Jun	4.00	Jun	3.10	Jun	2.80	Jun	3.70	Jun	3.30
Jul	13.10	Jul	4.20	Jul	4.10	Jul	3.20	Jul	3.00	Jul	3.70	Jul	3.00
Aug	12.90	Aug	4.30	Aug	4.00	Aug	3.10	Aug	2.90	Aug	3.40	Aug	2.70
Sep	12.60	Sep	4.30	Sep	4.20	Sep	3.00	Sep	3.00	Sep	3.50	Sep	2.50
Oct	12.80	Oct	4.30	Oct	4.20	Oct	3.20	Oct	3.00	Oct	3.40	Oct	3.30
Nov	12.60	Nov	4.10	Nov	4.20	Nov	3.00	Nov	3.30	Nov	3.40	Nov	3.50
Dec	12.50	Dec	3.90	Dec	4.40	Dec	2.90	Dec	3.30	Dec	3.40	Dec	3.30
Jan 1981	11.80	Jan 1985	3.50	Jan 1989	4.70	Jan 1993	3.30	Jan 1997	3.00	Jan 2001	3.70	Jan 2005	3.00
Feb	11.40	Feb	3.50	Feb	4.80	Feb	3.20	Feb	3.00	Feb	3.50	Feb	3.00
Mar	10.50	Mar	3.70	Mar	5.00	Mar	3.10	Mar	2.80	Mar	2.90	Mar	3.10
Apr	10.00	Apr	3.70	Apr	5.10	Apr	3.20	Apr	2.50	Apr	3.30	Apr	3.50
May	9.80	May	3.80	May	5.40	May	3.20	May	2.20	May	3.60	May	2.80
Jun	9.60	Jun	3.80	Jun	5.20	Jun	3.00	Jun	2.30	Jun	3.20	Jun	2.50
Jul	10.80	Jul	3.60	Jul	5.00	Jul	2.80	Jul	2.20	Jul	2.70	Jul	3.20
Aug	10.80	Aug	3.30	Aug	4.70	Aug	2.80	Aug	2.20	Aug	2.70	Aug	3.60
Sep	11.00	Sep	3.10	Sep	4.30	Sep	2.70	Sep	2.20	Sep	2.60	Sep	4.70
Oct	10.10	Oct	3.20	Oct	4.50	Oct	2.80	Oct	2.10	Oct	2.10	Oct	4.30
Nov	9.60	Nov	3.50	Nov	4.70	Nov	2.70	Nov	1.80	Nov	1.90	Nov	3.50
Dec	8.90	Dec	3.80	Dec	4.60	Dec	2.70	Dec	1.70	Dec	1.60	Dec	3.40
Jan 1982	8.40	Jan 1986	3.90	Jan 1990	5.20	Jan 1994	2.50	Jan 1998	1.60	Jan 2002	1.10	Jan 2006	4.00
Feb	7.60	Feb	3.10	Feb	5.30	Feb	2.50	Feb	1.40	Feb	1.10	Feb	3.60
Mar	6.80	Mar	2.30	Mar	5.20	Mar	2.50	Mar	1.40	Mar	1.50	Mar	3.40
Apr	6.50	Apr	1.60	Apr	4.70	Apr	2.40	Apr	1.40	Apr	1.60	Apr	3.50
May	6.70	May	1.50	May	4.40	May	2.30	May	1.70	May	1.20	May	4.20
Jun	7.10	Jun	1.80	Jun	4.70	Jun	2.50	Jun	1.70	Jun	1.10	June	4.30
Jul	6.40	Jul	1.60	Jul	4.80	Jul	2.90	Jul	1.70	Jul	1.50	July	4.10
Aug	5.90	Aug	1.60	Aug	5.60	Aug	3.00	Aug	1.60	Aug	1.80	Aug	3.80
Sep	5.00	Sep	1.80	Sep	6.20	Sep	2.60	Sep	1.50	Sep	1.50	Sep	2.10
Oct	5.10	Oct	1.50	Oct	6.30	Oct	2.70	Oct	1.50	Oct	2.00	Oct	1.30
Nov	4.60	Nov	1.30	Nov	6.30	Nov	2.70	Nov	1.50	Nov	2.20	Nov	2.00
Dec	3.80	Dec	1.10	Dec	6.10	Dec	2.80	Dec	1.60	Dec	2.40	Dec	2.50
Jan 1983	3.70	Jan 1987	1.50	Jan 1991	5.70	Jan 1995	2.90	Jan 1999	1.70	Jan 2003	2.60	Jan 2007	2.10
Feb	3.50	Feb	2.10	Feb	5.30	Feb	2.90	Feb	1.60	Feb	3.00	Feb	2.40
Mar	3.60	Mar	3.00	Mar	4.90	Mar	3.10	Mar	1.70	Mar	3.00	Mar	2.80
Apr	3.90	Apr	3.80	Apr	4.90	Apr	2.40	Apr	2.30	Apr	2.20	Apr	2.60
May	3.50	May	3.90	May	5.00	May	3.20	May	2.10	May	2.10	May	2.70
Jun	2.60	Jun	3.70	Jun	4.70	Jun	3.00	Jun	2.00	Jun	2.10		
Jul	2.50	Jul	3.90	Jul	4.40	Jul	2.80	Jul	2.10	Jul	2.10		
Aug	2.60	Aug	4.30	Aug	3.80	Aug	2.60	Aug	2.30	Aug	2.20		
Sep	2.90	Sep	4.40	Sep	3.40	Sep	2.50	Sep	2.60	Sep	2.30		
Oct	2.90	Oct	4.50	Oct	2.90	Oct	2.80	Oct	2.60	Oct	2.00		
Nov	3.30	Nov	4.50	Nov	3.00	Nov	2.60	Nov	2.60	Nov	1.80		
Dec	3.80	Dec	4.40	Dec	3.10	Dec	2.50	Dec	2.70	Dec	1.90		

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, <a href="http://www.bls.gov/schedule/archives/cpi\_nr.htm">http://www.bls.gov/schedule/archives/cpi\_nr.htm</a>



# Average Yields on Mergent's Public Utility Bonds

Peth	Mo/Year Jan 1980	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1984	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1988	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1992	Rate (%) 8.67	Mo/Year Jan 1996	Rate (%) 7.20	Mo/Year Jan 2000	Rate (%) 8.22	Mo/Year Jan 2004	Rate (%) 6.23
Mar														6.17
Apr														
May   12.17   May   14.95   May   10.75   May   8.72   May   7.90   May   8.55   May   6.68   Jun   11.87   Jun   15.16   Jun   10.71   Jun   8.64   Jun   8.02   Jul   8.17   Jul   6.53   Jul   12.12   Jul   14.92   Jul   10.98   Jul   8.46   Jul   8.02   Jul   8.17   Jul   6.53   Jul   6.55   Jul   6														
Jul   12-12   Jul   14-92   Jul   10-96   Jul   8-46   Jul   8-02   Jul   8-17   Jul   6-34   Aug   8-05   Aug   8-16   Sep   8-18   Sep   Sep														
Aug	Jun	11.87	Jun	15.16	Jun	10.71	Jun	8.64	Jun	8.07	Jun	8.22	Jun	6.53
Sep         13,28         Sep         14,04         Sep         10,56         Sep         8,32         Sep         8,11         Sep         6,16         Sep         6,01         15,05         Cot         1,46         Oct         8,04         Oct         8,44         Oct         7,76         Oct         8,04         5,05         Nov         5,95         Nov         5,95         Nov         7,76         Oct         8,06         Oct         5,96         Nov         5,93         Nov         7,76         Oct         8,03         Nov         5,93         Nov         5,93         Nov         5,93         Nov         5,93         Nov         7,78         Use         7,79         Dec         5,93         Nov         7,93         Jan 1997         7,79         Dec         7,78         May         7,10         Nov         7,13         Mar         7,10         Nov         7,13	Jul				Jul				Jul		Jul		Jul	
Oct         13.53         Oct         13.68         Oct         9.92         Oct         8.44         Oct         7.76         Oct         8.08         Oct         5.95           Nov         14.07         Nov         13.25         Nov         5.93         Nov         5.95           Dec         14.48         Dec         12.96         Dec         15.02         Dec         15.86         Dec         7.79         Dec         5.93           Jan 1981         14.22         Jan 1985         12.88         Jan 1989         10.02         Jen 1983         8.23         Jan 1997         7.79         Jan 2001         7.75         Jan 2001         7.76         Jan 2001         7.76         Jan 2001         7.78         Jan 3001         7.78         Jan 3001         7.88         Jan 3001         7.88         Jan 3001         7.78         Jan 3001 <t< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></t<>														
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Feb	Dec	14.48	Dec	12.96	Dec	10.02	Dec	8.36	Dec	7.58	Dec	7.79	Dec	
Mar	Jan 1981	14.22	Jan 1985	12.88	Jan 1989	10.02	Jan 1993	8.23	Jan 1997	7.79	Jan 2001	7.76	Jan 2005	5.80
Apr         15.32         Apr         13.42         Apr         10.14         Apr         7.76         Apr         8.08         Apr         7.81         Apr         5.72           May         15.84         May         12.99         May         9.92         May         7.78         May         7.94         May         7.88         May         5.62           Jul         15.87         Jul         11.91         Jun         9.49         Jul         7.53         Jul         7.77         Jul         7.71         Jul         5.50           Aug         16.33         Aug         11.93         Aug         9.37         Aug         7.57         Aug         5.54           Cct         16.76         Oct         11.33         Nov         9.33         Nov         7.33         Dec         7.24         Nov         7.64         O	Feb	14.84	Feb	13.00	Feb	10.02	Feb	8.00	Feb	7.68	Feb	7.69	Feb	5.64
May         15.84         May         12.89         Mey         9.92         May         7.78         May         7.94         Mey         7.88         May         5.60           Jun         15.87         Jun         11.91         Jun         9.49         Jun         7.58         Jun         7.77         Jun         7.77         Jun         5.39           Aug         15.87         Jul         11.83         Aug         9.37         Aug         7.21         Aug         7.57         Aug         7.57         Aug         5.51           Sep         16.93         Sep         11.93         Aug         9.37         Oct         6.99         Oct         7.50         Sep         7.74         Aug         5.51           Cot         16.76         Oct         11.84         Oct         9.37         Oct         6.99         Oct         7.37         Oct         7.60         Nov         7.54         Nov         7.84         Oct         5.79           Nov         15.50         Nov         11.33         Nov         9.37         Nov         7.30         Nov         7.24         Nov         7.61         Nov         7.68         Nov         5.8	Mar	14.86	Mar	13.66	Mar	10.16	Mar	7.85	Mar	7.92	Mar	7.59	Mar	5.86
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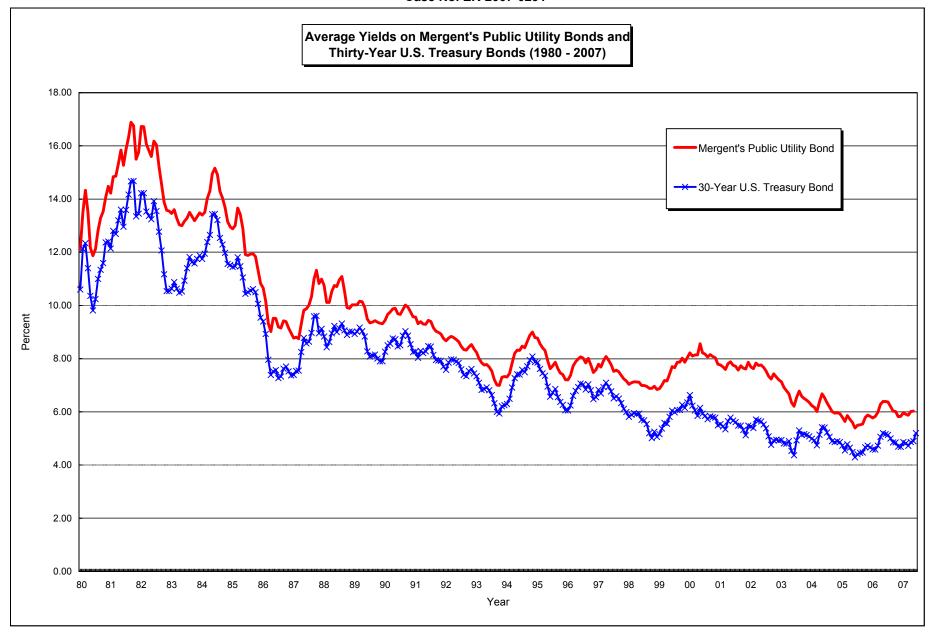
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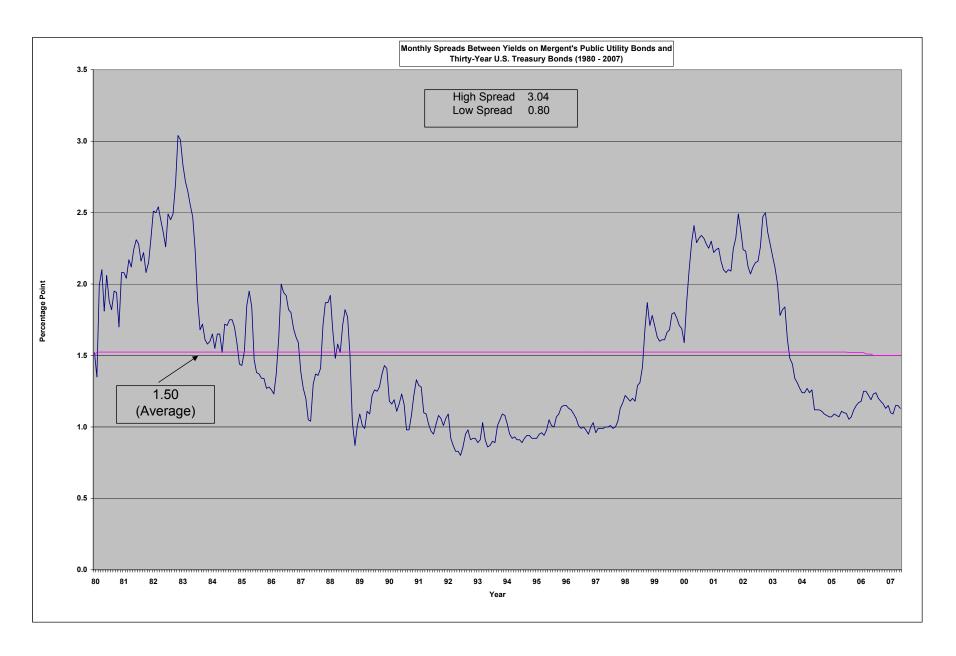
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# Average Yields on Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds

Mo/Year Jan 1980	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1984	Rate (%) 11.75	Mo/Year Jan 1988	Rate (%) 8.83	Mo/Year Jan 1992	Rate (%) 7.58	Mo/Year Jan 1996	Rate (%) 6.05	Mo/Year Jan 2000	Rate (%) 6.63	Mo/Year Jan 2004	Rate (%) 4.99
Feb	12.13	Feb	11.95	Feb	8.43	Feb	7.85	Feb	6.24	Feb	6.23	Feb	4.93
Mar	12.34	Mar	12.38	Mar	8.63	Mar	7.97	Mar	6.60	Mar	6.05	Mar	4.74
Apr	11.40	Apr	12.65	Apr	8.95	Apr	7.96	Apr	6.79	Apr	5.85	Apr	5.14
May	10.36	May	13.43	May	9.23	May	7.89	May	6.93	May	6.15	May	5.42
Jun	9.81	Jun	13.44	Jun	9.00	Jun	7.84	Jun	7.06	Jun	5.93	Jun	5.41
Jul	10.24	Jul	13.21	Jul	9.14	Jul	7.60	Jul	7.03	Jul	5.85	Jul	5.22
Aug	11.00	Aug	12.54	Aug	9.32	Aug	7.39	Aug	6.84	Aug	5.72	Aug	5.06
Sep	11.34	Sep	12.29	Sep	9.06	Sep	7.34	Sep	7.03	Sep	5.83	Sep	4.90
Oct	11.59	Oct	11.98	Oct	8.89	Oct	7.53	Oct	6.81	Oct	5.80	Oct	4.86
Nov	12.37	Nov	11.56	Nov	9.02	Nov	7.61	Nov	6.48	Nov	5.78	Nov	4.89
Dec	12.40	Dec	11.52	Dec	9.01	Dec	7.44	Dec	6.55	Dec	5.49	Dec	4.86
Jan 1981	12.14	Jan 1985	11.45	Jan 1989	8.93	Jan 1993	7.34	Jan 1997	6.83	Jan 2001	5.54	Jan 2005	4.73
Feb	12.80	Feb	11.47	Feb	9.01	Feb	7.09	Feb	6.69	Feb	5.45	Feb	4.55
Mar	12.69	Mar	11.81	Mar	9.17	Mar	6.82	Mar	6.93	Mar	5.34	Mar	4.78
Apr	13.20	Apr	11.47	Apr	9.03	Apr	6.85	Apr	7.09	Apr	5.65	Apr	4.65
May	13.60	May	11.05	May	8.83	May	6.92	May	6.94	May	5.78	May	4.49
Jun	12.96	Jun	10.44	Jun	8.27	Jun	6.81	Jun	6.77	Jun	5.67	Jun	4.29
Jul	13.59	Jul	10.50	Jul	8.08	Jul	6.63	Jul	6.51	Jul	5.61	Jul	4.41
Aug	14.17	Aug	10.56	Aug	8.12	Aug	6.32	Aug	6.58	Aug	5.48	Aug	4.46
Sep	14.67	Sep	10.61	Sep	8.15	Sep	6.00	Sep	6.50	Sep	5.48	Sep	4.47
Oct	14.68	Oct	10.50	Oct	8.00	Oct	5.94	Oct	6.33	Oct	5.32	Oct	4.67
Nov	13.35	Nov	10.06	Nov	7.90	Nov	6.21	Nov	6.11	Nov	5.12	Nov	4.73
Dec	13.45	Dec	9.54	Dec	7.90	Dec	6.25	Dec	5.99	Dec	5.48	Dec	4.66
Jan 1982	14.22	Jan 1986	9.40	Jan 1990	8.26	Jan 1994	6.29	Jan 1998	5.81	Jan 2002	5.44	Jan 2006	4.59
Feb	14.22	Feb	8.93	Feb	8.50	Feb	6.49	Feb	5.89	Feb	5.39	Feb	4.58
Mar	13.53	Mar	7.96	Mar	8.56	Mar	6.91	Mar	5.95	Mar	5.71	Mar	4.73
Apr	13.37	Apr	7.39	Apr	8.76	Apr	7.27	Apr	5.92	Apr	5.67	Apr	5.06
May	13.24	May	7.52	May	8.73	May	7.41	May	5.93	May	5.64	May	5.20
Jun	13.92	Jun	7.57	Jun	8.46	Jun	7.40	Jun	5.70	Jun	5.52	Jun	5.16
Jul	13.55	Jul	7.27	Jul	8.50	Jul	7.58	Jul	5.68	Jul	5.38	Jul	5.13
Aug	12.77	Aug	7.33	Aug	8.86	Aug	7.49	Aug	5.54	Aug	5.08	Aug	5.00
Sep	12.07	Sep	7.62	Sep	9.03	Sep	7.71	Sep	5.20	Sep	4.76	Sep	4.85
Oct	11.17	Oct	7.70	Oct	8.86	Oct	7.94	Oct	5.01	Oct	4.93	Oct	4.85
Nov	10.54	Nov	7.52	Nov	8.54	Nov	8.08	Nov	5.25	Nov	4.95	Nov	4.69
Dec	10.54	Dec	7.37	Dec	8.24	Dec	7.87	Dec	5.06	Dec	4.92	Dec	4.68
Jan 1983	10.63	Jan 1987	7.39	Jan 1991	8.27 8.03	Jan 1995 Feb	7.85	Jan 1999	5.16 5.37	Jan 2003	4.94 4.81	Jan 2007	4.86 4.82
Feb	10.88 10.63	Feb	7.54 7.55	Feb	8.29		7.61 7.45	Feb Mar	5.58	Feb		Feb	4.62
Mar Apr	10.48	Mar	8.25	Mar Apr	8.21	Mar Apr	7.36	Apr	5.55	Mar Apr	4.80 4.90	Mar Apr	4.72
	10.53	Apr	8.78	•	8.27		6.95	•	5.81	•		•	4.90
May Jun	10.93	May Jun	8.57	May Jun	8.47	May Jun	6.57	May Jun	6.04	May Jun	4.53 4.37	May Jun	5.20
Jul	11.40	Jul	8.64	Jul	8.45	Jul	6.72	Jul	5.98	Jul	4.93	Juli	5.20
Aug	11.82	Aug	8.97	Aug	8.14	Aug	6.86	Aug	6.07	Aug	5.30		
Sep	11.63	Sep	9.59	Sep	7.95	Sep	6.55	Sep	6.07	Sep	5.14		
Oct	11.58	Oct	9.61	Oct	7.93	Oct	6.37	Oct	6.26	Oct	5.16		
Nov	11.75	Nov	8.95	Nov	7.92	Nov	6.26	Nov	6.15	Nov	5.13		
Dec	11.88	Dec	9.12	Dec	7.70	Dec	6.06	Dec	6.35	Dec	5.08		
200	11.00	200	3.12	200	7.70	200	0.00	200	3.33	200	5.00		

Sources: http://finance.yahoo.com/q/hp?s=^TYX





				E	conomic E	stimates	and Proi	ections.	2007-2	009							
			nflation R	ate		Real GDF	, '	Ú	nemploy	ment		3-1	Mo. T-Bill F	late	30-Y	ar T-Bond	d Rate
Source		2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	20	009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	200
Value Line Investment																	
Survey Selection & Opinion		3.50%	2.40%	2.40%	2.00%	2.60%	3.00%	4.60%	4.90%	6 4.7	70%	4.90%	4.90%	4.90%	4.80%	5.00%	5.30
(05-25-07, page 4707)																	
The Budget and																	
Economic Outlook		1.90%	2.30%	2.20%	2.30%	3.00%	3.10%	4.70%	4.90%	5.0	00%	4.80%	4.50%	4.40%	N/A	N/A	N/A
FY2008-2017																	
Current rate		2.70%			0.70%			4.50%				4.61%			5.13%		
Notes: N.A. = Not Available.																	
Value Line data for 2006-2008 are estimat																	
CBO data for 2007 and 2008 are forecaste	ed, data fo	r 2009 is	projected														
Sources of Current Rates:																	
nflation:					nsumer Price	ndex - All U	rban Consum	ers, 12-Mon	th Perio	d Endin	ig, May	31, 2007 (see	e first para	graph).			
					/cpi_nr.htm												
GDP:					reau of Econo			ter Ending I	larch 31	, 2007 (	see firs	t paragraph)					
					ational/gdp/gdr												
Unemployment:					onomy Situation	n Summary	- Unemployn	nent Rate, J	une 2007	<b>'</b> .							
					sit.nr0.htm												
3-Month Treasury:					for June 1, 200	7.											
					ries/TB3MS/22												
30-Yr. T-Bond:			tch websi														
	http://w	/ww.mark	etwatch.co	m/tools/m	arketsummary/o	efault.asp?s	te=mktw										
Other Sources (2006 - 2008):	ValueL	ine Inve	stment Su	rvey Sele	ction & Opinio	n, May 25, 20	)07, page 470	7.									
					The Budget ar		Outlook: Fis	scal Years 2	008-2017	', Janua	ary 2007	' <u>-</u>					
	http://w	ww.cbo.d	gov/publica	tions/bysu	bject.cfm?cat=0		1 1			1 1							

	Histor	ical Consolidated C	Capital Structures fo	or C	Great Plains Energy		
		(	Millions of Dollars)	,			
Capital Components	2002	2003	2004		2005	2006	5-Year Average
Common Equity	\$939,470.0	\$957,294.0	\$1,141,594.0		\$1,223,427.0	\$1,341,916.0	\$1,120,740.2
Preferred Stock	39,000.0	39,000.0	39,000.0		39,000.0	39,000.0	\$39,000.0
Long-Term Debt	1,332,388.0 *	1,346,936.0 *	1,295,612.0 *		1,145,155.0 *	997,144.0 *	\$1,223,447.0
Short-Term Debt	21,079.0	87,000.0	20,000.0		37,900.0	156,400.0	\$64,475.8
Total	\$2,331,937.0	\$2,430,230.0	\$2,496,206.0		\$2,445,482.0	\$2,534,460.0	\$2,447,663.0
Capital Components	2002	2003	2004		2005	2006	5-Year Average
Common Equity	40.29%	39.39%	45.73%		50.03%	52.95%	45.68%
Preferred Stock	1.67%	1.60%	1.56%		1.59%	1.54%	1.59%
Long-Term Debt	57.14%	55.42%	51.90%		46.83%	39.34%	50.13%
Short-Term Debt	0.90%	3.58%	0.80%		1.55%	6.17%	2.60%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%		100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
	nergy's SEC 10-K for 12	2/31/2003.					
	nergy's SEC 10-K for 12 nergy's SEC 10-K for 12						
Note: *Includes current	maturities of long-term	debt.					

# **Selected Financial Ratios for Great Plains Energy**

Financial Ratios	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Return on					
Common Equity	13.60%	16.40%	15.50%	13.30%	9.40%
Earnings Per					
Common Share	\$2.04	\$2.27	\$2.46	\$2.18	\$1.62
Cash Dividends					
Per Common Share	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66	\$1.66
Common Dividend					
Payout Ratio	81.37%	73.13%	67.48%	76.15%	102.47%
Year-End Market Price					
Per Common Share	\$22.88	\$31.82	\$30.28	\$27.96	\$31.80
Year-End Book Value					
Per Common Share	\$13.58	\$13.82	\$15.35	\$16.35	\$16.70
Year-End Market-to-					
Book Ratio	1.68 x	2.30 x	1.97 x	1.71 x	1.90 x
Funds From Operations (FFO)					
Interest Coverage Ratio	3.9 x	4.9 x	4.4 x	4.6 x	4.5 x
FFO/Average Total Debt	20%	24%	23%	24%	24%
Corporate Credit Rating	BBB	BBB	BBB	BBB	BBB
(Standard & Poor's Corporation)					<b>-</b>

### 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, February 7, 2007.

Standard and Poor's Stock Guide, January 2003, January 2004, January 2005, January 2006, and January 2007. Value Line Investment Survey for Great Plains Energy, June 29, 2007.

# Capital Structure as of March 31, 2007 Great Plains Energy

Capital Component	Am	Dollar ount (000's)	Percentage of Capital		
Common Stock Equity	\$	1,541,961	66.01%		
Preferred Stock	\$	39,000	1.67%		
Long-Term Debt	\$	755,084	32.32%		
Short-Term Debt	\$	-	0.00%		
Total Capitalization	\$	2,336,045	100.00%		

# Electric Financial Ratio Benchmark Total Debt / Total Capital

Standard & Poor's Corporation's RatingsDirect,

BBB Credit Rating based on a "6" Business Profile

Revised Financial Guidelines as of

48% to 58%

June 2, 2004

Notes: 1. Long-term Debt at March 31, 2007 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 0088.

Source: Kansas City Power and Light's response to Staff's Data Request No. 0088.

<sup>2.</sup> Short-term debt balance net of construction work in progress (CWIP) was negative as of March 31, 2007. Therefore, no short-term debt is included in the capital structure.

#### Weighted Average Cost of Long-Term Debt Capital At March 31, 2007

						At March 3	1, 2007							
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)			
						Underwriters				Long-term	Annual Cost			% of curr. O/S to
		Initial	Date of	Date of	Price to	Discounts &	Issuance	Net Proceeds	Cost to	Debt Capital	of Long-term			original issue amt
Line	Issue	Offering	Offering	Maturity	Public	Commissions	Expense	to Company	Company	Outstanding	Debt Capital	Coupon	Nper	* orig net proceeds
KAN	ISAS CITY POWER & LIGHT ONLY								· ·					
	General Mortgage Bonds													
1	Medium Term Notes - Series C (1)	\$150,000,000	Various	Various	\$150,000,000	\$968,050	\$572,926 (2)	\$148,459,024	8.085%	\$500,000	\$40,427	7.950%	24	
	Pledged General Mortgage Bonds													
2	EIRR 1992 Series	\$31,000,000	9/15/1992	7/1/2017					3.959%	\$31,000,000	\$1,227,290			
3	EIRR Hawthorn 1993 Series - 4.0% Coupon	\$12,366,000	10/14/1993	1/2/2012					4.202%	\$12,366,000	\$519,619			
4	MATES Series 1993-A	\$40,000,000	12/7/1993	12/1/2023					3.908%	\$40,000,000	\$1,563,200			
5	MATES Series 1993-B	\$39,480,000	12/7/1993	12/1/2023					3.864%	\$39,480,000	\$1,525,507			
6	EIRR La Cygne 1994 Series - 4.05% Coupon	\$13,982,500	2/23/1994	3/1/2015					4.245%	\$13,982,000	\$593,536			
7	EIRR La Cygne 1994 Series - 4.65% Coupon	\$21,940,000	2/23/1994	9/1/2035					4.813%	\$21,940,000	\$1,055,972			
	Unsecured Notes													
8	Senior Notes Due 2011 - 6.5% Coupon (3)	\$150,000,000	3/20/2001	11/15/2011	\$150,000,000	\$1,198,500	\$50,000	\$148,751,500	6.615%	\$150,000,000	\$9,922,646	6.500%	20	
9	Senior Notes Due 2035 -6.05% Coupon (4)	\$250,000,000	11/17/2005	11/15/2035	\$250,000,000	\$2,187,500	\$150,000	\$247,662,500	6.118%	\$250,000,000	\$15,296,070	6.050%	60	)
	Environmental Improvement Revenue Refund	•												
10	Series 1998-A Due 2015-4.75% Coupon	\$56,500,000	8/11/1998	9/1/2015					4.776%	\$56,500,000	\$2,698,440			
11	Series 1998-B Due 2015-4.75% Coupon	\$50,000,000	8/11/1998	9/1/2015					4.774%	\$50,000,000	\$2,387,000			
12	Series 1998-C Due 2035-4.65% Coupon	\$50,000,000	8/11/1998	9/1/2035					4.837%	\$50,000,000	\$2,418,500			
13	Series 1998-D Due 2017-4.75% Coupon	\$40,000,000	8/11/1998	10/1/2017					4.774%	\$40,000,000	\$1,909,744			
	Others I are Tarre Bake													
	Other Long-Term Debt									(4.500.704)				
14	Unamortized Discount on Senior Notes									(1,539,721)	\$0			
15	Loss/(Gain) on Reacquired Debt									\$0	\$687,694			
16	Weighted Cost of Interest Rate Management Pro	ducts							· =	\$0	\$1,630,717			
17	Total KCDS Lang Torm Daht Canital				March 24, 2007					\$754,228,279	642 476 264			
- 17	Total KCP&L Long-Term Debt Capital			A	t March 31, 2007				1	\$154,220,219	\$43,476,364			
18	KCP&L Weighted Avg. Cost of Long-Term I	Dobt Conital			At March 31, 2007			5.764%						
10	KCP&L Weighted Avg. Cost of Long-Term I	Debt Capital			At March 31, 2007			5.764%						
ODE	AT PLAINS ENERGY ONLY										<del></del>			
GRE	AT PLAINS ENERGY ONLY													
	Affordable Housing Notes													
1	Missouri Affordable Housing Fund IX - NDH	\$3,907,767	3/30/1999	10/1/2008					7.600%	\$856,132	\$65,066			
	Wissouth Attordable Flousing Fund IX - NEXT	ψ0,507,707	3/30/1333	10/1/2000					1.00070	\$000,10 <u>2</u>	Ψ03,000			
2	Total GPE Only Long-Term Debt Capital			Δ1	t March 31, 2007					\$856,132	\$65,066			
-	Total of E only Long-Term Debt Sapital			^	1 March 51, 2007					\$000,102	400,000			
3	GPE Only Weighted Avg. Cost of Long-Terr	m Dobt Canital			At March 31, 2007			7.600%						
3	GFE Only Weighted Avg. Cost of Long-Ten	ii Debt Capitai			At March 31, 2007			7.000 /6						
CDE	AT PLAINS ENERGY													
GRE	ATT LAMO ENERGY													
4	Total GPE Long-Term Debt Capital			Δ4	t March 31, 2007					\$755,084,411	\$43,541,430			
7	. Star Of E Long-Term Debt Sapital			A						ψ100,00 <del>1</del> ,411	\$40,041,430			
5	GPE Weighted Avg. Cost of Long-Term Deb	nt Canital			At March 31, 2007			5.766%						
3	Or E Weighted Avg. Cost of Long-Term Det	л опрітаі			At march 31, 2007			3.700%						

<sup>(1)</sup> Expenses associated with the Series C Medium Term Note issue are being amortized monthly over a 12 year period.

<sup>(2)</sup> Costs associated with the early issuance of Series C and Series D Medium Term Notes for refunding Series B Medium

Term Notes and First Mortgage Bonds in April and May 1993 have been added to Issuance Expenses.

(3) Expenses associated with the Senior Notes issue are being amortized monthly over a 10 year period.

<sup>(4)</sup> Expenses associated with the Senior Notes issue are being amortized monthly over a 30 year period.

# Weighted Cost of Preferred Stock Capital Outstanding at March 31, 2007

Line	(a)  Description of Issue	(b)  Date of Issuance	(c) No. of Shares Initial Offering	(d) Price to Public	(e) Underwriters Discounts & Commissions	(f) Issuance Expense	(g) Net Proceeds to Company	(h)  Cost to  Company	(i) Preferred Stock Capital Outstanding	(j) Annual Cost of Preferred Stock Capital
1	3.80% cum \$100 par	12-01-46	100,000	\$10,270,000	\$179,000	\$58,391	\$10,032,609	3.788%	\$10,000,000	\$378,800
2	4.50% cum \$100 par	1-20-52	100,000	10,000,000	195,000	79,241	9,725,759	4.627%	10,000,000	462,700
3	4.20% cum \$100 par	1-21-54	70,000	7,070,000	122,500	41,270	6,906,230	4.257%	7,000,000	297,990
4	4.35% cum \$100 par	4-17-56	120,000	12,000,000	201,600	71,304	11,727,096	4.451%	12,000,000	534,120
5	Total Preferred Stock Ca	pital March 3	1, 2007						\$39,000,000	\$1,673,610
6	Weighted Average Cost at	March 31, 20	07				4.291%			

#### Criteria for Selecting Comparable Electric Utility Companies

(1)	(2)	(3)	(8)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(9)	(10)	(11)
					No			Two		
					Pending	No		Sources for	At Least	Comparable
	Stock	Information	10-Years	% Electric	Merger	Reduced Dividend		Projected Growth	Investment	Company
ValueLine	Publicly	Printed in	of Data	Revenues	in the	in the	Generation	Available with One	Grade Credit	Met All
Electric Utility Companies(Ticker)  ALLETE(ALE)	Traded Yes	ValueLine Yes	Available No	≥ 70%	last 6 months	last 10 years	Assets	from Value Line	Rating	Criteria
ALLETE(ALE) Allegheny Energy(AYE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No				
Alliant Energy(LNT)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ameren Corp.(AEE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
American Electric Power(AEP)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Aquila, Inc.(ILA) Avista Corp.(AVA)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No No						
Black Hills(BKH)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
CenterPoint Energy(CNP)	Yes	Yes	No	-10						
Central Vermont Public Service(CV)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		
CH Energy Group(CHG)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Cleco Corp.(CNL) CMS Energy Corp.(CMS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CMS Energy Corp.(CMS)  Consolidated Edison(ED)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No No						
Constellation Energy(CEG)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Dominion Resources (D)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
DPL Inc.(DPL)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DTE Energy(DTE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Duke Energy(DUK) Edison International(EIX)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No Yes	Yes	Yes	No				
El Paso Electric(EE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No				
Empire Distric Electric(EDE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Energy East Corp.(EAS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Entergy Corp.(ETR)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Evergreen Energy Inc.(EEE) Excel Energy Inc.(XEL)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	N.A. N.A.						
Exelon Corp.(EXC)	Yes	Yes	No	IV.A.						
FirstEnergy Corp.(FE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Florida Public Utilities(FPU)	Yes	Yes	No							
Fortis Inc.(FTS.TO)	Yes	No	**	**	**	**	**	•	**	• • •
FPL Group(FPL) Hawaiian Electric(HE)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
IDACORP, Inc.(IDA)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Integrys Energy(TEG)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Maine & Maritimes Corp.(MAM)	Yes	Yes	No							
MDU Resources(MDU)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
MGE Energy(MGEE) NiSource Inc.(NI)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No No						
Northeast Utilities(NU)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No				
NSTAR(NST)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
OGE Energy(OGE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Otter Tail Corp.(OTTR)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Pepco Holdings(POM) PG&E Corp.(PCG)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No Yes	Yes	Yes	No				
Pinnacle West Capital(PNW)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PNM Resources(PNM)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Portland General(POR)	Yes	Yes	No							
PPL Corp.(PPL)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	V/	V/		N/	**	**
Progress Energy(PGN) Public Service Enterprise(PEG)	Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Puget Energy Inc.(PSD)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
Rochester Gas & Electric Corp.(RGE)	Yes	No								
SCANA Corp.(SCG)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		-				
Sempra Energy(SRE) Sierra Pacific Resources(SRP)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	No Yes	Yes	No				
Southern Company(SO)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No Yes	Yes	Ves	Yes	Yes
TECO Energy(TE)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	103	1 03	100	103	100	103
TXU Corp.(TXU)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						
U.S. Energy System Inc.(USEY)	Yes	No								
UIL Holdings(UIL)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N.A.			
UniSource Energy(UNS) UNITIL Corp.(UTL)	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes No	Yes	Yes	No				
Vectren Corp.(VVC)	Yes	Yes	No							
Westar Energy(WR)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilmington Capital Management(WCM/A.T)	Yes	No								
Wisconsin Energy(WEC)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No						

Sources: Columns 1, 2 and 5 = Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect.
Columns 3, 4 and 6 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports.
Columnn 6 = May 2006 Earnings Guide and I/B/E/S Inc.'s Institutional Brokers Estimate System, June 15, 2006.

Notes: N.A. = Not available.

# **Comparable Electrical Utility Companies for Kansas City Power and Light Company**

	Ticker	
Number	Symbol	Company Name
1	LNT	Alliant Energy
2	AEE	Ameren Corp.
3	PNW	American Electric Power
4	CNL	Cleco Corp.
5	DPL	DPL Inc.
6	EDE	Empire Distric Electric
7	ETR	Entergy Corp.
8	FE	FirstEnergy Corp.
9	FPL	FPL Group
10	HE	Hawaiian Electric
11	IDA	IDACORP, Inc.
12	PNW	Pinnacle West Capital
13	PNM	PNM Resources
14	PGN	Progress Energy
15	SO	Southern Company
16	WR	Westar Energy

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

		10-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates	***************************************	
				Average of
				10 Year Annual
				Compound
Company Name	DPS	EPS	BVPS	Growth Rates
Alliant Energy	-6.00%	-1.00%	1.00%	-2.00%
Ameren Corp.	0.50%	0.00%	3.00%	1.17%
American Electric Power	-5.00%	-0.50%	-0.50%	-2.00%
Cleco Corp.	2.00%	3.00%	5.50%	3.50%
DPL Inc.	1.50%	1.50%	0.50%	1.17%
Empire Distric Electric	0.00%	-1.50%	1.50%	0.00%
Entergy Corp.	1.50%	8.50%	3.00%	4.33%
FirstEnergy Corp.	2.00%	4.50%	5.50%	4.00%
FPL Group	4.50%	5.50%	6.50%	5.50%
Hawaiian Electric	0.50%	0.50%	1.50%	0.83%
IDACORP, Inc.	-4.50%	0.00%	3.00%	-0.50%
Pinnacle West Capital	7.50%	2.00%	4.50%	4.67%
PNM Resources	0.00%	4.00%	6.00%	3.33%
Progress Energy	3.00%	1.00%	6.50%	3.50%
Southern Company	2.00%	2.50%	1.00%	1.83%
Westar Energy	-8.00%	-5.00%	-4.00%	-5.67%
Average	0.09%	1.56%	2.78%	1.48%
Standard Deviation	3.93%	3.07%	2.82%	2.90%
Great Plains Energy	0.50%	2.00%	1.00%	1.17%

Source: The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2007.

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

		5-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates		Average of 5 Year Annual Compound
Company Name	DPS	EPS	BVPS	Growth Rates
Alliant Energy	-11.50%	-3.00%	-2.50%	-5.67%
Ameren Corp.	0.00%	-2.00%	5.50%	1.17%
American Electric Power	-9.50%	3.00%	-2.50%	-3.00%
Cleco Corp.	1.00%	0.00%	5.50%	2.17%
DPL Inc.	0.50%	-3.50%	0.50%	-0.83%
Empire Distric Electric	0.00%	1.00%	2.00%	1.00%
Entergy Corp.	11.00%	10.50%	4.00%	8.50%
FirstEnergy Corp.	4.00%	3.50%	4.50%	4.00%
FPL Group	5.50%	4.50%	6.50%	5.50%
Hawaiian Electric	0.00%	-1.00%	2.00%	0.33%
IDACORP, Inc.	-8.50%	-8.50%	2.50%	-4.83%
Pinnacle West Capital	6.00%	-5.00%	4.00%	1.67%
PNM Resources	7.50%	-2.50%	4.50%	3.17%
Progress Energy	2.50%	-0.50%	5.00%	2.33%
Southern Company	2.00%	3.00%	1.00%	2.00%
Westar Energy	-11.00%	21.00%	-9.00%	0.33%
Average	-0.03%	1.28%	2.09%	1.11%
Standard Deviation	6.55%	6.64%	3.87%	3.48%
Great Plains Energy	0.00%	5.00%	3.00%	2.67%

Source: The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2007.

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

	10-Year	5-Year	Average of
	Average	Average	5-Year &
	DPS, EPS &	DPS, EPS &	10-Year
Company Name	BVPS	BVPS	Averages
Alliant Energy	-2.00%	-5.67%	-3.83%
Ameren Corp.	1.17%	1.17%	1.17%
American Electric Power	-2.00%	-3.00%	-2.50%
Cleco Corp.	3.50%	2.17%	2.83%
DPL Inc.	1.17%	-0.83%	0.17%
Empire Distric Electric	0.00%	1.00%	0.50%
Entergy Corp.	4.33%	8.50%	6.42%
FirstEnergy Corp.	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%
FPL Group	5.50%	5.50%	5.50%
Hawaiian Electric	0.83%	0.33%	0.58%
IDACORP, Inc.	-0.50%	-4.83%	-2.67%
Pinnacle West Capital	4.67%	1.67%	3.17%
PNM Resources	3.33%	3.17%	3.25%
Progress Energy	3.50%	2.33%	2.92%
Southern Company	1.83%	2.00%	1.92%
Westar Energy	-5.67%	0.33%	-2.67%
Average	1.48%	1.11%	1.30%
Great Plains Energy	1.17%	2.67%	1.92%

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

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
		Projected				
	Historical	5-Year	Projected	Projected		Average of
	Growth Rate	EPS Growth	5-Year	3-5 Year	Average	Historical
	(DPS, EPS and	IBES	EPS Growth	EPS Growth	Projected	& Projected
Company Name	BVPS)	(Mean)	S&P	Value Line	Growth	Growth
Alliant Energy	-3.83%	4.87%	5.00%	5.00%	4.96%	0.56%
Ameren Corp.	1.17%	5.90%	7.00%	2.50%	5.13%	3.15%
American Electric Power	-2.50%	5.57%	6.00%	6.50%	6.02%	1.76%
Cleco Corp.	2.83%	12.00%	12.00%	4.00%	9.33%	6.08%
DPL Inc.	0.17%	7.75%	9.00%	7.00%	7.92%	4.04%
Empire Distric Electric	0.50%	3.00%	3.00%	11.00%	5.67%	3.08%
Entergy Corp.	6.42%	7.60%	8.00%	7.50%	7.70%	7.06%
FirstEnergy Corp.	4.00%	7.83%	8.00%	9.00%	8.28%	6.14%
FPL Group	5.50%	8.33%	8.00%	8.00%	8.11%	6.81%
Hawaiian Electric	0.58%	4.30%	4.00%	4.00%	4.10%	2.34%
IDACORP, Inc.	-2.67%	6.00%	5.00%	2.50%	4.50%	0.92%
Pinnacle West Capital	3.17%	3.67%	4.00%	3.50%	3.72%	3.45%
PNM Resources	3.25%	10.60%	11.00%	4.50%	8.70%	5.98%
Progress Energy	2.92%	4.11%	4.00%	3.00%	3.70%	3.31%
Southern Company	1.92%	5.00%	5.00%	3.00%	4.33%	3.13%
Westar Energy	-2.67%	5.39%	5.00%	4.50%	4.96%	1.15%
Average	1.30%	6.37%	6.50%	5.34%	6.07%	3.68%
Great Plains Energy	1.92%	4.58%	5.00%	1.50%	3.69%	2.81%

Proposed Range of Growth for Comparables: 5.34%-6.50%

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 14, 2007.

Column 3 = Standard & Poor's Earnings Guide, June 2007.

Column 4 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2007.

# Average High / Low Stock Price for February 2007 through May 2007 for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies and Great Plains Energy

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	Feb	2007	March	2007	April	2007	May	2007	Average
									High/Low
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	Stock
	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Price
Company Name	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	(2/07 - 6/07)
Alliant Energy	\$44.000	\$36.050	\$46.300	\$40.710	\$46.530	\$43.600	\$45.470	\$42.070	\$43.091
Ameren Corp.	\$55.000	\$51.620	\$52.610	\$48.560	\$53.600	\$49.730	\$55.000	\$51.540	\$52.208
American Electric Power	\$46.760	\$43.480	\$49.470	\$44.030	\$51.240	\$48.080	\$51.000	\$46.740	\$47.600
Cleco Corp.	\$27.770	\$25.080	\$27.010	\$24.830	\$29.200	\$25.430	\$28.640	\$26.540	\$26.813
DPL Inc.	\$31.460	\$28.700	\$31.450	\$29.580	\$32.720	\$30.680	\$31.890	\$30.260	\$30.843
Empire Distric Electric	\$26.110	\$23.620	\$24.970	\$23.070	\$26.130	\$24.510	\$25.090	\$23.300	\$24.600
Entergy Corp.	\$105.200	\$92.450	\$106.130	\$95.180	\$117.790	\$104.880	\$120.470	\$109.710	\$106.476
FirstEnergy Corp.	\$66.290	\$59.360	\$67.110	\$60.850	\$71.460	\$66.170	\$72.900	\$67.570	\$66.464
FPL Group	\$63.070	\$56.670	\$62.350	\$56.500	\$65.760	\$60.340	\$66.520	\$61.810	\$61.628
Hawaiian Electric	\$27.420	\$25.780	\$26.480	\$25.100	\$26.600	\$25.970	\$26.730	\$24.320	\$26.050
IDACORP, Inc.	\$38.390	\$33.340	\$35.060	\$32.000	\$35.180	\$33.210	\$34.890	\$31.220	\$34.161
Pinnacle West Capital	\$49.050	\$47.210	\$48.890	\$46.430	\$50.680	\$48.140	\$49.450	\$45.050	\$48.113
PNM Resources	\$31.650	\$29.460	\$32.700	\$29.320	\$34.280	\$32.310	\$33.370	\$28.500	\$31.449
Progress Energy	\$50.950	\$47.480	\$51.600	\$47.870	\$52.340	\$50.300	\$52.750	\$49.300	\$50.324
Southern Company	\$36.950	\$35.110	\$37.090	\$34.850	\$38.900	\$36.580	\$38.460	\$35.270	\$36.651
Westar Energy	\$28.540	\$25.230	\$28.020	\$25.550	\$28.500	\$27.210	\$28.570	\$26.050	\$27.209
Great Plains Energy	\$32.400	\$30.900	\$32.760	\$30.240	\$33.760	\$32.370	\$33.040	\$30.340	\$31.976

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 2007, April 2007, May 2007 and June 2007.

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

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)

		Average		Average of	Estimated
	Expected	High/Low	Projected	Historical	Cost of
	Annual	Stock	Dividend	& Projected	Common
Company Name	Dividend	Price	Yield	Growth	Equity
Alliant Energy	\$1.32	\$43.091	3.06%	0.56%	3.62%
Ameren Corp.	\$2.54	\$52.208	4.87%	3.15%	8.02%
American Electric Power	\$1.66	\$47.600	3.48%	1.76%	5.24%
Cleco Corp.	\$0.90	\$26.813	3.36%	6.08%	9.44%
DPL Inc.	\$1.06	\$30.843	3.44%	4.04%	7.48%
Empire Distric Electric	\$1.28	\$24.600	5.20%	3.08%	8.29%
Entergy Corp.	\$2.28	\$106.476	2.14%	7.06%	9.20%
FirstEnergy Corp.	\$2.09	\$66.464	3.14%	6.14%	9.28%
FPL Group	\$1.71	\$61.628	2.77%	6.81%	9.58%
Hawaiian Electric	\$1.24	\$26.050	4.76%	2.34%	7.10%
IDACORP, Inc.	\$1.20	\$34.161	3.51%	0.92%	4.43%
Pinnacle West Capital	\$2.18	\$48.113	4.53%	3.45%	7.98%
PNM Resources	\$0.98	\$31.449	3.12%	5.98%	9.09%
Progress Energy	\$2.45	\$50.324	4.87%	3.31%	8.18%
Southern Company	\$1.63	\$36.651	4.45%	3.13%	7.57%
Westar Energy	\$1.12	\$27.209	4.12%	1.15%	5.26%
Average			3.80%	3.68%	7.48%
Great Plains Energy	\$1.66	\$31.976	5.19%	2.81%	8.00%

Proposed Dividend Yield: 3.80%

Proposed Range of Growth: 5.34% - 6.50%

Estimated Proxy Cost of Common Equity: 9.14%-10.30%

**GPE Company-Specific Using** 

Average Projected Growth 8.88%

Notes: Column 1 = Estimated Dividends Declared per share represents the average projected dividends for 2007 and 2008.

Column 3 = (Column 1 / Column 2).

Column 5 = (Column 3 + Column 4).

Sources: Column 1 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2007.

Column 2 =Schedule 15.

Column 4 = Schedule 14.

# 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 Comparable Electric Utility Companies and Great Plains Energy

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
			Arithmetic	Geometric	Geometric	Arithmetic	Geometric	Geometric
			Average	Average	Average	CAPM	CAPM	CAPM
			Market	Market	Market	Cost of	Cost of	Cost of
	Risk	Company's	Risk	Risk	Risk	Common	Common	Common
	Free	Value Line	Premium	Premium	Premium	Equity	Equity	Equity
Company Name	Rate	Beta	(1926-2006)	(1926-2006)	(1996-2006)	(1926-2006)	(1926-2006)	(1996-2006)
Alliant Energy	5.20%	0.95	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.38%	9.95%	5.76%
Ameren Corp.	5.20%	0.75	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	10.08%	8.95%	5.64%
American Electric Power	5.20%	1.35	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	13.98%	11.95%	6.00%
Cleco Corp.	5.20%	1.30	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	13.65%	11.70%	5.97%
DPL Inc.	5.20%	0.95	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.38%	9.95%	5.76%
Empire Distric Electric	5.20%	0.85	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	10.73%	9.45%	5.70%
Entergy Corp.	5.20%	0.90	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.05%	9.70%	5.73%
FirstEnergy Corp.	5.20%	0.85	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	10.73%	9.45%	5.70%
FPL Group	5.20%	0.85	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	10.73%	9.45%	5.70%
Hawaiian Electric	5.20%	0.75	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	10.08%	8.95%	5.64%
IDACORP, Inc.	5.20%	1.05	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	12.03%	10.45%	5.82%
Pinnacle West Capital	5.20%	1.00	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.70%	10.20%	5.79%
PNM Resources	5.20%	0.95	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.38%	9.95%	5.76%
Progress Energy	5.20%	0.95	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.38%	9.95%	5.76%
Southern Company	5.20%	0.70	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	9.75%	8.70%	5.61%
Westar Energy	5.20%	0.95	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.38%	9.95%	5.76%
Average		0.94				11.33%	9.92%	5.76%
Great Plains Energy	5.20%	0.95	6.50%	5.00%	0.59%	11.38%	9.95%	5.76%

#### Sources:

- Column 1 = The appropriate yield is equal to the average 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond yield for June 2007 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, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2007.
- 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 2006 was determined to be 6.50% based on an arithmetic average as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2007 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 2006 was determined to be 5.00% based on a geometric average as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2007 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 1997 2006 was determined to be .59% as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2007 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)).

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

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
			Funds	Funds			2007	
		2006	From	From		2006	Projected	
	2006	Long-Term	Operations	Operations	Market-	Return on	Return on	
	Common Equity	Debt	Interest	to Total	to-Book	Common	Common	Bond
Company Name	Ratio	Ratio	Coverage	Debt	Value	Equity	Equity	Rating
Alliant Energy	62.90%	31.40%	4.20 x	26.0%	1.81 x	9.10%	11.00%	BBB+
Ameren Corp.	54.60%	43.80%	4.80 x	18.5%	1.59 x	8.10%	10.00%	BBB-
American Electric Power	43.30%	56.70%	3.30 x	17.6%	1.92 x	12.00%	11.50%	BBB
Cleco Corp.	57.80%	40.90%	5.00 x	26.9%	1.68 x	8.30%	7.50%	BBB
DPL Inc.	31.10%	67.90%	2.70 x	13.20%	4.72 x	17.50%	27.00%	BBB
Empire Distric Electric	50.30%	49.70%	3.40 x	16.00%	1.46 x	8.50%	9.50%	BBB-
Entergy Corp.	47.20%	50.70%	4.50 x	21.00%	2.83 x	13.50%	14.00%	BBB
FirstEnergy Corp.	51.40%	48.60%	4.00 x	18.00%	2.46 x	13.90%	15.00%	BBB
FPL Group	50.90%	49.10%	3.20 x	14.00%	2.48 x	12.90%	13.00%	Α
Hawaiian Electric	49.90%	48.60%	3.70 x	16.90%	1.74 x	9.90%	9.50%	BBB
IDACORP, Inc.	54.80%	45.20%	3.30 x	13.20%	1.24 x	8.90%	8.00%	BBB+
Pinnacle West Capital	51.60%	48.40%	3.40 x	14.60%	1.28 x	9.20%	8.50%	BBB-
PNM Resources	48.80%	50.90%	4.40 x	17.90%	1.28 x	7.20%	8.00%	BBB
Progress Energy	48.10%	51.30%	3.70 x	20.00%	1.45 x	6.10%	8.50%	BBB+
Southern Company	46.20%	50.80%	5.00 x	21.60%	2.33 x	13.80%	13.50%	Α
Westar Energy	49.30%	50.00%	4.00 x	19.00%	2.01 x	10.70%	9.50%	BBB-
Average	49.89%	49.00%	<b>3.91</b> x	18.4%	2.02 x	10.60%	11.50%	BBB
Great Plains Energy	67.50%	30.60%	<b>4.50</b> x	24.0%	<b>1.63</b> x	9.40%	9.00%	BBB

# Sources:

The Value Line Investment Survey Ratings & Reports, May 11, June 1, and June 29, 2007: for columns (1), (2), (6) and (7). Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect for columns (3), (4). AUS Utility Reports, July 2007 for column (5).

# **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

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or

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

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

RR= Revenue Requirement 0 = Prudent Operating Costs, including Depreciation and Taxes = Gross Valuation of the Property Serving the Public = 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 (%) = Embedded Cost of Debt = Proportion of Debt in the Capital Structure L = Embedded Cost of Preferred Stock = Proportion of Preferred Stock in the Capital Structure

= Required Return on Common Equity (ROE)

= Proportion of Common Equity in the Capital Structure

# Weighted Cost of Capital as of March 31, 2007 for Kansas City Power and Light Company

Weighted Cost of Capital Using Common Equity Return of:

			Common Equity		
Capital Component	Percentage of Capital	Embedded Cost	9.14%	9.72%	10.30%
Common Stock Equity	66.01%		6.03%	6.42%	6.80%
Preferred Stock	1.67%	4.29%	0.07%	0.07%	0.07%
Long-Term Debt	32.32%	5.77%	1.86%	1.86%	1.86%
Short-Term Debt	0.00%				
Total	100.00%		7.97%	8.35%	8.73%

# Notes:

See Schedule 9 for the Capital Structure Ratios.

Embedded Cost of Long-Term Debt and Embedded Cost of Preferred Stock Taken from Response to DR 0178.1.