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3	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	
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14	THIRD REVISED	
15	DIRECT TESTIMONY	
16	AND SCHEDULES	
17	OF	
18	JAMES A. ROTHSCHILD	
19	ON BEHALF OF THE	
20	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION	
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I. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
- 3 A. My name is James A. Rothschild and my address is 115 Scarlet Oak Drive, Wilton,
- 4 Connecticut 06897.

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- 6 Q. WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?
- 7 A. I am a financial consultant specializing in utility regulation. I have experience in the
- 8 regulation of electric, gas, telephone, sewer, and gas utilities throughout the United
- 9 States and Nova Scotia, Canada.

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- 11 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR UTILITY REGULATORY EXPERIENCE.
- 12 A. I have been a consultant specializing in utility ratemaking since 1972. Initially, I was
- employed by Touche Ross & Co. Touche Ross & Co. later merged to form Deloitte
- Touche. I then provided similar consulting services while with J. Rothschild
- 15 Associates, Georgetown Consulting Group, and Rothschild Financial Consulting.
- While associated with the above firms, I have worked for various state utility
- 17 commissions, attorneys general, and public advocates on regulatory matters relating
- to regulatory and financial issues. These have included rate of return, financial
- issues, and accounting issues. (See Appendix A.)

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- 21 Q. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?
- A. I received an MBA in Banking and Finance from Case Western University (1971) and
- a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh (1967).

2 II. PURPOSE

- 3 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TESTIMONY?
- 4 A. The purpose of this testimony is to determine the appropriate rate utility companies in
- 5 New Hampshire should be allowed to charge ratepayers for the carrying costs of
- 6 supply-related cash working capital.

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- 8 Q. WHAT IS SUPPLY-RELATED CASH WORKING CAPITAL?
- 9 A. Supply-related working capital is the financing a company needs to manage the
- relationship between its short-term accounts receivables and accounts payable in
- regards to purchasing natural gas or the fuel required to generate electricity.

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III. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS.
- 4 A. For reasons that are explained later in this testimony, Energy North, Granite State,
- Northern Utilities and Unitil should be required to use the cost of short-term debt
- 6 when determining the revenue requirements associated with supply-related working
- 7 capital.
- 8 Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) has not made a claim for any
- 9 supply-related working capital, and has stated that it has not even computed the
- amount of such capital needed to run its business. If, in the future, the PSNH should
- make such a computation, the principles laid out in this testimony should govern the
- determination of their appropriate carrying charge rate.

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IV. BACKGROUND AND APPROACH

- 15 Q. HOW DOES A COMPANY OBTAIN ITS CAPITAL?
- 16 A. A company obtains its capital from investors. That capital is raised from investors
- through a mix of equity, long-term debt, and short-term debt. Ideally, the percentage
- of each that is used in the capital structure is determined with a goal of minimizing
- the long-run overall cost of capital. Especially after considering the allowance for
- 20 income taxes, equity costs considerably more than either long-term or short-term
- 21 debt. Short-term debt generally is less expensive than long-term debt. However, the
- greater the proportion of debt a company uses, the more financial risk exposure it will
- have and therefore, other things being equal, both the cost of debt and the cost of

equity will rise as the proportion of total capital raised by debt increases. Therefore, there is a limit on the maximum appropriate amount of debt a company should or can use. There is also a separate appropriate limit on the total amount of debt that should or can be raised as short-term debt rather than long-term debt because of factors such as indenture limitations and the potential exposure to a financial environment in which interest rates rise rapidly. By considering the appropriate cost tradeoffs between equity and both long and short-term debt, a company can both maintain its financial integrity and minimize its overall cost of capital by using reasonably appropriate levels of each component of capital.

Q. WHAT ARE TYPICAL USES OF SHORT-TERM DEBT?

A. Common uses of short-term debt include the financing of short-duration assets such as working capital and for bridge financing. Also, to take advantage of the relatively low cost of short-term debt some companies may provide some level of financing of long-term assets with short-term debt.

Q. WHY IS WORKING CAPITAL A COMMON USE FOR SHORT-TERM DEBT?

A. The need for working capital typically varies with time. Such variation could occur for reasons such as seasonal variations in load, abnormal weather conditions, under collection of fuel or purchased gas costs. A capital need that varies with time is especially suited to be financed with short-term debt because, unlike permanent capital, the costs incurred from short-term debt financing are only incurred during the time the debt is actually being used. For example, a company that had a net positive

1 need for working capital for 9 months of a year would incur interest charges for only 2 9 months if that need is financed with short-term debt. This is in contrast to long-3 term debt or equity in which the costs are incurred for all 12 months. 4 5 Q. WHAT IS BRIDGE FINANCING? 6 A. Bridge financing is temporary financing that is used until the amount of new 7 financing a company needs is large enough to make an issuance of long-term debt or 8 common equity economical. It can be uneconomical to issue long-term debt or 9 undertake major new issuances of common stock in small dollar increments. 10 Therefore, companies frequently use short-term debt to finance physical assets during 11 a construction period and then replace the short-term debt with long-term debt once 12 the amount of short-term debt becomes large enough to make the long-term debt 13 issuance economical. 14 15 Q. HOW SHOULD REGULATORS SUCH AS THE NEW HAMPSHIRE 16 COMMISSION TREAT SHORT-TERM DEBT? 17 A. Regulators have a responsibility to balance the interests of investors and ratepayers. 18 Since short-term debt is usually a relatively inexpensive source of capital, it is 19 important for regulators on the one hand to provide ratepayers with the benefit of the 20 lower cost associated with short-term debt while on the other hand protecting 21 investors by not assigning more short-term debt in the ratemaking process than a 22 company could reasonably be expected to use.

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1	Q. HOW DOES THE REGULATORY PROCESS PROVIDE RATEPAYERS WITH	I
2	THE BENEFIT OF LOW COST SHORT-TERM DEBT?	
3	A. Each of the companies in this proceeding has stated in response to discovery (see	or
4	example Granite State's response to Staff 1-12) that it uses the Federal Energy	
5	Regulatory Commission (FERC) method for computing the Allowance for Funds	
6	Used During Construction (AFUDC) rate, which it earns on the eligible Construct	ion
7	Work in Progress (CWIP) balance. The FERC has a policy of first allocating all	
8	available short-term debt to CWIP that is eligible to earn the AFUDC rate. The w	ay
9	the FERC method accomplishes this allocation is to set the AFUDC rate equal to t	he
10	cost of short-term debt so long as the short-term debt balance is equal to or greater	•
11	than the balance of CWIP eligible for AFUDC. If the balance of CWIP eligible for	r
12	AFUDC is greater than the short-term debt balance, then the FERC uses the overa	11
13	cost of capital for the AFUDC rate applied to the balance of CWIP eligible for	
14	AFUDC in excess of the short-term debt balance.	
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16	Q. WHAT IMPLICATIONS DOES THE FERC METHOD FOR COMPUTING THE	Ξ
17	AFUDC RATE HAVE ON THE TREATMENT OF SHORT-TERM DEBT IN T	HE
18	REST OF THE RATEMAKING PROCESS?	
19	A. Since the FERC effectively assumes that the available short-term debt is used first	to
20	finance CWIP, ratepayers benefit from an AFUDC rate that is lower than if another	er
21	rate, such as the overall cost of capital, were used. The lower the AFUDC rate use	ed
22	by a company, the lower will be the capital cost of the physical asset when it is	
23	completed and placed into service. This lower capital cost produces lower rates to)

1		customers because a smaller rate base results in a smaller return on rate base and a
2		smaller depreciation expense. Therefore, it is appropriate for regulators to be
3		mindful of the amount of short-term debt that has already been assigned to the
4		AFUDC rate when deciding whether other assets should be financed with short-term
5		debt.
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7	Q.	OTHER THAN ITS IMPACT ON THE AFUDC RATE, HOW COULD
8		RATEPAYERS BENEFIT FROM SHORT-TERM DEBT?
9	A.	A regulator could require that a certain portion of a utility's rate base be financed with
10		low cost short-term debt, and/or a regulator could determine that supply-related
11		working capital is being financed by short-term debt and therefore earns the short-
12		term debt rate.
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14	Q.	DOES THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INCLUDE
15		SHORT-TERM DEBT IN THE CAPITAL STRUCTURE WHEN IT DETERMINES
16		THE OVERALL COST OF CAPITAL FOR THE COMPANIES IT REGULATES?
17	A.	Yes, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has frequently
18		computed the cost of capital by including at least some short-term debt in the capital
19		structure.
20		
21	Q.	IN ADDITION TO INCLUDING SOME SHORT-TERM DEBT IN THE CAPITAL
22		STRUCTURE, DOES EACH COMPANY IN NEW HAMPSHIRE ALLOCATE
23		SHORT-TERM DEBT TO ITS AFUDC RATE?

1 A. Yes. As noted above, each company in this proceeding has responded to discovery 2 stating that it uses the FERC method for computing its AFUDC rate. 3 4 Q. IF SOME OF THE AVAILABLE SHORT-TERM DEBT HAS BEEN USED TO 5 FINANCE CWIP ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC AND SOME TO FINANCE A 6 PORTION OF RATE BASE, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THERE WOULD BE 7 ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT LEFT OVER TO FINANCE SUPPLY-RELATED 8 **WORKING CAPITAL?** 9 A. Yes. Whether or not there is any short-term debt left over to finance supply-related 10 working capital depends on three factors: (i) the total amount of short-term debt that a 11 company is or should be using; (ii) the amount of CWIP earning the AFUDC, and 12 (iii) the amount of short-term debt that has been included in the determination of the 13 overall cost of capital that was applied to rate base. Thus, the amount of short-term 14 debt that is or should be financing supply-related working capital must be determined 15 on a case-by-case basis. 16 17 Q. ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SUPPLY RELATED 18 WORKING CAPITAL THAT TEND TO MAKE IT ESPECIALLY APPROPRIATE 19 FOR SHORT-TERM DEBT FINANCING? 20 A. Yes. As will be shown later in this testimony, the need for supply-related working 21 capital tends to fluctuate greatly throughout the year. It sometimes falls to or below 22 zero. This self-liquidating characteristic of supply-related working capital makes it 23 especially suited for short-term debt financing. This is because providers of short-

1		term debt take comfort in the ability of the company to periodically repay the loan
2		and because the company can save on its interest expense by confining its borrowing
3		to only those portions of the year in which working capital is actually needed.
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5	Q.	WHAT SHOULD THE COMMISSION DO TO ALLOCATE SHORT-TERM DEBT
6		TO SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL IN A WAY THAT FAIRLY
7		BALANCES THE INTERESTS OF INVESTORS AND RATEPAYERS?
8	A.	Because short-term debt may already have been allocated to CWIP and/or to the
9		overall cost of capital applied to rate base, I recommend that the Commission use the
10		decision tree diagram I have presented on JAR Schedule 1.
11		The first question asked in the decision tree is "Does the company have at least
12		enough short-term debt to finance a) the amount of short-term debt allocated to rate
13		base, and b) CWIP eligible for AFUDC?"
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15	Q.	WHY IS THIS FIRST STEP OF THE DECISION TREE IMPORTANT?
16	A.	It is this step that determines whether or not the regulatory process has or has not
17		already fully accounted for the amount of short-term debt being used by the company.
18		
19	Q.	WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN IF A COMPANY HAS MORE SHORT-TERM DEBT
20		THAN IS ACCOUNTED FOR IN STEP ONE?
21	A.	If this is the case, then the ratemaking process should allocate the remaining short-
22		term debt to supply-related working capital. If this does not happen, ratepayers will
23		not realize the full benefit of the short-term debt being used by the company.

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2	Q.	IF IN STEP ONE OF THE DECISION TREE IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE
3		COMPANY DID NOT HAVE ANY SHORT-TERM DEBT LEFT AFTER
4		ASSIGNMENTS TO EITHER CWIP ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC OR RATE BASE, IS
5		IT STILL POSSIBLE FOR THE COMMISSION TO PROPERLY CONCLUDE
6		THAT AT LEAST SOME SHORT-TERM DEBT SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO
7		SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?
8	A.	Yes. A company is only entitled to recover prudently incurred costs. Costs are
9		imprudently high and rates are unreasonable if the company fails to use an adequate
10		amount of short-term debt. Therefore, if the reason no short-term debt is left after
11		assignments to CWIP eligible for AFUDC and rate base is that the company failed to
12		properly avail itself of short-term debt, ratepayers should not be penalized for that
13		mistake. If, on the other hand, a company is already using a reasonable amount of
14		short-term debt and that amount has already been fully allocated to CWIP eligible for
15		AFUDC and rate base, it would not be proper to assign any short-term debt to supply-
16		related working capital.
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18	Q.	THE DECISION TREE PROVIDES FOR POSSIBLE OUTCOMES WHERE IT IS
19		REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL IS
20		BEING FINANCED BY SHORT-TERM DEBT. IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE
21		THE COMMISSION SHOULD CONSIDER TO FURTHER DETERMINE IF
22		SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL IS FINANCED BY SHORT-TERM
23		DEBT?

A. Yes. The annual fluctuation in the amount of supply-related working capital should
be examined. The greater the fluctuation, the more obvious it is that supply-related
working capital is or should be financed by short-term debt. However, even if the
amount of supply-related working capital does not fluctuate very much, it may still be
appropriate because of economics to assign short-term debt to supply related working
capital provided there is or should be short-term debt in excess of the amount that is
allocated to CWIP eligible for AFUDC and rate base.

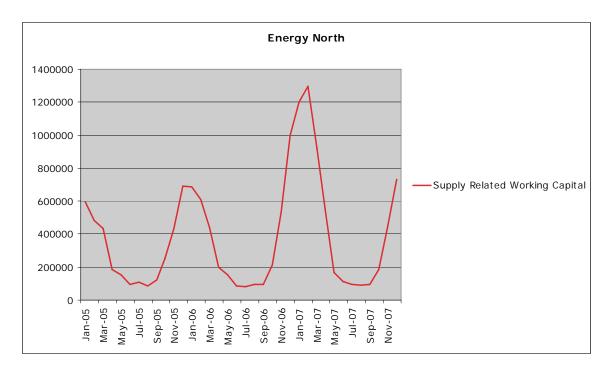
1 V. ANALYSIS BY COMPANY

2	Energy North
3	Q. DOES ENERGY NORTH HAVE ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT TO FINANCE
4	THE SHORT-TERM DEBT COMPONENT OF RATE BASE, CWIP ELIGIBLE
5	FOR AFUDC, AND STORAGE-RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?
6	A. Yes, Energy North has more than enough. In the fourth quarter of 2007, Energy
7	North had \$59.3 million in short-term debt while the sum of CWIP eligible for
8	AFUDC (\$6.7 million), short-term debt in rate base (\$9.2 million), and storage-
9	related working capital (\$20.4 million) was only \$36.3 million. (See JAR Schedule 2
10	- 11/6/08). Similar surpluses were recorded for each of the previous three quarters.
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12	Q. IS THE SHORT-TERM DEBT BALANCE IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT
13	ALLOCATED TO RATE BASE, CWIP ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC, AND
14	STORAGE-RELATED WORKING CAPITAL AT LEAST AS LARGE AS THE
15	SUPPLY-RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?
16	A. Yes. The amount of supply-related working capital in 2007 ranged between \$94,000
17	to a \$922,000. The short-term debt remaining after allocations to rate base, CWIP
18	eligible for AFUDC and storage-related working capital is substantially higher than
19	this supply-related working capital range. As shown on JAR Schedule $2-11/6/08$
20	the excess for the four quarters of 2007 varied between \$11.0 million and \$22.3
21	million.
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1 Q. IS ENERGY NORTH'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL

2 REQUIREMENT CYCLICAL IN NATURE?

- 3 A. Yes. As shown in the graph below for the period January, 2005 to December 31,
- 4 2007, Energy North's supply-related working capital varied cyclically with a
- 5 minimum of \$80,000 and a maximum of positive \$1.3 million. This cyclical
- 6 variation in the amount of supply-related working capital indicates that short-term
- 7 debt is an ideal funding source for Energy North.



9 Source: 2nd Supplemental Attachment to Staff 1-2

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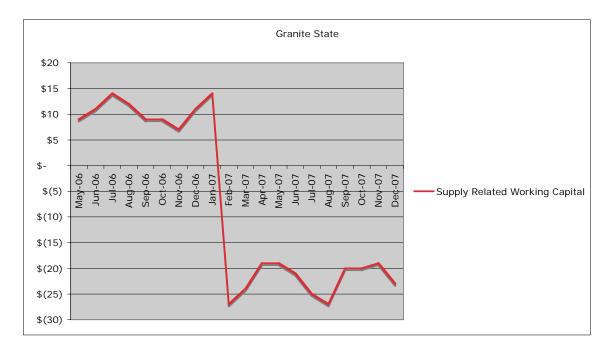
11 Q. WHAT COST RATE DO YOU RECOMMEND BE APPLIED TO ENERGY

12 NORTH'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?

- A. The cost of short-term debt should be assigned to Energy North's supply-related
- working capital. I reach this conclusion for two reasons:

1 1. There is enough short-term debt to cover supply related working capital after 2 allocation to rate base and funding CWIP eligible for AFUDC and storage-3 related working capital. 4 2. Energy North's supply-related working capital varies on a cyclical basis and is 5 therefore most likely best financed with short-term debt. 6 7 **Granite State** 8 Q. DOES GRANITE STATE HAVE ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT TO FINANCE 9 THE AMOUNT OF SHORT-TERM DEBT ALLOCATED TO RATE BASE AND 10 CWIP ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC? 11 A. No. Granite State does not report any short-term debt in its balance sheet. (See 12 discovery response to Staff 1-8) 13 14 Q. IS THE SHORT-TERM DEBT BALANCE IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT 15 ALLOCATED TO RATE BASE AND CWIP ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC AT LEAST AS LARGE AS THE SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL? 16 17 A. No. 18 19 Q. DOES GRANITE STATE'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL VARY 20 ON A CYCLICAL BASIS? 21 A. Yes. The graph below shows that Granite State's supply-related working capital 22 varied cyclically between negative \$25,000 and positive \$15,000 during the period

May 2006 to December 31, 2007, indicating that short-term debt is the best funding source.



6 Source: Response to Request No.: Staff 1-2

8 Q. WHAT COST RATE DO YOU RECOMMEND BE APPLIED TO GRANITE

9 STATE'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?

A. Even though the Company does not have any short-term debt, the cyclical nature of its supply-related working capital indicates that short-term debt should be used to finance that need at a cost equal to the cost of the Company's short-term debt.

1	Q. WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF APPLYING THE SHORT-TERM DEBT RATE
2	INSTEAD OF THE OVERALL COST OF CAPITAL TO GRANITE STATE'S
3	SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?
4	A. As shown in Granite State's response to Staff 1-1, the Company has determined that
5	its supply-related working capital is negative. This means supply-related working
6	capital generates savings to ratepayers. Use of the short-term debt rate instead of the
7	overall cost of capital for calculating carrying charges will lower the savings to
8	ratepayers as long as the supply-related working capital remains negative.
9	
10	Northern Utilities, Inc. ("Northern")
11	Q. DOES NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC. HAVE ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT TO
12	FINANCE THE AMOUNT OF SHORT-TERM DEBT ALLOCATED TO RATE
13	BASE, CWIP ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC AND STORAGE-RELATED WORKING
14	CAPITAL?
15	A. Yes. In the fourth quarter of 2007, for example, Northern Utilities Inc. had \$31.1
16	million in short-term debt while the sum of CWIP eligible for AFUDC, the short-term
17	debt component of rate base 1 for both divisions and storage-related working capital
18	was only \$20.5 million. (See JAR Schedule $5b-11/6/08$). This leaves approximately
19	\$10.5 million to cover supply-related working capital totaling \$0.340 million. Thus,
20	there was a \$10.2 million surplus in December 2007. In the previous three quarters
21	the surpluses were positive \$0.295 million, negative \$10.2 million, and positive \$10.9

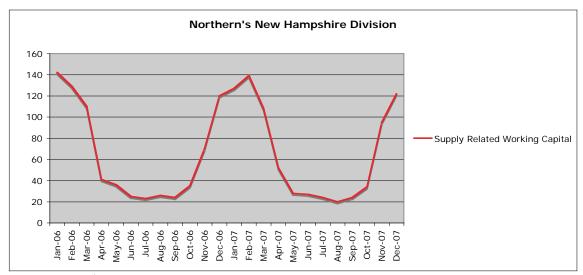
¹ Northern reported that the short-term debt component of rate base for the New Hampshire division is 0%. (See Northern response to Staff 1-7). This total company analysis assumes the same percentage for the Maine division.

1	million respectively. The negative \$10.2 million in June 2007, however, is explained
2	by the fact that Northern used only \$9.6 million of short-term debt in that month,
3	which is substantially less than the average balance for 2007 of \$23.4 million ² . Thus
4	even in June 2007 Northern could easily have utilized enough short-term debt to
5	cover its supply-related working capital.
6	
7	Q. DID YOU ALSO DO A SIMILAR ANALYSIS FOR THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
8	DIVISION?
9	A. Yes, but only for December 2007 because that was the only month for which
10	consistent data was provided for the New Hampshire division. For that month, JAR
11	Schedule $5a - 11/6/08$ shows a \$5.5 million short-term debt surplus after covering
12	short-term debt in rate base, CWIP, storage-related working capital and supply-
13	related working capital. Thus, the available data indicate that there is sufficient shor
14	term debt available to cover supply-related working capital at both the New
15	Hampshire division level and the total company level.
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17	Q. DOES NORTHERN'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL
18	REQUIREMENT VARY ON A CYCLICAL BASIS?

² See Response to Request No: Staff 1-8.

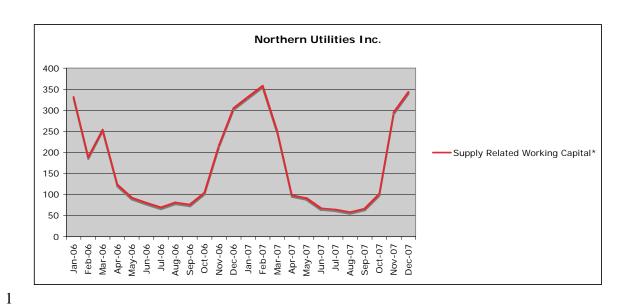
- 1 A. Yes. The graph below shows supply-related working capital for the New Hampshire
- division varying cyclically between positive \$23,000 and positive \$142,000 from
- 3 January 2006 to December 31, 2007, indicating that short-term debt is the best
- 4 funding source.

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5 Source: 2nd Supplemental Response to Staff 1-2

- 7 The graph below shows supply-related working capital for Northern Utilities Inc. varying
- 8 cyclically between \$58,000 and \$358,000 over the same period.



Source: Staff 1-8 - Updated Nov 4, 2008

Q. WHAT COST RATE DO YOU RECOMMEND BE APPLIED TO THE NEW

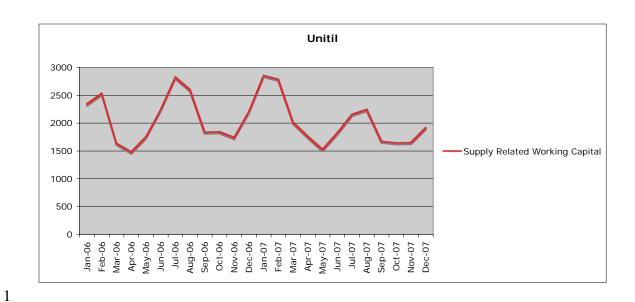
HAMPSHIRE DIVISION'S SUPPLY-RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?

- A. The cost of short-term debt should be assigned to the division's supply-related
 working capital. I reach this conclusion for three reasons:
 - 1. Based on the data provided by the Company, there is enough short-term debt to cover the New Hampshire division's supply-related working capital after funding CWIP eligible for AFUDC, the short-term debt component of rate base and storage-related working capital.
 - 2. For every quarter of 2007 except one, Northern had enough short-term debt left over to fund total company supply-related working capital. Further, the shortfall in the quarter ending June 2007 was explained by the fact that the Company used significantly less short-term debt than was actually available.

1	3. The supply-related working capital balances for 2006 and 2007 varied
2	cyclically for both Northern and the New Hampshire division.
3	
4	<u>PSNH</u>
5	Q. DOES PSNH HAVE ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT TO FINANCE THE
6	AMOUNT OF SHORT-TERM DEBT ALLOCATED TO RATE BASE AND CWIP
7	ELIGIBLE FOR AFUDC?
8	A In 2007 PSNH did not have enough short-term debt in all but one quarter (See JAR
9	Schedule 6- Revised, line 5).
10	
11	Q. IS THE SHORT-TERM DEBT BALANCE IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT
12	ALLOCATED TO THE AFUDC RATE AND TO RATE BASE AT LEAST AS
13	LARGE AS THE SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?
14	A. No. PSNH's CWIP balance eligible for AFUDC was higher than the short-term debt
15	balance.
16	
17	Q. DOES PSNH'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL VARY ON A
18	CYCLICAL BASIS?
19	A. PSNH has not provided the necessary computation. Therefore, I do not know the
20	extent to which its supply-related working capital varies throughout the year.
21	
22	Q. WHAT COST RATE DO YOU RECOMMEND BE APPLIED TO PSNH'S
23	SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?

1	A. PSNH has not made a claim for any supply-related working capital (See PSNH
2	response to Staff 1-01), and has stated that it has not even computed the amount of
3	such capital needed to run its business. If, in the future, the company should make such a
4	computation, the principles laid out in this testimony should govern the determination
5	of the appropriate carrying charge rate.
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7	<u>Unitil</u>
8	Q. DOES UNITIL HAVE ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT TO FINANCE THE
9	SHORT-TERM DEBT ALLOCATED TO RATE BASE AND CWIP ELIGIBLE
10	FOR AFUDC?
11	A. In 2007, Unitil did not have enough short-term debt in three of the four quarters. See
12	JAR Schedule 6 – 11/6/08
13	
14	Q. IS THE REASON THAT UNITIL DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH SHORT-TERM
15	DEBT TO FINANCE SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL BECAUSE IT IS
16	NOT USING ENOUGH SHORT-TERM DEBT?
17	A. Yes. The amount of short-term debt needed to cover CWIP earning AFUDC, short-
18	term debt in rate base and supply related working capital peaked at \$14.2 million in
19	the third quarter of 2007. See JAR Schedule $6-11/6/08$. This compares with a
20	short-term debt balance of \$9.2 million for the same quarter even though Unitil had a
21	Commission approved short-term borrowing limit of \$16 million
22	

1	Q. HAS THE COMMISSION RECENTLY INCREASED UNITIL'S SHORT-TERM
2	BORROWING LIMIT?
3	A. Yes, on June 12, 2008 Unitil filed a petition to increase its short-term debt limit to
4	\$24 million because the need for working capital for energy-related costs had
5	increased, among other things, On July 23, 2008, the Commission approved Unitil's
6	request in Order No. 24,875.
7 8	
9	Q. DOES UNITIL'S SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL VARY ON A
10	CYCLICAL BASIS?
11	A. Yes. As shown below, Unitil's supply-related working capital varied cyclically
12	between about \$1.5 million and \$2.9 million. Although the level of supply-related
13	working capital did not dip to zero like some of the other companies covered in this
14	testimony, the swing is sufficient to indicate that short-term debt is most likely the
15	best form of funding.
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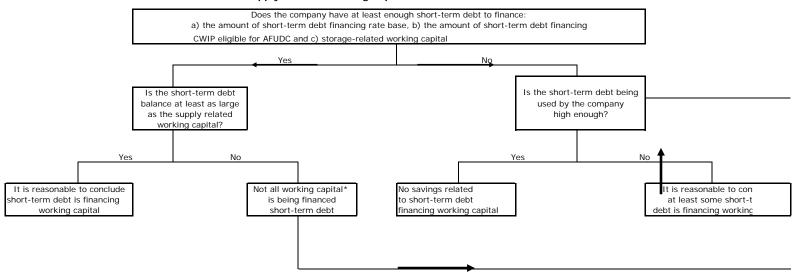
- Source: Supplemental Response to Staff 1-2, May 19, 2008. 3
- 4 Q. WHAT COST RATE DO YOU RECOMMEND BE APPLIED TO UNITIL'S
- 5 SUPPLY RELATED WORKING CAPITAL?
- A. It is appropriate at this time for Unitil to charge ratepayers the cost of short-term debt 6
- 7 for supply-related working capital.

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- Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY? 9
- 10 A. Yes.

JAR SCHEDULE 1

Supply Related Working Capital Cost Rate Decision Tree



JAR SCHEDULE 2 -- 11/6/08

Line						
1 Total Astual CT Dobt	 Mar-07	Jun-07	Sep-0		Dec-07	Source
1 Total Actual 31-Debt	\$35,610	\$34,76	\$37,2	70	\$59,262	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-8
2 Usage of ST-Debt						
a. Total Estimated Rate base						
1. Capitalization	\$246,910	\$242,114	\$250,9	91	\$275,635	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
2. CWIP Earning AFUDC*	\$ 1,313	\$ 2,743	\$ 4,8	62 \$	6,663	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-10
Supply Related Working Capital	\$ 922	\$ 110	\$	94 \$	730	2nd Supplemental Attachment to Staff 1
4. Storage Related Working Capital	 13,805	\$ 4,18	\$ 7,7	67 \$	20,434	2nd Supplemental Attachment Staff 1-2
5. Total Estimated Rate Base **	 \$230,870	\$235,074	\$238,2	58	\$247,808	Line 2a1 - Line 2a2 - Line 2a3
Percentage of ST-Debt in The Capital Structure	 3.7%	3.79	6 3.	7%	3.7%	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
Estimated ST-Debt Accounted For In Rate Base	\$ 8,542	\$ 8,698	\$ \$ 8,8	16 \$	9,169	Line 2a4 X Line 2a5
b. CWIP Earning AFUDC	\$ 1,313	\$ 2,743	\$ 4,8	62 \$	6,663	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-10
c. Storage Related Working Capital	\$ 13,805	\$ 4,18	\$ 7,7	67 \$	20,434	2nd Supplemental Attachment Staff 1-2
Total ST-Debt Already Accounted For In Rate Making Process	\$ 23,660	\$ 15,628	\$ 21,4	45 \$	36,266	Line 2a + Line 2b
3 St-Debt Balance As Yet Unaccounted For In The Rate Making Process	\$ 11,950	\$ 19,13.	\$ \$ 15,8	25 \$	22,996	Line 1 - Line 2
4 Supply Related Working Capital***	\$ 922	\$ 110	\$	94 \$	730	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-2
5 ST-Debt Remaining After Covering Rate Base,						
CWIP Earning AFUDC, Storage Related Working Capital and Supply Related Working Capital	\$ 11,028	\$ 19,02.	\$ 15,7	31 \$	22,266	Line 3 - Line 4

^{*} In July 24th filing All CWIP included. This has been corrected to only CWIP Earning AFUDC

** Capitalization - CWIP Earnings AFUDC - Supply Related Working Capital - Storage Related Working Capital

*** Changed from Gas Cost Related Working Capital Interest to Gas Cost W.C. Requirement

JAR SCHEDULE 3 -- 11/6/08

PSNH								
Line	(\$000s)	Mar-07	,	Jun-07	S	ep-07	Dec-0	O7 Source
1 Total Actual ST-Debt	-	\$27,6		\$73,800		\$0		,900 Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
2 Usage of ST-Debt								
a. Total Estimated Rate base								
1. Capitalization		\$997,1	05	\$1,071,154	\$1,	086,527	\$1,118	,352 Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
2. CWIP Earning AFUDC*		\$ 71,2	70	\$ 56,348	\$	72,185	\$ 96	,954 Response to Request No.: Staff 1-10
3. Supply Related Working Capital	_	\$ -		\$ -	\$	-	\$	<u>-</u>
4.Total Estimated Rate Base		\$925,8		\$1,014,806	\$1,	014,342		,398 Line 2a1 - Line 2a2 - Line 2a3
5. Percentage of ST-Debt in The Capital Structure	_		2%	1.2%		1.2%		1.2% Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
Estimated ST-Debt Accounted For In Rate Base		\$ 10,9	25	\$ 11,975	\$	11,969	\$ 12	,052 Line 2a4 X Line 2a5
b. CWIP Earning AFUDC		\$ 71,2	70	\$ 56,348	\$	72,185	\$ 96	,954 Response to Request No.: Staff 1-10
Total ST-Debt Already Accounted For In Rate Making Process	-	\$ 82,1	95	\$ 68,323	\$	84,154	\$ 109	,006 Line 2a + Line 2b
3 St-Debt Balance As Yet Unaccounted For In The Rate Making Process		\$ (54,5	95)	\$ 5,477	\$	(84,154)	\$ (87	,106) Line 1 - Line 2
4 Supply Related Working Capital		\$ -		\$ -	\$	-	\$	- Response to Request No.: Staff 1-2
5 ST-Debt Remaining After Covering: Rate Base, CWIP Earning AFUDC and Supply Related Working Capital		\$ (54,5	95)	\$ 5,477	\$	(84,154)	\$ (87	,106) Line 3 - Line 4
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Note: Months changed to March, June, September and December but data unchanged

* In July 24th filling All CWIP included. This has been corrected to only CWIP Earning AFUDC

JAR SCHEDULE 4 - 11/6/08

	(\$000s)			_					_
Line	_	Mar-		Jun-		Sep-07		Dec-07	Source
1 Total Actual ST-Debt			\$0		\$0	\$0)	\$0	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-
2 Usage of ST-Debt									
a. Total Estimated Rate base									
1. Capitalization		\$90	0,889	\$90,	753	\$92,265	i	\$92,892	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-
2. CWIP Earning AFUDC		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-
Supply Related Working Capital	_	\$		\$	(21)) \$		
4.Total Estimated Rate Base			0,913	\$90,		\$92,285			Line 2a1 - Line 2a2 - Line 2a3
5. Percentage of ST-Debt in The Capital Structure	_		0.0%		0.0%	0.09			Response to Request No.: Staff 1-
Estimated ST-Debt Accounted For In Rate Base		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	Line 2a4 X Line 2a5
b. CWIP Earning AFUDC		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-
Total ST-Debt Already Accounted For In Rate Making Process	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	Line 2a + Line 2b
3 St-Debt Balance As Yet Unaccounted For In The Rate Making Process		\$	-	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	Line 1 - Line 2
4 Supply Related Working Capital*		\$	(24)	\$	(21)	\$ (20) \$	(23)	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-
5 ST-Debt Remaining After Covering: Rate Base, CWIP Earning AFUDC and Supply Related Working Capital		\$	24	\$	21	\$ 20) \$	23	Line 3 - Line 4

Note: Months are changed to March, June, September and December * March and June, 2007 data were changed from testimony filed July 24th

	(\$000s)								
Line		Mar-07		ın-07	Se	ep-07	D	ec-07	Source
1 Total Actual ST-Debt		\$13,743		\$4,935	\$	13,331	9	\$15,902	Staff 1-8 - Updated Nov 4, 2008
2 Usage of ST-Debt									
a. Total Estimated Rate base									
1. Capitalization*	NA		NA		NA		NA		Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
2. CWIP Earning AFUDC**	NA		NA		NA		\$		Staff 1-8 - Updated Nov 4, 2008
3.Supply Related Working Capital	\$	108		27	\$	24	\$		2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
4. Storage Related Working Capital	\$	7,031		8,554		11,723	\$	9,098	2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
5.Total Estimated Rate Base	NA		NA		NA		NA		
Percentage of ST-Debt in The Capital Structure		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%		0.0%	Response to Request No.: Staff 1-7
Estimated ST-Debt Accounted For In Rate Base	NA		NA		NA			\$0	
b. CWIP Earning AFUDC**	NA		NA		NA		\$		Staff 1-8 - Updated Nov 4, 2008
c. Storage Working Capital	\$	7,031				11,723	\$		2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
Total ST-Debt Already Accounted For In Rate Making Process**	NA		NA		NA		\$	10,270	Line 2a + Line 2b
3 St-Debt Balance As Yet Unaccounted For In The Rate Making Process	NA		NA		NA		\$	5,632	Line 1 - Line 2
4 Supply Related Working Capital	\$	108	\$	27	\$	24	\$	121	2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
5 ST-Debt Remaining After Covering**									
Rate Base, CWIP Earning AFUDC, Storage Related Working Capital and Supply Related Working Capital	NA		NA		NA		\$	5,511	Line 3 - Line 4

New Hampshire Division data not available.
 New Hampshire Division data only available December 2007.

JAR SCHEDULE 5b -- 11/6/08

	(\$000s)					
<u>Line</u>		lar-07	Jun-07	Sep-07	Dec-07	Source
1 Total Actual ST-Debt		\$26,842	\$9,638	\$26,037	\$31,058	Response to Request No.: Staf
2 Usage of ST-Debt						
a. Total Estimated Rate base						
1. Capitalization		\$ 168,820	\$ 167,507	\$ 164,502	\$ 164,892	Response to Request No.: Staf
2. CWIP Earning AFUDC*		\$ 1,569	\$ 2,735	\$ 2,262	\$ 2,336	Response to Request No.: Staf
3. Supply Related Working Capital**		\$ 249	\$ 67	\$ 66	\$ 342	2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
4. Storage Related Working Capital		\$ 14,043	\$ 17,083	\$ 23,414	\$ 18,171	2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
5. Total Estimated Rate Base	•	\$ 152,959	\$ 147,622	\$ 138,760	\$ 144,043	=
Percentage of ST-Debt in The Capital Structure		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Response to Request No.: Staf
Estimated ST-Debt Accounted For In Rate Base	•	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	_
b. CWIP Earning AFUDC*		\$ 1,569	\$ 2,735	\$ 2,262	\$ 2,336	Response to Request No.: Staff
c. Storage Working Capital		\$ 14,043	\$ 17,083	\$ 23,414	\$ 18,171	2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
Total ST-Debt Already Accounted For In Rate Making Process**	•	\$ 15,612	\$ 19,818	\$ 25,676	\$ 20,507	Line 2a + Line 2b
3 St-Debt Balance As Yet Unaccounted For In The Rate Making Process		\$ 11,230	\$ (10,180)	\$ 361	\$ 10,551	Line 1 - Line 2
4 Supply Related Working Capital**		\$ 249	\$ 67	\$ 66	\$ 342	2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2
						and Staff 1-8 - Updated Nov 4
5 ST-Debt Remaining After Covering Rate Base						
CWIP Earning AFUDC, Storage Related Working Capital and Supply Related Working Capital		\$ 10,981	\$ (10,247)	\$ 295	\$ 10,209	Line 3 - Line 4

^{*} Changed since July 24, 2008 Testimony because the numbers provided for month end
** This is the addition of supply related working capital for New Hampshire (2nd Supplemental Staff 1-2) and Maine (Staff 1-8 - Updated Nov 4, 2008)

Unitil Corporatio	n								
	(\$000s)								
<u>Line</u>	_		r-07		า-07	Sep		Dec-	
1 Total Actual ST-Debt		\$1	2,102		\$5,876	\$	9,187	\$10,	188 Response to Request No.: Staff 1
2 Usage of ST-Debt									
a. Total Estimated Rate base									
1. Capitalization		\$11	8,805	\$12	22,773	\$12	6,623	\$127,	575 Response to Request No.: Staff 1
2. CWIP Earning AFUDC*		\$	6,901	\$	9,948	\$ 1	0,500	\$ 9,	846 Response to Request No.: Staff 1
3. Supply Related Working Capital		\$	2,011	\$	1,824	\$	1,675	\$ 1,	917
4.Total Estimated Rate Base (Capitalization - All CWIP - Supply Related Working Capital)	_	\$10	9,893	\$11	11,001	\$11	4,448	\$115,	812 Line 2a1 - Line 2a2 - Line 2a3
5.Total Estimated Rate Base**			1.8%		1.8%		1.8%		1.8% Response to Request No.: Staff 1
Estimated ST-Debt Accounted For In Rate Base	_	\$	1,978	\$	1,998	\$	2,060	\$ 2,	085 Line 2a4 X Line 2a5
b. CWIP Earning AFUDC*		\$	6,901	\$	9,948	\$ 1	0,500	\$ 9,	846 Response to Request No.: Staff 1
Total ST-Debt Already Accounted For In Rate Making Process	_	\$	8,879	\$ 7	11,946	\$ 1	2,560	\$ 11,	931 Line 2a + Line 2b
3 St-Debt Balance As Yet Unaccounted For In The Rate Making Process		\$	3,223	\$	(6,070)	\$ (3,373)	\$ (1,	743) Line 1 - Line 2
4 Supply Related Working Capital		\$	2,011	\$	1,824	\$	1,675	\$ 1,	917 Response to Request No.: Staff 1
5 ST-Debt Remaining After Covering: Rate Base, CWIP Earning AFUDC and Supply Related Working Capital		\$	1,212	\$	(7,894)	\$ (5,048)	\$ (3,	660) Line 3 - Line 4
6 Amount of Short-Term Debt Needed to Cover CWIP Earnings AFUDC and Short-Term Debt Accounted for in Rate B.	250	¢1	0.890	\$	13,770	\$1	4.235	\$13	848 Line 1 - Line 5

^{*} In July 24th filing All CWIP included. This has been corrected to only CWIP Earning AFUDC

APPENDIX A

TESTIFYING EXPERIENCE OF ROTHSCHILD FINANCIAL CONSULTING

ALABAMA

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ARIZONA

Southwest Gas Corporation; Rate of Return, Docket No. U-1551-92-253, March, 1993 Sun City West Utilities; Accounting, January, 1985

CONNECTICUT

Aquarion Water Company, Docket No. 04-02-14, Rate of Return, June 2004

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Connecticut Natural Gas, Docket No. 99-09-03, Rate of Return, January, 2000

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DELAWARE

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Diamond State Telephone Company; Docket No. 82-32, Rate of Return, November, 1982

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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC)

Koch Gateway Pipeline Company, Docket No. RP97-373-000 Cost of Capital, December, 1997 Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company, Docket No. EL93-22-000, Cost of Capital, July, 1993 New England Power Company; CWIP, February, 1984. Rate of return.

New England Power Company; Docket No.ER88-630-000 & Docket No. ER88-631-000, Rate of Return, April, 1989

New England Power Company; Docket Nos. ER89-582-000 and ER89-596-000, Rate of Return, January, 1990

New England Power Company: Docket Nos. ER91-565-000, ER91-566-000, FASB 106, March, 1992. Rate of Return.

Philadelphia Electric Company - Conowingo; Docket No. EL-80-557/588, July, 1983. Rate of Return.

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Florida Power Corp.; Rate of Return, August, 1986

Florida Power Corp.; Docket No. 870220-EI, Rate of Return, October, 1987

Florida Power Corp; Docket No. 000824-EI, Rate of Return, January, 2002

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Gulf Power Company; Docket No. 810136-EU, Rate of Return, October, 1981

Gulf Power Company; Docket No. 840086-EI, Rate of Return, August, 1984

Gulf Power Company; Docket No. 881167-EI, Rate of Return, 1989

Gulf Power Company; Docket No. 891345-EI, Rate of Return, 1990

Gulf Power Company; Docket No.010949-EI, Rate of Return, December 2001

Rolling Oaks Utilities, Inc.; Docket No. 850941-WS, Accounting, October, 1986

Southern Bell Telephone Company; Docket No. 880069-TL, Rate of Return, January, 1992

Southern Bell Telephone Company, Docket No. 920260-TL, Rate of Return, November, 1992

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Tampa Electric Company; Docket No. 820007-EU, Rate of Return, June, 1982

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United Telephone of Florida; Docket No. 891239-TL, Rate of Return, November, 1989

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GEORGIA

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MARYLAND

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MINNESOTA

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