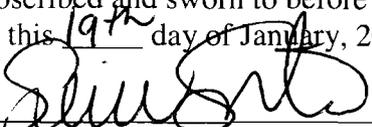


**VERIFICATION**

I, William E. Taylor, on oath, state that I am Senior Vice President of NERA Economic Consulting, head of its Communications Practice, and head of its Boston office, that the foregoing **DIRECT TESTIMONY** was prepared by me or under my supervision, and that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the statements contained therein are true and correct.

  
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William E. Taylor

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006

  
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Notary Public, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Silvia E. Santos  
Notary Public  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
My Commission Expires  
September 22, 2011