

DIRECT TESTIMONY

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And

Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company

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1 Witness Identification

2 Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. My name is Theresa Ebrey. My business address is 527 East Capitol Avenue,  
4 Springfield, Illinois 62701.

5 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

6 A. I am currently employed as an Accountant in the Accounting Department of the  
7 Financial Analysis Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission (“ICC” or  
8 “Commission”).

9 Q. Please describe your professional background and affiliations.

10 A. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Quincy College. I am a  
11 Certified Public Accountant, licensed to practice in the State of Illinois. My prior  
12 accounting experience includes fifteen years as the corporate controller of a  
13 large long-term care facility in Illinois, as well as a period of time employed as an  
14 outside auditor of governmental agencies. I joined the Staff of the Illinois  
15 Commerce Commission (“Staff”) in April 1999.

16 Q. Have you previously testified before any regulatory bodies?

17 A. Yes. I have testified on multiple occasions before the Commission.

18 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

19 A. I have reviewed and analyzed North Shore Gas Company's ("North Shore") and  
20 Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company's ("Peoples Gas") (individually, the  
21 "Company" and collectively "Companies") filings, and the underlying data.

22 The purpose of my testimony is to:

- 23 1. Propose adjustments to the Statement of Operating Income and  
24 Rate Base concerning Pension Asset, Incentive Compensation,  
25 Non-Union Wage Adjustments, Materials and Supplies Inventory,  
26 Gas in Storage, Interest on Customer Deposits and Budget  
27 Payment Plan Balances;
- 28 2. Present the schedules reflecting the adjustments to Solicitation  
29 Revenue and Repairs Revenue proposed by Staff witness Sackett;
- 30 3. Discuss the inflation rate used by the Companies to project costs  
31 for its future test year; and
- 32 4. Propose revisions to the language proposed for Rider VBA for each  
33 Company.

34 Schedule Identification

35 Q. Are you sponsoring any schedules as part of ICC Staff Exhibit 3.0?

36 A. Yes. I am sponsoring the following schedules for the Company, which shows  
37 data as of, or for the test year ending December 31, 2012:

38 Schedules 3.1 N and P Adjustment to Pension Asset

39 Schedules 3.2 N and P Adjustment to Incentive Compensation

40 Schedules 3.3 N and P Adjustment to Non-Union Wages

41 Schedules 3.4 N and P Adjustment to Materials and Supplies Inventory  
42 Schedules 3.5 N and P Adjustment to Gas in Storage Inventory  
43 Schedules 3.6 N and P Adjustment to Interest on Budget Pmt Plan Balances  
44 Schedules 3.7 N and P Adjustment to Interest on Customer Deposits  
45 Schedules 3.8 N and P Adjustment to Solicitation Revenues  
46 Schedules 3.9 N and P Adjustment to Repair Revenue

47 Q. Please explain the N and P suffixes that appear with your schedule numbers.

48 A. These suffixes indicate the Company to which a particular schedule applies. The  
49 N suffix identifies a schedule that applies to North Shore and the P suffix  
50 identifies a schedule that applies to Peoples Gas.

51 Pension Asset

52 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.1 N and P, Adjustment to Disallow Pension Asset.

53 A. Schedules 3.1 N and P present my adjustments to remove the Pension Asset  
54 and related Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes proposed for Rate Base  
55 recovery by the Companies.

56 Q. What is your basis for the disallowance of the Pension Asset in rate base?

57 A. The pension asset should not be included in rate base because it was not  
58 created with funds supplied by shareholders. Rather, the pension asset has  
59 been funded from normal operating revenues collected from utility ratepayers  
60 and represents funds supplied by ratepayers, as evidenced by the Companies'

61 responses to Staff data requests (“DR”) TEE 9.01 and TEE 9.02 (Attachments A  
62 and B). The only source of funds provided in those responses is “cash provided  
63 by operating activities” or cash provided by ratepayers. Since the pension asset  
64 was funded by normal operations, rather than provided by shareholders,  
65 shareholders should not earn a return on it.

66 Accordingly, my adjustment removes the impact of the pension asset from rate  
67 base, along with related accumulated deferred income taxes for North Shore and  
68 Peoples Gas (ICC Staff Exhibit 3.0, Schedule 3.1 N and P).

69 Q. Did the Commission address the Pension Asset issue in the prior Peoples Gas  
70 and North Shore consolidated gas rate cases?

71 A. Yes. In the Companies’ 2009 rate case, Docket Nos. 09-0166/09-0167 (Cons.),  
72 the Commission found that, consistent with its decision in the 2007 rate case, the  
73 accrued OPEB liability should be deducted from rate base but that the pension  
74 balances should not be recognized in the determination of rate base (regardless  
75 of whether they are assets or liabilities).<sup>1</sup>

76 In Docket Nos. 07-0241/07-0242 (Cons.), the Commission supported Staff’s  
77 position that excluded the pension asset from rate base and also concluded that  
78 contributions to the pension plan made by the Companies during the historical  
79 test year should not impact the treatment of the OPEB liability, nor should such

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<sup>1</sup> Docket Nos. 09-0166/09-0167 (Cons.), Order, January 21, 2010, pp. 35-37.

80 contributions to the pension plan impact shareholders by being reflected in rate  
81 base.<sup>2</sup>

82 Q. Did the Companies address the prior Commission Orders in their testimony?

83 A. Yes, Company witness Phillips cited the prior Commission Orders and the  
84 Companies' reasons for including the pension asset/liability in the instant  
85 proceeding. In her direct testimony (PGL Ex. 11.0, p. 13, lines 274-285), Ms.  
86 Phillips stated:

87 Peoples Gas acknowledges that the Commission ruled that its  
88 pension asset should not be included in rate base [in] its last two  
89 general rate cases (ICC Docket Nos. 07-0242 and the 2009 Rate  
90 Case), and that the Commission also did not permit  
91 Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") to include its  
92 pension asset in rate base in ICC Docket Nos. 05-0597 and 07-  
93 0566 but did allow ComEd to recover a debt rate of return on its  
94 2005 pension contribution (later affirmed by the Illinois Appellate  
95 Court). Peoples Gas believes that inclusion of its pension asset  
96 in rate base is warranted and therefore is proposing inclusion in  
97 this proceeding. Peoples Gas has a pending appeal on this issue  
98 in the appeals from the Orders in its last two general rate cases.  
99 In order to preserve its rights in light of these pending  
100 proceedings, Peoples Gas proposes that its pension asset be  
101 included in rate base.

102 Q. How do you respond to Ms. Phillips's statements?

103 A. Ms. Phillips's testimony does not provide any new rationale or facts to support  
104 the Companies' stated belief that inclusion of the pension asset in rate base is  
105 "warranted" after having been rejected in the last two rate cases. She simply  
106 states that inclusion of the pension asset in rate base is warranted.

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<sup>2</sup> Docket Nos. 07-0241/07-0242 (Cons.), Order, February 5, 2008, p. 36

107 While the Companies note that ComEd was allowed to recover a return on its  
108 pension contribution in Docket No. 05-0597 (“2005 ComEd case”), the facts in  
109 that case are not analogous to the facts in this case.

110 Q. Please discuss the differences between the 2005 ComEd case and the current  
111 case.

112 A. In the 2005 ComEd case, a contribution was made to the Pension Trust by  
113 Exelon, ComEd’s parent Company, in order to fully fund ComEd’s pension at that  
114 point in time. ComEd argued that Exelon made the contribution because it had  
115 the funds available and ComEd, because of its financial rating, was not in a  
116 position to borrow the funds needed to fully fund the trust. In the decision that  
117 was made on Rehearing in the 2005 ComEd case (which was upheld on appeal),  
118 the Commission recognized that ComEd had incurred a cost and that customers  
119 have derived some benefit as a result of the pension contribution. The  
120 Commission cautioned though that in doing so, it was not sanctioning the  
121 prefunding of a utility pension plan as a mechanism to increase base rates.<sup>3</sup>

122 In the Peoples’ Gas case, the Company did not make a contribution to its  
123 pension trust but continued to reflect a pension asset due to prior contributions  
124 and earnings on the trust account. The source of those funds has been found to  
125 be provided by ratepayers in the last 2 prior Peoples rate cases.

126 In the case of North Shore, the Company states that the contribution to the  
127 pension trust in 2010 was made from “internally-generated” funds. Upon further

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<sup>3</sup> Docket No. 05-0597, Order on Rehearing, December 20, 2006, p. 28

128 explanation, those funds are characterized as “cash provided from operating  
129 activities”<sup>4</sup> or as explained earlier in my testimony, cash which came from  
130 ratepayers. There is no evidence in this case that the funds which created the  
131 pension asset were from any source other than ratepayers.

132 Q. Has the Commission addressed the issue of pension asset treatment in other  
133 ratemaking proceedings?

134 A. Yes a few, including Nicor Gas Docket Nos. 04-0779, 95-0219 and the recent  
135 ComEd rate case, Docket No. 10-0467. In Docket No. 04-0779 and Docket No.  
136 95-0219, Nicor Gas sought to increase utility rate base for the amount of a  
137 prepaid pension asset. In both cases the Commission found that the pension  
138 asset was created by ratepayer-supplied funds, not by shareholder-supplied  
139 funds. The Commission concluded that ratepayers should not be denied the  
140 benefits associated with the previous overpayment for pension expense which  
141 they funded. Accordingly, the Commission concluded that the pension asset  
142 should be eliminated from rate base.

143 In Docket No. 10-0467, the recent ComEd rate case, the Commission, as it did in  
144 the 2005 ComEd rate case, did not allow a pension asset in rate base but did  
145 allow for the recovery of a pension prepayment in the revenue requirement but  
146 limited to the extent of ratepayer benefit.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Attachments A and B

<sup>5</sup> Docket No. 10-0467, Order, May 24, 2011, p. 51.

147 Incentive Compensation

148 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.2 N and P, Adjustment to Incentive Compensation.

149 A. Schedules 3.2 N and P reflect my proposed adjustments to reduce each  
150 Companies' operating expenses and rate base for incentive compensation  
151 expenses. The adjustment is comprised of the following four subparts, reflected  
152 on Schedules 3.2 N and P, pages 2 through 5, and summarized on page 1 of  
153 Schedules 3.2 N and P:

- 154 1) Disallowance of Executive Incentive plan costs related to shareholder-  
155 oriented goals, Company affiliate-performance goals, and goals tied to  
156 financial performance;
- 157 2) Disallowance of Non-Executive Incentive plan costs related to  
158 shareholder-oriented goals, Company affiliate-performance goals, and  
159 goals tied to financial performance;
- 160 3) Disallowance of Stock plan costs related to shareholder-oriented goals;  
161 and
- 162 4) Removal of capitalized incentive compensation costs previously  
163 disallowed by the Commission.

164 As I explain more fully below, the Companies have not demonstrated that these  
165 costs provide tangible net benefits to ratepayers in order to prove that the  
166 recovery of these incentive compensation costs is just and reasonable.

167 Q. Please summarize your disallowance of the Companies' Executive Incentive plan  
168 costs related to shareholder-oriented goals, Company affiliate goals, and goals  
169 tied to financial performance, as reflected on Schedules 3.2 N and P, page 2.

170 A. I have made the following disallowances to incentive compensation expense for  
171 the Executive Incentive plan:

- 172 • 70% because 70% of the payout is based upon the achievement of the  
173 annual Integrys Energy Group Consolidated Diluted Earnings Per Share -  
174 Adjusted<sup>6</sup>;
- 175 • 27% (for both Peoples Gas and North Shore) of the remaining Executive  
176 Incentive plan expense as an estimate for the performance goals that are  
177 based upon achievements of Peoples Gas' and North Shore's affiliates;  
178 and
- 179 • 50% of the remaining Executive Incentive plan expense performance  
180 goals which are tied to Integrys Energy Group's net income.

181 The end result is a disallowance of approximately 96% and 97% respectively  
182 [\$1,310,000 of \$1,364,000 (Peoples Gas) and \$202,000 of \$210,000 (North  
183 Shore)] of the Executive Incentive plan costs the Companies propose to recover  
184 in the revenue requirement since those costs were not shown to benefit  
185 ratepayers.

186 Q. Please provide your rationale for disallowing 70% of the costs of the Executive  
187 Incentive plan that is based upon the achievement of stated financial measures

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<sup>6</sup> Companies responses to Staff Data Request TEE 12.04 Attach 01 Public, (Attachment C)

188 of the above-stated entities.

189 A. The incentive compensation expense is based upon the achievement of financial  
190 goals such as Diluted Earnings per Share which primarily benefit shareholders  
191 and not ratepayers, and therefore should be excluded from rate recovery.

192 Q. Do the performance goals included in the Executive Incentive plan also include  
193 goals based upon results of Peoples Gas' and North Shore's affiliates?

194 A. Yes. The IBS incentive compensation costs, which are further allocated to the  
195 test year, measure achievement of performance goals based on Minnesota,  
196 Michigan, Upper Peninsula, and Wisconsin utilities performance results in  
197 addition to Peoples Gas' and North Shore's results<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, these groups  
198 could generate incentive compensation expense because performance goals are  
199 met in those states but not necessarily for achievements by Peoples Gas or  
200 North Shore.

201 Q. How did you calculate the 27% (Peoples Gas and North Shore) disallowances?

202 A. These amounts represent the ratio of the Companies' IBS incentive  
203 compensation expense for the Executive Incentive plan to the total Executive  
204 Incentive plan cost. (See Schedules 3.2 N and P, page 2, lines 10-12)

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<sup>7</sup> Company response to Staff data request TEE 12.05 SUPP.

205 Q. Provide your rationale for disallowing 50% of the of the remaining Executive  
206 Incentive plan expense associated with performance goals that are tied to the  
207 Integrys Energy Group net income.

208 A. In 2011, the plan changed so that if the diluted EPS adjusted threshold is not  
209 reached, any earned non-financial measure payouts will be reduced by 50%.  
210 (Attachment C) This calls into question the accuracy of the test year forecast  
211 that the performance goals will be paid out at the 100% target level.

212 Q. Please provide the rationale for your recommended disallowance of the  
213 Companies' Non-Executive Incentive plan costs related to shareholder-oriented  
214 goals, performance goals unlikely to be achieved, Company affiliate goals, and  
215 performance goals tied to financial goals as reflected on Schedules 3.2 N and P,  
216 page 3.

217 A. The structure of the Non-Executive Incentive plan is similar to the Executive  
218 Incentive plan. The main differences are the weighting of the financial goals  
219 (called O & M Expense for the non-executive plan) versus performance of non-  
220 financial goals, and the estimated proportionate share of performance goals  
221 costs based upon the Companies' affiliates' goals. First, the weighting of the O &  
222 M Expense measure is 50/50 for the Non-Executive Incentive plan, rather than  
223 70/30 for the Executive Incentive plan. (Companies' Exhibits PGL Ex. 9.1 and NS  
224 9.1) Second, the estimated disallowance for Company affiliate goals based upon  
225 the ratio of the Companies' IBS incentive compensation expense for the Non-

226 Executive Incentive plan to the total Non-Executive Incentive plan cost are 44%  
227 and 46% for Peoples Gas and North Shore, respectively. (See Schedules 3.2 N  
228 and P, page 3)

229 Q. How did the Companies address the disallowance of financial goals related to the  
230 Non-Executive plan from the prior rate case?

231 A. In his direct testimony, Company witness Hoover described changes to the Non-  
232 Executive incentive compensation plan as follows:

233 The Peoples Gas incentive plan as redesigned is based only on  
234 metrics focused on providing benefits to customers in the form of  
235 **reduced expenses**, creating greater efficiencies in operations,  
236 increasing customer satisfaction and improving reliability. In  
237 designing the Peoples Gas incentive plan, Peoples Gas removed  
238 those aspects of its former non-executive incentive plan that the  
239 Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) found not to be  
240 recoverable in Peoples Gas’ last rate case. As designed, the  
241 Peoples Gas incentive plan can reasonably be expected to  
242 provide tangible net benefits to ratepayers so that the recovery of  
243 the costs for Peoples Gas’ incentive plan would be just and  
244 reasonable. (PGL Ex. 9.0, pp. 1-2, lines 22 – 30 and similar  
245 language at NS Ex. 9.1, pp. 1-2, lines 22 - 30)

246 Q. How do you respond?

247 A. While the Companies claim they have removed the aspects of their former non-  
248 executive plan that the Commission found not to be recoverable, all that was  
249 really done is to change the description of the financial metric. The measure  
250 described as “Integrys Energy Group-Utility and IBS FERC-based non-fuel  
251 Operation and Maintenance (O&M) expense – Adjusted Before Annual

252 Incentives” does not in reality reflect reduced expenses, as Mr. Hoover’s  
253 testimony implies. Rather, the measure simply compares the combined utility  
254 and IBS FERC-based O&M budget with the combined utility and IBS FERC-  
255 based O&M included in the audited financial statements for 2011. Since the  
256 budget which provides the basis for the test year does not identify overall cost  
257 savings, I do not accept that this metric provides the ratepayer benefit claimed by  
258 the Company.

259 In addition, since the metric is calculated on a combined utility basis, it includes  
260 amounts for the affiliates operating outside of Illinois. Thus, the Illinois  
261 ratepayers could potentially be subsidizing incentive compensation costs for non-  
262 Illinois ratepayers in the event that the Illinois utilities performed exceptionally  
263 well compared to budget. Or in the alternative, if the Illinois utilities exceeded  
264 budgeted O&M costs while overall the targets are met, the ratepayers could be  
265 funding incentive compensation without receiving any of the promised benefit.

266 Q. Has the Commission addressed cost recovery based on budgeted costs in recent  
267 proceedings?

268 A. Yes. In the recent order in ComEd Docket No. 10-0527, the Commission  
269 discussed its concern with using budgets as measures for performance.

270 The Commission is similarly unenthusiastic about ComEd’s  
271 proposal. ComEd has tremendous control over the budget and  
272 there is not sufficient transparency to determine if the proposed  
273 budgets are reasonable. Under the Rate ACEP tariff, ComEd is  
274 rewarded for inflated budgets. ComEd has presented no defined

275 standard against which its performance can be measured. **A**  
276 **budget proposed by ComEd is simply not an appropriate**  
277 **standard to judge utility performance** and thus fails to conform  
278 to option (ii). (Docket No. 10-0527, Order, May 24, 2011, p. 19)  
279 (emphasis added)

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281 With respect to the incentive to inflate its budgets, ComEd states  
282 that it would be illogical for it to do so because it stands to gain  
283 so little because the dollar amounts being requested are so  
284 small. (ComEd Reply Brief at 1, 18, 20). Similarly, ComEd says  
285 it would not risk its regulatory reputation for so little. (ComEd  
286 Reply Brief at 2). The Commission does not find ComEd's  
287 arguments convincing. The potential gain may be small for these  
288 initial projects as noted by ComEd, but if Smart Grid costs are  
289 subject to Alt Reg recovery, much larger sums will be at issue.  
290 The Commission is persuaded by Staff witness Rearden's  
291 testimony that "ComEd has a strong incentive to overestimate  
292 the budget" and that "there appears to be nothing in Rate ACEP  
293 to prevent ComEd from strategically declaring a project complete  
294 to reap benefits from the incentive scheme." (Staff Ex. at 19,  
295 22). The Commission is wary of approving an Alt Reg program  
296 that provides a utility the ability to manipulate data or information  
297 provided to the Commission. (Id., p. 20)

298 Q. What is the impact of your proposal to disallow costs related to the Non-  
299 Executive Incentive Plan?

300 A. My adjustment for the Non-Executive Incentive plan is based upon the same  
301 facts and arguments discussed above. The result disallows approximately 72%  
302 (Peoples Gas) and 89% (North Shore) of the operating expense and rate base  
303 [\$3,162,000 of \$3,389,000 (Peoples Gas expense); \$707,000 of \$982,000  
304 (Peoples Gas rate base) and \$733,000 of \$1,026,000 (North Shore expense) and  
305 \$125,000 of \$171,000 (North Shore rate base)] Non-Executive Incentive plan  
306 costs the Companies propose to recover in the revenue requirement but have not

307 shown to benefit ratepayers.

308 Q. Please provide the rationale for your recommended disallowance of the  
309 Companies' Omnibus Incentive Compensation plans related to shareholder-  
310 oriented goals, as reflected on Schedules 3.4 N and P, page 4.

311 A. I have disallowed the Companies' Omnibus Incentive Compensation plan costs  
312 related to shareholder-oriented goals because the goals are based on financial  
313 measures that primarily benefit shareholders and not ratepayers. In response to  
314 Staff DR TEE 12.02, the Company acknowledges that there have been no  
315 changes to these plans since the last rate case filed in 2009. Information  
316 provided in the 2009 case explained that the three stock plans are awarded  
317 based on the following financial outcomes:

- 318 1. The Integrys Restricted Stock Unit Award plan is valued solely using  
319 the stock price of Integrys Energy Group, Inc.
- 320 2. The Integrys Performance Stock Right Agreement plan is valued using  
321 a model comparing Integrys Energy Group, Inc.'s stock price,  
322 shareholder returns, total stock return volatility and dividend yield with  
323 a peer group.
- 324 3. The Integrys NonQualified Stock Option Agreement plan is valued  
325 using a model comparing Integrys Energy Group, Inc.'s stock return  
326 volatility and dividend yield.

327 (Docket 09-0166/-167, Staff Ex. 1.0, p. 15 - 16)

328 The result disallows 100% or \$3,129,000 (Peoples Gas) and \$544,000 (North

329 Shore) of the Omnibus Incentive Compensation plan costs that the Companies  
330 propose to recover in the revenue requirement but have not shown to benefit  
331 ratepayers.

332 Q. Please provide the rationale for your recommended disallowance of capitalized  
333 incentive compensation previously disallowed by the Commission, as reflected  
334 on Schedules 3.2 N and P, page 5.

335 A. In the Companies' last two rate cases, Docket Nos. 09-0166/09-0167 (Cons.)  
336 and 07-0241/07-0242 Cons., the Commission disallowed a portion of the  
337 Companies' capitalized incentive compensation. (09-0166/0167 Order Appendix  
338 A, p. 13/ Appendix B, p. 11 and 07-0241/0242 Order pp. 66-67) The Companies  
339 did not make any entries, though, to remove the disallowed amount from rate  
340 base. (Companies' responses to Staff DR TEE 1.11) Therefore, the previously  
341 disallowed capitalized incentive compensation is included in the test year rate  
342 base and should be removed in accordance with the Commission's prior order.

343 Q. Has the Commission previously disallowed costs of incentive compensation  
344 because the goals are based on financial measures that primarily benefit  
345 shareholders and not ratepayers?

346 A. Yes, in fact in the Companies' most recent rate case, Docket Nos. 09-0166/09-  
347 0167 (Consol.), the Commission concluded that incentive compensation costs  
348 are recoverable in rates only if the utility demonstrates tangible benefits to  
349 ratepayers:

350 Incentive compensation related to financial goals, affiliate goals  
351 or shareholder goals should not be recoverable from ratepayers.  
352 The Commission has long held that costs related to incentive  
353 compensation are recoverable in rates only if the utility  
354 demonstrates tangible benefits to ratepayers. *See, e.g., Docket*  
355 *03-0403* at 15 (“[T]o recover incentive compensation, the plan  
356 must confer upon ratepayers specific dollar savings or other  
357 tangible benefits. Furthermore, the degree of benefit that  
358 accrues directly to ratepayers, rather than to other stakeholders,  
359 is a significant factor in determining whether incentive  
360 compensation should be recovered in rates.”); *Docket 01-0696* at  
361 10 (requiring evidence of “specific dollar savings or any other  
362 tangible benefit for the ratepayers”); *Docket 01-0432* at 42-43  
363 (“the Commission has generally disallowed such expenses  
364 except where the utility has demonstrated that its incentive  
365 compensation plan has reduced expenses and created greater  
366 efficiencies in operations. ... [I]f a utility is seeking to recover  
367 such projected expenses from ratepayers, the utility should  
368 demonstrate that its plan can reasonably be expected to provide  
369 net benefits to ratepayers.”). The utility bears the burden to  
370 establish that such tangible benefits accrue to ratepayers, in  
371 order to prove that the recovery of incentive compensation costs  
372 is just and reasonable. See 220 ILCS 9-201(c).

373 (ICC Docket Nos. 09-0166/09-0167 Cons., (Order, January 21,  
374 2010) p. 58)

375 Specifically, the Commission denied cost recovery of the Short-Term Incentive  
376 Compensation, Affiliate Charges, and Restricted Stock & Performance Shares  
377 plans because the Companies failed to demonstrate direct ratepayer benefit.  
378 Similar findings were made in the Companies’ 2007 rate case concerning  
379 incentive compensation costs. (ICC Docket Nos. 07-0241/07-0242 Cons.,  
380 (Order, February 5, 2008) pp. 66-67)

381 Q. Has the Commission made any other rulings in any other proceedings regarding  
382 the rate recovery of incentive compensation costs if ratepayer benefit was  
383 established?

384 A. In the Northern Illinois Gas Company (“Nicor”) rate case, Docket No. 04-0779,  
385 the Commission discussed several prior orders in its conclusion that incentive  
386 compensation costs are recoverable in rates only if the utility demonstrates  
387 tangible benefits to ratepayers:

388 Costs related to incentive compensation are recoverable in rates  
389 only if the utility demonstrates tangible benefits to ratepayers.  
390 (See, e.g., 03-0403 at 15 (“[T]o recover incentive compensation,  
391 the plan must confer upon ratepayers specific dollar savings or  
392 other tangible benefits. Furthermore, the degree of benefit that  
393 accrues directly to ratepayers, rather than to other stakeholders,  
394 is a significant factor in determining whether incentive  
395 compensation should be recovered in rates.”); 01-0696 at 10  
396 (requiring evidence of “specific dollar savings or any other  
397 tangible benefit for the ratepayers”); 01-0432 (Mar. 28, 2002) at  
398 42-43 (“the Commission has generally disallowed such expenses  
399 except where the utility has demonstrated that its incentive  
400 compensation plan has reduced expenses and created greater  
401 efficiencies in operations. ... [I]f a utility is seeking to recover  
402 such projected expenses from ratepayers, the utility should  
403 demonstrate that its plan can reasonably be expected to provide  
404 net benefits to ratepayers.”) The utility bears the burden to  
405 establish that such tangible benefits accrue to ratepayers, in  
406 order to prove that the recovery of incentive compensation costs  
407 is just and reasonable. (See 220 ILCS 9-201(c).) (ICC Docket  
408 No. 04-0779, (Order, September 20, 2005) p. 44)

409 In Illinois-American Water Company’s (“IAWC”) general rate case, the  
410 Commission Conclusion begins with a summary of the Commission’s policy on  
411 incentive compensation:

412 The Commission has consistently disallowed recovery of payouts  
413 that are tied to overall company financial goals. As is apparent  
414 from previous rate orders, the Commission has generally  
415 disallowed such expenses except where the utility has  
416 demonstrated that its incentive compensation plan has reduced  
417 expenses and created greater efficiencies in operations which  
418 provide net benefits to ratepayers. In this case, no such showing  
419 has been made by IAWC. (ICC Docket No. 07-0507 (Order, July  
420 30, 2008) p. 25)

421 The Commission denied rate recovery of 100% of IAWC's annual incentive plan  
422 costs including performance goals since they were dependent on IAWC's  
423 corporate parent reaching its financial earnings goals. Id., pp. 25-26.

424 Q. Has the Commission remained consistent in its denial of incentive compensation  
425 expense for costs associated with achievement of financial goals?

426 A. Yes. In Docket No. 07-0566 concerning ComEd, the Commission disallowed  
427 100% of ComEd's Annual Incentive Plan ("AIP") net income goals.

428 Regarding ComEd's AIP's Net Income Metric, the Commission  
429 agrees with Staff's proposed adjustment disallowing 100% of AIP  
430 costs related to the financial net income goal which primarily  
431 benefits shareholders. ComEd's net income goals are financially  
432 based and primarily result in shareholder benefits. The  
433 Commission has repeatedly held that the cost of financial goals  
434 should not be paid by ratepayers. (ICC Docket No. 07-0566  
435 (Order, September 10, 2008) p. 61)

436 In the more recent Nicor general rate case, Docket No. 08-0363, Nicor agreed to  
437 remove the costs of all its financially based plans except one, the Incentive  
438 Compensation Units ("ICU") plan. The Commission concluded that it, too, was  
439 tied to financial goals and denied cost recovery of the ICU expense:

440 Although the ICU Plan was created and administered in  
441 accordance with Commission policies, the Commission finds that  
442 the evidence does not demonstrate that the costs related to the  
443 Company's ICU Plan are just and reasonable. The plan is no  
444 longer in effect and payout under the Plan is tied to financial  
445 goals. Recent Commission orders have set forth the  
446 requirements that incentive compensation plans demonstrate  
447 tangible benefits to ratepayers, and that incentive compensation  
448 not be based on shareholder goals. (ICC Docket No. 08-0363  
449 (Order, March 25, 2009) p. 28)

450 The Commission further elaborated on its policy to deny recovery of costs for  
451 goals based on achievement of financial metrics in its Ameren order, Docket  
452 Nos. 07-0585 et al. (Cons.):

453 If during the period that the rates approved herein are in effect,  
454 however, the incentive compensation plans are revised such that  
455 financial goals of Ameren become the payment trigger for a  
456 greater portion of the plans, the Commission will not look  
457 favorably on incentive compensation expenses in AIU's next rate  
458 cases. The Commission is allowing AIU to recover 50% of its  
459 incentive compensation expenses with the understanding that at  
460 least 50% of the payments made thereunder will be based on  
461 performance or goals other than Ameren's financial goals. (ICC  
462 Docket Nos. 07-0585/07-0586/07-0587/07-0588/07-0589/07-  
463 0590 (Cons.), (Order, September 24, 2008) p. 108)

464 Older Commission orders reflect similar conclusions. In Docket No. 93-0183  
465 concerning Illinois Power Company, the Commission concluded that, since  
466 financial goals benefit shareholders, ratepayers should not have to bear the costs  
467 of incentive compensation plans tied to financial goals:

468 Two of the goals, earnings per share and reduced O & M  
469 expenses are goals that benefit shareholders. If the  
470 shareholders are the ones to benefit, they should be the ones  
471 who foot the bill. (ICC Docket No. 93-0183 (Order, April 6, 1994)  
472 p. 52)

473 And, in Docket No. 99-0534 concerning MidAmerican Energy Company, the  
474 Commission reached a similar conclusion regarding ratepayer benefit from  
475 incentive compensation based on financial goals:

476 The Commission is not convinced that the ratepayers are  
477 protected in the event that the targeted return on capital  
478 investment is not achieved. Ratepayers would still fund the  
479 projected levels of incentive compensation even if that level is  
480 not achieved. (ICC Docket No. 99-0534 (Order, July 11, 2000) p.  
481 9)

482 Q. Please discuss additional orders wherein the Commission required a  
483 demonstration of ratepayer benefits in order for incentive compensation expense  
484 to be included in the revenue requirement.

485 A. In Docket No. 01-0432, Illinois Power Residential DST (Order, March 28, 2002,  
486 p. 42), the Commission concluded that Illinois Power should not be allowed to  
487 recover from ratepayers the expenses associated with its incentive compensation  
488 plan because the Company did not demonstrate that the plan provides net  
489 benefits to ratepayers.

490 The Commission's policy to disallow incentive compensation plan costs when the  
491 plans do not provide a ratepayer benefit is further demonstrated in Docket No.00-  
492 0802 (AmerenCIPS/AmerenUE DST, Order, December 11, 2001 pp. 18-19):

493 First, as Staff has argued, the Commission has generally  
494 disallowed such expenses except where the utility has  
495 demonstrated that its incentive compensation plan has reduced  
496 expenses and created greater efficiencies in operations. For  
497 example, in its Order in the CILCO proceeding in Dockets 99-  
498 0199/99-0131 (Cons.), the Commission disallowed such

499 expenses, and in doing so stated on pages 37-38, "The  
500 Commission remains convinced that such expenses are not  
501 recoverable in the absence of any evidence that the . . . Plan  
502 benefits ratepayers." In the limited number of cases in which  
503 such expenses were allowed, those companies had historical  
504 patterns of paying incentive compensation and were able to  
505 demonstrate that the incentive compensation payments provided  
506 benefits to ratepayers. Generally speaking, the Commission  
507 believes that if a utility is seeking to recover such projected  
508 expenses from ratepayers, the utility should demonstrate that its  
509 plan can reasonably be expected to provide net benefits to  
510 ratepayers. In the instant case, while Ameren has provided test  
511 year amounts for the expenses purportedly associated with its  
512 incentive compensation plan, as discussed below, it has not  
513 demonstrated that its plan has provided or will provide net  
514 benefits to ratepayers. ....

515 ...Accordingly, while the Commission believes that incentive  
516 compensation plans have the potential to provide benefits in  
517 terms of improving performance and reducing costs, and that the  
518 recovery of expenses associated with incentive compensation  
519 plans may be appropriate in some circumstances, the  
520 Commission concludes, for the reasons set forth above, that  
521 Ameren should not be allowed to recover from ratepayers the  
522 expenses associated with its current incentive compensation  
523 plan as requested in this docket. (ICC Docket No. 00-0802  
524 (Order, December 11, 2001) p. 19)

525 Also, in its Order dated November 21, 2006, in Docket Nos. 06-0070/06-0071/06-  
526 0072 (Consolidated), Ameren DST proceeding, the Commission stated as follows  
527 in denying the recovery of incentive compensation expenses:

528 For the Commission to include **any** portion of incentive  
529 compensation costs in approved operating expenses, Ameren  
530 must demonstrate that the plan confers upon ratepayers specific  
531 dollar savings or other tangible benefits. As Staff notes, the  
532 Commission has generally disallowed recovery of incentive  
533 compensation costs except where the utility has demonstrated  
534 that its ICP has reduced expenses and created greater  
535 efficiencies in operations, as was done in Dockets No. 05-0597,  
536 03-0403, 97-0351 and 95-0219. Consistent with those decisions,

537 we are disallowing funding measures that primarily depend on  
538 meeting financial goals. In this case all three funding measures  
539 rely on earnings per share (“EPS”) targets and therefore all  
540 operational goals are dependent upon meeting the EPS target  
541 first. (Docket Nos. 06-0070/0071/0072 (Consolidated), (Order,  
542 November 21, 2006 p. 72) (emphasis added)

543 Q. Are there any additional conclusions from prior Commission orders concerning  
544 incentive compensation expense?

545 A. Yes. The Commission has also expressed concern that incentive compensation  
546 expenses are discretionary in nature and may be discontinued or reversed by the  
547 Company at any time in the future. This concern is evident in its Orders in the  
548 following dockets:

549 [T]he Commission is concerned that ratepayers are not protected  
550 if IP fails to achieve the financial goals and incentive  
551 compensation payments are not made. Under that scenario,  
552 ratepayers would still pay for the incentive compensation plan if  
553 IP’s position were adopted. (ICC Docket Nos. 99-0120/99-0134  
554 (Cons.), (Order, August 25, 1999) p. 44)

555 [T]he Commission is not persuaded that ratepayers are protected  
556 in the event that the targeted return on capital investment is not  
557 achieved. Under CILCO’s proposal, ratepayers would still fund  
558 the test year level of incentive payments even if that level is not  
559 achieved. While failure to achieve the efficiencies that would  
560 result in the projected level of incentive payments may penalize  
561 individual managers, ratepayers receive no benefit from this  
562 “penalty.” Shareholders, on the other hand, would benefit. (ICC  
563 Docket Nos. 99-0119/99-0131 (Cons.) (Order, August 25, 1999)  
564 p. 38)

565 Non-union Wages

566 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.3 N and P, Adjustment to Non-union Wages.

567 A. Schedules 3.3 N and P present my adjustments to change the increase for non-  
568 union wages to a more reasonable amount.

569 My adjustment is calculated using the 3% granted in February 2011 for 2011 pay  
570 increases and the 2011-2015 Consumer Price Index ("CPI") inflation rate of  
571 2.35% as forecasted by the *Survey of Professional Forecasters* ("Survey")<sup>8</sup> for  
572 the 2012 pay increases. I used these rates to escalate the Companies' 2010  
573 actual non-union base wages to determine test year non-union base wages.

574 Q. What is the Companies' proposed test year percentage increase in non-union  
575 base wages?

576 A. Non-union base wages were forecast to increase 3.9% in each calendar year  
577 2011 and 2012 over 2010 levels. (Schedule G-5, page 3 of 7) The Companies'  
578 rationale for the forecast was provided as follows:

579 "Salary increase budget recommendations are supported by  
580 market data and are provided to Integrys Senior Leadership each  
581 year. Market data for 2011 suggested the low 3% range for  
582 salary increases to be given by utility companies.

583 The Integrys 3.9% salary increase budget for 2011 covering non-  
584 union employees was meant to cover all salary increases for  
585 2011, including merit, special adjustments, promotions, etc. In  
586 particular, 3.3% was meant to cover merit and the remaining  
587 balance of .6% was meant to cover all other increases. 3.9%  
588 was also assumed for the 2012 test year.

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<sup>8</sup> Second Quarter 2011 report, as produced by the Research Department of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, *Survey of Professional Forecasters*, <http://www.philadelphiafed.org/research-and-data/real-time-center/survey-of-professional-forecasters/2011/survq211.cfm>, May 13, 2011. The *Survey* aggregates the forecasts of approximately thirty forecasters. Percentage utilized reflects the report's Long-run projections for 2011 through 2015.

589 Of the 3.9% budgeted for 2011, 3% was provided effective  
590 February, 2011 as an across-the-board increase for non-union  
591 employees, .3% was provided as a performance increase for  
592 high-performing non-union employees, and the remaining .6 % is  
593 budgeted and available for other increases in 2011. (Companies  
594 responses to Staff DR TEE 2.02)

595 Q. How does the test year increase of 3.9% compare to the historical trend of the  
596 Companies' non-union base wage increases?

597 A. The test year percentage appears overstated in comparison to the years 2008  
598 through 2010 inclusive, wherein the percentage increase in non-union base  
599 wages was 3.8%, 3.72%, and 2.0%, respectively. (Companies' responses to  
600 Staff DR TEE 1.07)

601 Also of note is that the Companies initially projected 4.2% for 2009 and 2010  
602 wage increases in its last rate case, the actual increases granted were  
603 substantially less than projected (4.2% projected compared to 3.72% and 2.0%  
604 granted).

605 Q. How did the Company explain its anticipated budget projections would be  
606 applied?

607 A. In response to Staff DR TEE 12.03 (Attachment D), the Companies stated:

608 a.) The three components of the 2011 wage increases have been or  
609 will be awarded as follows:  
610 • 3% was provided to all non-union employees with satisfactory  
611 performance;  
612 • 0.3% was allocated by Business Unit/Utility to be used for  
613 performance increases, which have been provided to those non-

614 union employees whose performance was considered  
615 commendable or exemplary;  
616 • 0.6% has been made available to the Business Units/Utilities to  
617 provide promotions or adjustments during the year, and it is  
618 expected that this entire amount will be used.

619 We anticipate that a similar process will be followed for 2012.

620 b.) The 3.9% of non-union salaries was the amount budgeted for 2011  
621 and 2012 in anticipation of salary increases. It was not known at  
622 that time which salaries would be impacted by performance  
623 increases or promotions/adjustments. The budgeted amounts (.3%  
624 and .6%) were meant to be made available for whatever  
625 performance increases resulted from performance reviews and  
626 whatever promotions or adjustments were provided.

627 Q. What concern does this raise regarding the Companies' test year payroll  
628 projections?

629 A. While the 3.9% was applied to the entire payroll incurred in 2010 and projected  
630 for 2011 to arrive at the Companies' test year 2012 payroll, only "those non-union  
631 employees whose performance was considered commendable or exemplary"  
632 would, receive the .3% increase and only those employees who are promoted  
633 would receive the .6% increase. Thus, the Companies payroll costs are  
634 overstated.

635 Materials and Supplies Inventory

636 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.4 N and P, Adjustment to Materials and Supplies  
637 Inventory balance.

638 A. Schedules 3.4 N and P present the adjustments to reflect a more reasonable  
639 amount for the Accounts Payable for Materials and Supplies Inventory. Since the  
640 Companies' lead/lag study reflects 42.22 and 46.62 lead days for North Shore  
641 and Peoples', respectively<sup>9</sup>, I have used those amounts to calculate a reasonable  
642 level of costs that would be included in Accounts Payable which has an impact  
643 on Materials and Supplies Inventory balance recoverable in rate base.

644 Q. Why do you disagree with the Companies' position on the Accounts Payable  
645 amount?

646 A. The Companies acknowledge that purchases of materials and supplies for  
647 inventory are made each month<sup>10</sup>. However, Schedule B-8.1 for each utility  
648 reflects amounts for accounts payable only in those months where the inventory  
649 balance increases; for months of declining balances, the Companies' Schedules  
650 B-8.1 fail to reflect an amount for accounts payable. This presentation is contrary  
651 to what actually occurs based on the results of the lead lag study for the payment  
652 of purchases and the responses to discovery.

653 Gas in Storage

654 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.5 N and P, Adjustment to Gas in Storage.

655 A. Schedules 3.5 N and P present the adjustments to reflect a more reasonable  
656 amount for the Accounts Payable for Gas in Storage Inventory. Since the

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<sup>9</sup> Company response to TEE 6.04.

<sup>10</sup> Company response to Staff data request TEE 6.01.

657 Companies' lead/lag study reflects 40.53 and 40.62 lead days for North Shore  
658 and Peoples', respectively<sup>11</sup>, I have used those amounts to calculate a  
659 reasonable level of costs that would be included in Accounts Payable.

660 Schedule B-1.1 for each utility reflects amounts for accounts payable only in  
661 those months where the inventory balance increases; for months of declining  
662 balances, the Companies' Schedules B-1.1 do not reflect an amount for accounts  
663 payable. This presentation is contrary to what actually occurs based on the  
664 results of the lead lag study for the payment of purchases and the responses to  
665 discovery.

666 Consistent with my proposal for accounts payable associated with Materials  
667 Supplies Inventory, I reflect the projected monthly purchases and the applicable  
668 lead days from the Companies' studies.

669 Q. What other revisions have you made in the calculation of the accounts payable  
670 amounts for gas in storage?

671 A. In response to Staff DR ENG 5.01 Attach 02, the Company provided updated gas  
672 prices for 2012. I have used those prices in my calculations of gas injections for  
673 2012 on Schedules 3.5 N and P.

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<sup>11</sup> Company response to TEE 6.04.

674 Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances

675 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.6 N and P, Adjustment to Interest on Budget  
676 Payment Plan Balances.

677 A. Schedules 3.6 N and P present the adjustments to reflect the most current  
678 interest rate approved by the Commission for Budget Payment Plan Balances.  
679 My proposed adjustments utilize the interest rate to be paid on all customer  
680 deposits as ordered in Docket No. 10-0719 which is lower than the interest rate  
681 used by the Companies in the calculation of the interest expense accrual for the  
682 2012 test year revenue requirement. Docket No. 10-0719 was a proceeding to  
683 determine the rate of interest to be paid on customer deposits, pursuant to 83 Ill.  
684 Adm. Code 287.70 and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 735.120 from January 1, 2011 through  
685 and including December 31, 2011.

686 Q. What interest rate did the Companies use to calculate the 2012 interest expense  
687 accrual?

688 A. In response to Staff DR TEE 6.06 the Companies provided the support for the  
689 calculation of the interest expense accrued in the 2012 test year revenue  
690 requirement. The calculation used an interest rate of 2% for 2012 which was  
691 based on the Federal Reserve Board November 2011 1-year Constant Maturity  
692 Securities interest rate. In contrast, the Commission ordered interest rate to be  
693 paid on all customer deposits during 2011 is 0.5%, per Docket No. 10-0719,

694 which was based on the average one-year yield on U.S. Treasury securities for  
695 the last full week of November 2010.

696 Q. Why did you use the Commission ordered 2011 interest rate in your proposed  
697 adjustments to calculate the 2012 interest expense accrual?

698 A. I used the Commission ordered 2011 interest rate of 0.5% because this rate is  
699 consistent with the rate the Commission has most recently ordered to be used for  
700 customer deposits pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 287.70. The Commission  
701 accepted the use of the most recent ordered interest rate with a future test year  
702 for budget payment plan balances in the Companies' last two rate cases which  
703 also involved future test years.

704 Q. What is the effect of using the Commission ordered 2011 rate?

705 A. The use of the Commission ordered 2011 interest rate in effect reduces the  
706 2012 interest expense accrual on budget payment plan balances by \$0.244  
707 million for Peoples Gas and \$0.048 million for North Shore.

708 Interest on Customer Deposits

709 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.7 N and P, Adjustment to Interest on Customer  
710 Deposits.

711 A. Schedules 3.7 N and P present the adjustments to reflect the most current  
712 interest rate approved by the Commission for Customer Deposits. My proposed

713 adjustments utilize the interest rate to be paid on all customer deposits as  
714 ordered in Docket No. 10-0719 which is lower than the interest rate used by the  
715 Companies in the calculation of the interest expense accrual for the 2012 test  
716 year revenue requirement.

717 Q. What interest rate did the Companies use to calculate the 2012 interest expense  
718 accrual?

719 A. In response to Staff DR TEE 6.06 the Companies provided the support for the  
720 calculation of the interest expense accrued in the 2012 test year revenue  
721 requirement. The calculation used an interest rate of 2% for 2012 which was  
722 based on the Federal Reserve Board November 2011 1-year Constant Maturity  
723 Securities interest rate. In contrast, the Commission ordered interest rate to be  
724 paid on all customer deposits during 2011 is 0.5%, per Docket No. 10-0719,  
725 which was based on the average one-year yield on U.S. Treasury securities for  
726 the last full week of November 2010.

727 Q. Why did you use the Commission ordered 2011 interest rate in your proposed  
728 adjustments to calculate the 2012 interest expense accrual?

729 A. I used the Commission ordered 2011 interest rate of 0.5% because this rate is  
730 consistent with the rate the Commission has most recently ordered to be used for  
731 customer deposits pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code 287.70. The Commission  
732 accepted the use of the most recent ordered interest rate with a future test year

733 for customer deposits in the Companies' last two rate cases which also involved  
734 future test years.

735 Q. What is the effect of using the Commission ordered 2011 rate?

736 A. The use of the Commission ordered 2011 interest rate in effect reduces the  
737 2012 interest expense accrual on customer deposits by \$0.432 million for  
738 Peoples Gas and \$0.039 million for North Shore.

739 Solicitation Revenue

740 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.8 N and P, Adjustment to Solicitation Revenue.

741 A. Schedules 3.8 N and P present the adjustments to reflect solicitation revenue as  
742 proposed in the direct testimony of Staff witness David Sackett, Staff Ex. 9.0. I  
743 present the schedules to reflect the adjustments and Mr. Sackett presents the  
744 rationale for the adjustments.

745 Repairs Revenue

746 Q. Please describe Schedules 3.9 N and P, Adjustment to Repairs Revenue.

747 A. Schedules 3.9 N and P present the adjustments to increase repairs revenue as  
748 proposed in the direct testimony of Staff witness David Sackett, Staff Ex. 9.0. I  
749 present the schedules to reflect the adjustments and Mr. Sackett presents the  
750 rationale for the adjustments.

751 Inflation Rate for Projected Future Test Year

752 Q. What is the basis for the general inflation rates for non-labor items used by the  
753 Companies for projecting future test year costs?

754 A. The basis for the inflation rates of 2.2% for 2011 and 3.1% for 2012 per  
755 Company Schedules G-5 is the CPI-U index from Moody's – Economy.com.<sup>12</sup>  
756 However the supporting documentation for those rates provided as an  
757 attachment to Staff DR TEE 2.05 indicated that it was last updated May 13, 2010.

758 Q. Did you obtain documentation reflecting more current information comparable to  
759 that used by the Companies in their projected test year costs?

760 A. Yes. In response to Staff DR TEE 13.01, the Companies provided the same data  
761 as updated on May 14, 2011. That supporting documentation reflects CPI-U  
762 rates of 2.7% for 2011 and 1.9% for 2012. The Companies provided the impact  
763 of those updated inflation rates on its future test year revenue requirement as  
764 Staff DR TEE 15.01. However, that response indicated the inflation rates were  
765 only applied to less than 1% (0.9% for Peoples Gas and 0.62% for North Shore)  
766 of the test year Total Operation and Maintenance Expense.

767 Q. Why is this a concern?

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<sup>12</sup> Companies' responses to TEE 2.05.

768 A. The Companies' Assumptions Used in the Forecast as provided on Schedule G-  
769 5 of the Part 285 filing states:

770 The Company forecasted operating and maintenance costs  
771 through a detailed bottoms-up budgeting process. Unless  
772 specifically determined otherwise, this process assumed, as a  
773 default, a 2.2% and 3.1% annual rate of inflation for 2011 and  
774 2012 respectively.

775 Even after I remove the costs "specifically determined otherwise", the remaining  
776 Operating and Maintenance Expenses are still significantly greater than the  
777 amounts provided in the Companies' responses to Staff DR TEE 15.01.

778 Currently, I am unable to determine the exact impact of the updated inflation  
779 estimates on the revenue requirement; nonetheless, the information I've received  
780 thus far indicates a decrease to the non-labor costs is appropriate. I will address  
781 that decrease in rebuttal testimony once I have received and reviewed the  
782 Companies response to Staff DR TEE 16.01, which requests clarification of the  
783 concern discussed above.

784 Rider VBA

785 Q. What is the objective of your testimony as it relates to Rider VBA?

786 A. The objective of my testimony is to propose edits to the tariff language for Rider  
787 VBA presented for both Peoples' and North Shore in Schedules E-1, in the event  
788 that the Commission decides to make Rider VBA permanent. The Staff position  
789 on whether Rider VBA should be made permanent is addressed by Staff witness

790 Dr. David Brightwell. Again, my edits are independent of Dr. Brightwell's  
791 testimony.

792 Specifically, the edits I propose are as follows:

- 793 a) Replace the word "margin" throughout the tariff with the word "revenue"  
794 since it more accurately represents what is being compared under the  
795 Rider.
- 796 b) Propose modifications to the calculation of the Rider VBA adjustment.
- 797 c) Propose modifications to the annual internal audit requirements.
- 798 d) Add a section to the tariff that provides for a compliance filing to be  
799 made at such time as new values to be used in the calculations are  
800 determined in a rate case proceeding
- 801 e) Correct the definition of "Actual Margin" that was identified by the  
802 Companies in response to a Staff DR.

803 I have reflected each of these revisions in the tariff language for Rider VBA for  
804 each Company included with this testimony as Attachment G for North Shore and  
805 Attachment H for Peoples Gas.

806 "Margin" versus "Revenue"

807 Q. Please explain the rationale behind your proposal to replace the word "margin"  
808 throughout the tariff with the word "revenue".

809 A. Replacing the word “margin” with the word “revenue” in the tariff language  
810 provides clarity to what is actually being evaluated under the Rider. The word  
811 “margin” is by definition the additional amount over and above costs to earn a  
812 defined level of return. Under the Rider VBA mechanism, it is not that “additional  
813 amount” that is measured but rather the total actual defined revenues that are  
814 compared to the revenues provided for in the rate case order.

815 In testimony explaining the purpose of Rider VBA as it was introduced in Peoples  
816 Gas Docket No. 07-0242, Company witness Grace stated:

817 The purpose of Rider VBA is to compute a monthly adjustment  
818 that will result in the Company recovering only the distribution  
819 **revenues** (margin)<sup>13</sup> approved by the Commission in its most  
820 recent rate case proceeding, based on normal weather and the  
821 approved level of customers. (Docket No. 07-0242, PGL Ex.  
822 VG-1.0 2REV, p. 46, lines 1021 – 1024) (emphasis and footnote  
823 added)

824 In addition the definitions of the Actual Margin and the Rate Case Margin  
825 currently in the Rider VBA tariff indicate that the dollar amounts are in reality  
826 “revenues” rather than “margins”:

827 Actual Margin (AM) shall mean that dollar amount of monthly  
828 delivery charge **revenues**, excluding customer charge **revenues**  
829 and revenues arising from adjustments under this rider, which  
830 were billed for each applicable Service Classification for the  
831 specified period. (ILL. C.C. NO. 28, Second Revised Sheet No.  
832 61)

833 Q. Do the Companies voice any opposition to this change?

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<sup>13</sup> The need for a parenthetical reference here further highlights the lack of clarity involved with the Companies’ choice of terminology.

834 A. Yes. The Companies' response to Staff DR TEE 8.11 (Attachment E) indicated  
835 that "revenues" is too broad a term to use in the tariff language. This response  
836 does not hold up under further scrutiny however. The very definitions contained  
837 in the Rider (for Actual Margin and Rate Case Margin) limit the revenues that are  
838 used in the calculation, as illustrated in the quoted language above.

839 Modifications to Rider VBA Calculation

840 Q. Please explain your understanding of the Rider VBA adjustment calculation.

841 A. Rider VBA has two main formulas: one to determine the Effective Component  
842 which calculates the Rider VBA charge to be applied to the Effective Month; and  
843 another to determine the Reconciliation Adjustment for the annual true-up. The  
844 Effective Component formula calculates any over or under recovery of the fixed  
845 cost portion of the volumetric charges on a **per customer** basis as opposed to  
846 on a total revenue basis. Since any Commission approved revenue requirement  
847 is based upon a projected number of customers, if the Companies' actual  
848 number of customers exceed that projected level, the Companies could collect  
849 more fixed costs through the Rider VBA mechanism than approved in the  
850 revenue requirement. Specifically, the Companies would collect more fixed costs  
851 from the additional customers' volumetric charges and from their monthly  
852 customer charges. This would not be a concern if there were specific provisions  
853 in the proposed tariffs that would address this issue; however, I have found none.

854 Q. Please explain.

855 A. The Commission authorized Peoples/North Shore to recover only their fixed  
856 costs pursuant to their respective Riders VBA.<sup>14</sup> It was implied that these are  
857 costs that are necessary to operate the utility regardless of any changes to the  
858 operation, a “fixed” cost of doing business regardless of the amount of business  
859 conducted. However, converting the fixed costs to be recovered to a per  
860 customer basis implies that the costs are not truly fixed but that they will vary with  
861 the number of customers served. In fact, by the Companies’ own admission, the  
862 classification of costs as “fixed” is “unrelated to changes in the number of  
863 customers”.<sup>15</sup> Therefore, it is not appropriate to base the Rider VBA calculations  
864 on the number of customers, either those assumed in the rate case or actual  
865 customers.

866 For example, assuming a fixed cost of \$10,000 with 1000 customers, it is  
867 determined that \$10 per customer is needed to cover that fixed cost  
868 (\$10,000/1,000). Assuming that during the period, \$12,000 was collected from  
869 1200 customers, the actual amount of revenues on a per customer basis would  
870 be \$10 (\$12,000/1,200). Thus, under the Companies’ proposal, there would be  
871 an Effective Component of \$0 calculated (\$10 per customer authorized minus  
872 \$10 per customer actually collected), that is, there would be no VBA credit due to  
873 the customers. However, the utility would have collected \$2,000 over the amount  
874 originally set as “fixed”, \$10,000, in the approved revenue requirement.

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<sup>14</sup> Order, ICC Dockets 07-0241/07-0242 (cons.), pp. 152-153

<sup>15</sup> Company response to Staff data request TEE 5.03.

875 Based on the above representations, absent any specific corrective provisions,  
876 the possibility exists for a “windfall” accruing to the Companies under Rider VBA  
877 if the actual number of customers exceeds the projected number of customers.  
878 Or in the alternative, if the number of customers decreases, the Companies  
879 would not recover their fixed costs. Thus, additional safeguards need to be  
880 incorporated into Rider VBA to address this concern.

881 Q. What do you propose to address this concern?

882 A. I propose to modify the Rider VBA tariff pages to remove the references to Rate  
883 Case Customers and Actual Customers. In addition I propose to modify all  
884 formulas such that none are calculated on a per customer basis but rather based  
885 on the total fixed cost component of the approved revenue requirement.

886 Using the example above, the fixed costs approved in the revenue requirement  
887 of \$10,000 would be compared to the actual revenues of \$12,000, resulting in a  
888 \$2,000 over collection to be refunded in the VBA rate. As discussed above,  
889 under the current VBA formula there would be no over or under recovery.

890 The Attachments G and H reflect the revisions to remove the references to Rate  
891 Case Customers and Actual Customers from the tariff language as well as from  
892 the formulas used in computing Rider VBA adjustments.

893 Therefore I recommend that if the Commission determines that Rider VBA should  
894 be made permanent, it should also modify the Effective Component formula as  
895 shown below:

896 (1) **Effective Component** - The adjustment, determined for each Service  
897 Classification, to be billed for the Effective Month is represented by the  
898 following formula:

899  
900 
$$[(RCMR \text{ / } RCG) - (AMR \text{ / } AG)] \times PFC \times RCG / T \times 100$$

901  
902 Where:

903 RCMR represents the Rate Case Margin Revenues for the  
904 Reconciliation Month.

905 ~~RCC~~ represents the number of ~~Rate Case Customers~~ for the  
906 ~~Reconciliation Month~~.

907 AMR represents the Actual Margin Revenues for the  
908 Reconciliation Month.

909 ~~AC~~ represents the number of ~~Actual Customers~~ for the ~~Reconciliation~~  
910 ~~Month~~.

911 T represents the forecast Factor T for the Effective Month.

912 PFC represents the percentage of the Company's costs that are  
913 fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in  
914 the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

915 The Reconciliation Adjustment should be revised as follows:

916 **Section B - Determination of Adjustment – continued**

917 \* (2) **Reconciliation Adjustment** – Through March 31, 2012, the  
918 reconciliation adjustment determined for each Service  
919 Classification is calculated annually, amortized over a  
920 nine-month period, and represented by the following  
921 formula:

922 
$$[(RA_1 + RA_2 + O) \times (1 + i)] / T \times 100$$

923 Where:

924  $RA_1$  = an amount due the Company (+ $RA_1$ ) or an  
925 amount due the customer (- $RA_1$ ) arising from  
926 the reconciliation of Rate Case Margin  
927 Revenues and Actual Margin Revenues  
928 plus revenues arising from application of the  
929 Effective Component in subsection B (1)  
930 above.  
931

932 RA<sub>1</sub> shall be represented by the following  
933 formula:  
934

$$(RCMR - (AMR / AC \times RCG)) \times PFC - VBAR$$

936  
937 Where:

938 RCMR represents the Rate Case Margin  
939 Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

940 AMR represents the Actual Margin  
941 Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

942 AC represents the average monthly  
943 number of Actual Customers for  
944 the Fiscal Year.

945 RCG represents the average monthly  
946 number of Rate Case Customers  
947 for the Fiscal Year.

948 The Determination of Adjustment in 2013 and Thereafter should be revised as

949 follows:

950 \* **Section C – Determination of Adjustment in 2013 and Thereafter**

951  
952 There shall be separate per term adjustments determined annually for each  
953 applicable Service Classification, and such adjustments shall be determined  
954 with two separate components, as follows:  
955

$$956 \left[ \frac{[(RCMR / RCG) - (AMR / AC)] \times PFC \times RCG}{T} + \frac{(RA + O) \times (1 + i)}{T} \right] \times 100$$

957  
958 Where:

959 RCMR represents the Rate Case Margin Revenue for the Fiscal  
960 Year.

961 RCG represents average monthly number of Rate Case  
962 Customers for the Fiscal Year.

963 AMR represents the Actual Margin Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

964 AC represents the average monthly number of Actual  
965 Customers for the Fiscal Year.

966 In addition, the definitions for Actual Customers and Rate Case Customers in

967 Section A should be deleted as follows:

968 ~~Actual Customers (AC) shall mean the number of customers in~~  
969 ~~each applicable Service Classification for the applicable period.~~

970 ~~Rate Case Customers (RCC) shall mean the number of~~  
971 ~~customers that underlie the rates approved by the Commission in~~  
972 ~~the Company's most recent rate proceeding for each applicable~~  
973 ~~Service Classification.~~

974 Modifications to Annual Internal Audit

975 Q. Please explain your recommendation regarding the annual internal audit feature  
976 of Rider VBA.

977 A. As an enhancement to the tariff language for Rider VBA, I propose that the  
978 annual internal audit feature of Rider VBA be modified so that it can be a more  
979 effective tool to the Staff and the Commission in monitoring Rider VBA. It is  
980 important that the annual internal audit include certain specified tests of the rate  
981 mechanism. Presently there are no requirements in Rider VBA of what actually  
982 will be tested in the annual internal audit. Therefore, I recommend the following  
983 language changes to the proposed Rider VBA:

984 **Section F - AUDIT**

985 ~~The Company shall submit annually to the Manager of the~~  
986 ~~Accounting Department of the Commission's Financial Analysis~~  
987 ~~Division, no later than August 1, an internal audit report that~~  
988 ~~determines whether or not the adjustments and information~~  
989 ~~provided in Section C have been calculated in accordance with~~  
990 ~~this rider.~~

991 The Company shall annually conduct an internal audit of its costs  
992 and recoveries of such costs pursuant to the Rider. The internal  
993 audit shall determine if: 1) the actual amount of revenues that  
994 exceed or fall short of any previously established levels collected  
995

996 through base rate charges are correctly reflected in the  
997 calculations; 2) the revenues are not collected through other  
998 approved tariffs; 3) Rider VBA is being properly billed to  
999 Customers; 4) Rider VBA revenues are recorded in appropriate  
1000 accounts; and 5) any reimbursements of costs are identified and  
1001 recorded properly for calculating rates and reconciliation. The  
1002 above list of determinations does not limit the scope of the audit.  
1003 The Company shall submit the audit report to the ICC's Manager  
1004 of the Accounting Department by August 1 each year. Such  
1005 report shall be verified by an officer of the Company.

1006 Rate Case Compliance Filing

1007 Q. Please explain the rationale behind your proposal to add a section to the tariff  
1008 that provides for a compliance filing to be made at such time as new values to be  
1009 used in the calculations are determined in a rate case proceeding.

1010 A. In order for there to be no confusion or disagreement as to the amounts to be  
1011 used in the calculations for Rate Case Margin (RCM) and Percentage of Fixed  
1012 Costs (PFC), the tariff language should be revised to provide for a compliance  
1013 filing at the conclusion of a rate case setting forth those amounts approved in the  
1014 Final Order in any subsequent rate case. I propose the following section be  
1015 added to the tariff language:

1016 Section G – Compliance Filing  
1017 The Company shall submit as a public document in their rate  
1018 case compliance filing, the Rider VBA Rate Case Revenue  
1019 (RCR), and Percentage of Fixed Costs (PFC) resulting from the  
1020 approved revenue requirement from any future rate case.

1021 Company-identified Correction

1022 Q. Please explain the rationale behind your proposal to correct certain definitions  
1023 that were identified by the Companies.

1024 A. In response to Staff DR TEE 8.08 (Attachment F), the Companies identified an  
1025 “inadvertent” change that was made to the definition of Actual Margin in the filed  
1026 tariffs. I have reflected the correction identified by the Companies on Sheet No.  
1027 60 for North Shore and Sheet No. 61 for Peoples replacing the word “and” with  
1028 the word “excluding” in the definition for Actual Margin.

1029 Conclusion

1030 Q. Does this question end your prepared direct testimony?

1031 A. Yes.

**ICC Docket No. 11-0281**  
**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company's Response to**  
**Staff Data Requests TEE 9.01-9.08**  
**Dated: March 24, 2011**

**REQUEST NO. TEE 9.01:**

Referring to PGL Ex. 11.0, p. 9, lines 193 – 196, please explain specifically how the discussed contributions were from “internally generated sources,” including what the sources were.

**RESPONSE:**

Contributions discussed on PGL Ex. 11.0, lines 193-196 were made from internally-generated sources. Internally generated sources are all of the items that flow through net income adjusted for non-cash items like depreciation expense (see attached cash flow statement for additional examples, labeled PGL TEE 9.01 Attach 01) and changes in working capital. Internally generated sources, or net cash from operations, are used to fund investing activities, financing activities and continuing operations. Pension and other post retirement contributions are one of the continuing operations uses of these funds.

## THE PEOPLES GAS LIGHT AND COKE COMPANY

## E. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31 (Millions)	2010	2009	2008
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Net income	\$42.2	\$28.0	\$37.6
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization expense	79.7	64.6	67.4
Bad debt expense	37.8	30.5	45.9
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits	17.4	20.2	18.5
Pension and other postretirement expense	17.8	30.1	18.7
Pension and other postretirement contributions	(18.8)	(17.9)	(8.2)
Other	14.6	19.2	7.3
Changes in working capital			
Collateral on deposit	-	25.3	(24.9)
Accounts receivable and accrued unbilled revenues	(23.5)	117.5	(123.5)
Natural gas in storage	18.7	12.1	(26.2)
Other current assets	3.9	(8.3)	(21.8)
Accounts payable	(2.3)	(57.6)	(8.1)
Accrued taxes	2.9	(3.0)	41.6
Customer credit balances	(2.7)	2.7	(14.2)
Other current liabilities	(8.9)	10.7	(9.3)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>\$178.8</b>	<b>\$274.1</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Capital expenditures	(76.2)	(76.8)	(113.3)
Assets transferred to IBS	-	-	10.5
Proceeds from the sale or disposal of assets	0.5	0.7	0.5
Note receivable from related party	7.6	(7.6)	11.9
Other	0.4	-	-
<b>Net cash used for investing activities</b>	<b>\$(67.7)</b>	<b>\$(83.7)</b>	<b>(90.4)</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Commercial paper, net	-	(250.0)	62.8
Related party short-term debt, net	(16.2)	(12.3)	28.3
Issuance of long-term debt	-	75.0	50.0
Repayment of long-term debt	(50.0)	-	(51.0)
Dividends to parent	(44.4)	-	-
Other	(3.4)	(0.2)	-
<b>Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities</b>	<b>(114.0)</b>	<b>(187.5)</b>	<b>90.1</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2.9)</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	3.4	0.5	-
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>	<b>\$3.4</b>	<b>\$0.5</b>

The accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

**ICC Docket No. 11-0280**  
**North Shore Gas Company's Response to**  
**Staff Data Requests TEE 9.01-9.08**  
**Dated: March 24, 2011**

**REQUEST NO. TEE 9.02:**

Referring to NS Ex. 11.0, p. 7, lines 142 – 145, please explain specifically how the discussed contributions were from “internally generated sources” including what the sources were.

**RESPONSE:**

Contributions discussed on NS Ex. 11.0, lines 142-145 were made from internally-generated sources. Internally generated sources are all of the items that flow through net income adjusted for non-cash items like depreciation expense (see attached cash flow statement for additional examples) and changes in working capital. Internally generated sources, or net cash from operations, are used to fund investing activities, financing activities and continuing operations. Pension and other post retirement contributions are one of the continuing operations uses of these funds.

**NORTH SHORE GAS COMPANY**

**E. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

Year Ended December 31 (Millions)	2010	2009	2008
<b>Operating Activities</b>			
Net income	\$7.9	\$4.3	\$7.0
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities			
Depreciation and amortization expense	9.0	6.2	6.6
Bad debt expense	2.1	1.5	2.3
Deferred income taxes and investment tax credits	9.2	6.1	4.3
Pension and other postretirement expense	3.7	4.4	4.1
Pension and other postretirement contributions	(13.4)	(6.2)	(1.3)
Other	3.3	0.1	0.2
Changes in working capital			
Collateral on deposit	-	0.8	(0.6)
Accounts receivable and accrued unbilled revenues	(2.3)	24.3	(12.2)
Natural gas in storage	1.1	(0.9)	0.1
Other current assets	1.4	(7.4)	(0.1)
Accounts payable	(2.6)	(5.2)	(0.1)
Accrued taxes	0.1	(2.2)	3.6
Other current liabilities	(3.3)	2.0	(1.7)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Investing Activities</b>			
Capital expenditures	(12.1)	(14.1)	(10.0)
Proceeds from sale or disposal of assets	0.3	0.2	-
Other	-	(0.1)	0.2
<b>Net cash used for investing activities</b>	<b>(11.8)</b>	<b>(14.0)</b>	<b>(9.8)</b>
<b>Financing Activities</b>			
Related party short-term debt, net	3.0	(1.5)	(2.9)
Issuance of long-term debt	-	-	6.5
Repayment of long-term debt	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.2)
Dividends to parent	(7.9)	(11.5)	(5.7)
<b>Net cash used for financing activities</b>	<b>(5.0)</b>	<b>(13.3)</b>	<b>(2.3)</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(0.6)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	0.6	0.1	-
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**Proposed 2011 Executive Compensation  
Proposed 2011 Annual Incentive Measures and Weightings**

Docket No. 11-0280/0281  
(Consolidated)  
ICC Staff Exhibit 3.0  
Attachment C (N and P) Public

**No Financial Measures Payouts for any Participants unless Diluted EPS Adjusted Threshold is Exceeded. If Diluted EPS Adjusted Threshold is NOT Reached, any Earned Non-Financial Measures Payouts will be Reduced by Fifty (50) Percent.**

	<i>EPS % Weighting</i>
<b>Participant</b>	<b>EPS</b>
Executive 1	70%
Executive 2	70%
Executive 3	70%
Executive 4	70%
Executive 5	70%
Executive 6	70%
Executive 7	70%
Executive 8	70%
Executive 9	70%
Executive 10	70%
Executive 11	70%

**Proposed 2011 Executive Compensation  
Proposed 2011 Annual Incentive Measures and Weightings-All Other Executives**

Docket No. 11-0280/0281  
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ICC Staff Exhibit 3.0  
Attachment C (N and P) Public

**No Financial Measures Payouts for any Participants unless Integrys Energy Group, Inc. Diluted EPS Adjusted Threshold is exceeded. If Diluted EPS Adjusted Threshold is NOT Reached, any Earned Non-Financial Measures Payouts will be Reduced by Fifty (50) Percent.**

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<b>Participant</b>	<b>EPS</b>
Executive 12	70%
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Executive 14	70%
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Executive 20	70%
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Executive 23	70%
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**ICC Docket No. 11-0280**  
**North Shore Gas Company's Response to**  
**Staff Data Requests TEE 12.01-12.05**  
**Dated: April 29, 2011**

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**REQUEST NO. TEE 12.03:**

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- b) Explain why the 3.9% was applied to the total projected 2010 salary amounts, rather than only on the salary amounts actually impacted.

**RESPONSE:**

- a.) The three components of the 2011 wage increases have been or will be awarded as follows:
  - 3% was provided to all non-union employees with satisfactory performance;
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We anticipate that a similar process will be followed for 2012.

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**Dated: March 22, 2011**

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ILL. C. C. NO. 17  
Third Revised Sheet No. 60  
(Canceling Second Revised Sheet No. 60)

**North Shore Gas Company**

**RIDER TO SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR GAS SERVICE**

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**Rider VBA**

**Volume Balancing Adjustment**

**Applicable to Service Classification Nos. 1 and 2**

The Volume Balancing Adjustment (VBA), expressed on a cents per therm basis, stabilizes the distribution margin revenue approved by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding. A separate adjustment shall be calculated for each applicable Service Classification.

Each month through January, 2012, the Company shall determine monthly adjustments under this rider. The Effective Component, as outlined in Section B (1), shall be filed with the Commission on a monthly basis and be in effect for the following month. The final monthly Effective Component shall be filed no later than January 31, 2012 and shall be in effect from February 1 through February 29, 2012. The Reconciliation Adjustment and each of its two components, RA<sub>1</sub> and RA<sub>2</sub>, as outlined in Section B (2), shall be calculated and filed with the Commission annually no later than March 31, 2012 and amortized for the nine-month period commencing the following April 1.

Beginning in March, 2013, the Company shall determine annual adjustments under this rider. The adjustments, as outlined in Section C, shall be filed with the Commission, no later than March 20th of each year, and shall be in effect for the nine-month period commencing the following April 1.

**Section A - Definitions**

As used in this rider, the terms below are defined to mean:

**Actual Margin Revenue** (AMR) shall mean that dollar amount of distribution charge revenues, ~~and excluding~~ revenues arising from adjustments under this rider, which were billed for each applicable Service Classification for the applicable period.

~~**Actual Customers** (AC) shall mean the number of customers in each applicable Service Classification for the applicable period.~~

**Effective Month** shall mean the month for which the Effective Component in Section B (1) is calculated, and shall be the month after the Filing Month.

**Effective Period** shall mean the period for which the adjustments in Section C are to be billed to customers, and shall be the nine-month period after the Filing Month.

**Factor T** (T) shall mean the number of therms of gas delivered to customers by the Company, including the number of therms of customer-owned or supplier-owned gas delivered by the Company, for the applicable period.

**Filing Month** shall mean the month in which an adjustment is determined by the Company and submitted to the Commission.

**Fiscal Year** shall mean the Fiscal Year of the Company that ended as of the most recent December 31.

Date Issued: FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Date Effective: APRIL 1, 2011

Asterisk (\*) indicates change.

Issued by James F. Schott, Vice President  
130 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601

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**Rider VBA**

**Volume Balancing Adjustment**

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**Section A - Definitions** - continued

**Percentage of Fixed Costs** (PFC) shall mean the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

**Previous Amortization Period** shall mean the nine-month reconciliation amortization period that ended as of the most recent Fiscal Year.

~~**Rate Case Customers** (RCC) shall mean the number of customers that underlie the rates approved by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding for each applicable Service Classification.~~

**Rate Case Margin Revenue** (RCMR) shall mean that dollar amount of distribution charge revenues approved by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding for each applicable Service Classification. In a month in which new distribution rates come into effect, the RCMR shall be prorated based upon the number of number of days in the month under the old rates and the number of days in the month under the new rates.

**Reconciliation Month** shall mean the second month prior to the Effective Month.

**Upcoming Amortization Period** shall mean the nine-month reconciliation amortization period commencing on April 1 following the Fiscal Year.

**Section B - Determination of Adjustment through February 2012**

There shall be a separate per therm adjustment amount determined under this rider for each applicable Service Classification and such amount shall be the sum of the amounts determined pursuant to subsections (1) and (2).

(1) **Effective Component** – The adjustment, determined for each Service Classification, to be billed for the Effective Month is represented by the following formula:

$$[(RCMR / RCC) - (AMR / AC)] \times PFC \times RCC / T \times 100$$

Where:

RCMR represents the Rate Case Margin Revenue for the Reconciliation Month.

~~RCC represents the number of Rate Case Customers for the Reconciliation Month.~~

AMR represents the Actual Margin Revenue for the Reconciliation Month.

~~AC represents the number of Actual Customers for the Reconciliation Month.~~

T represents the forecast Factor T for the Effective Month.

PFC represents the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

The final monthly Effective Component shall be determined and billed for the Effective Month of February, 2012.

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**Section B - Determination of Adjustment – continued**

(2) **Reconciliation Adjustment** – Through March 31, 2012, the reconciliation adjustment determined for each Service Classification is calculated annually, amortized over a nine-month period, and represented by the following formula:

$$[(RA_1 + RA_2 + O) \times (1 + i)] / T \times 100$$

Where:

RA<sub>1</sub> = an amount due the Company (+RA<sub>1</sub>) or an amount due the customer (-RA<sub>1</sub>) arising from the reconciliation of Rate Case ~~Margin~~ Revenues and Actual ~~Margin~~ Revenues plus revenues arising from application of the Effective Component in (1) above.

RA<sub>1</sub> shall be represented by the following formula:

$$(RCMR - (AMR / AC \times RCC)) \times PFC - VBAR$$

Where:

RCMR represents the Rate Case ~~Margin~~ Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

AMR represents the Actual ~~Margin~~ Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

~~AC~~ represents the average monthly number of Actual Customers for the Fiscal Year.

~~RCC~~ represents the average monthly number of Rate Case Customers for the Fiscal Year.

VBAR represents the sum of the actual monthly revenues arising from the application of the Effective Component in Section B (1) for the previous 12-month period ending February.

O represents the Ordered adjustment, in dollars (\$), ordered by the Commission that is to be refunded to or collected from customers as a result of the reconciliation established in Section D.

PFC represents the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

Where:

RA<sub>2</sub> = an amount due the Company (+RA<sub>2</sub>) or an amount due the customer (-RA<sub>2</sub>) as a consequence of any prior RA<sub>1</sub> adjustment.

RA<sub>2</sub> shall be represented by the following formula:

$$RA - RAR$$

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Where:

RA represents RA<sub>1</sub> and O for the Previous Reconciliation Period.

RAR represents actual revenues arising from the application of RA for each month during the Fiscal Year.

i represents the interest rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.70(e)(1) and in effect when each adjustment under this section is calculated, adjusted for the number of months in the Reconciliation Period.

T represents the forecast Factor T for the Upcoming Reconciliation Period.

The Effective Component and the Reconciliation Adjustment shall each be separately determined. If an adjustment computes to 0.01¢ per therm or more, any fraction of 0.01¢ in the computed per therm adjustment amount shall be dropped if less than 0.005¢ or, if 0.005¢ or more, shall be rounded up to the next full 0.01¢.

If the Company determines that RA will more nearly be refunded or recovered at the end of any month up to 11 months, the amortization period may be shortened or lengthened accordingly upon the Company giving 15 days' notice to the Commission of the change in the amortization period.

\* **Section C – Determination of Adjustment in 2013 and Thereafter**

There shall be separate per therm adjustments determined annually for each applicable Service Classification, and such adjustments shall be determined with two separate components, as follows:

$$\left[ \frac{[(RCMR / RCC) - (AMR / AC)] \times PFC \times RCC}{T} + \frac{(RA + O) \times (1 + i)}{T} \right] \times 100$$

Where:

~~RCMR~~ represents the Rate Case ~~Margin Revenue~~ for the Fiscal Year.

~~RCC~~ represents average monthly number of ~~Rate Case Customers~~ for the Fiscal Year.

~~AMR~~ represents the Actual ~~Margin Revenue~~ for the Fiscal Year.

~~AC~~ represents the average monthly number of ~~Actual Customers~~ for the Fiscal Year.

T represents the Factor T for the Effective Period.

O represents the Ordered adjustment, in dollars (\$), ordered by the Commission that is to be refunded to or collected from customers as a result of the reconciliation established in Section D.

PFC represents the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

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\* and \*\* **Section C – Determination of Adjustment in 2013 and Thereafter** - continued

- RA represents the dollar amount due the Company (+RA) or the customers (-RA) arising from adjustments under this rider that were under-billed or over-billed to each Service Classification in the Fiscal Year.
- i represents the interest rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.70(e)(1) and in effect when each adjustment under this section is calculated, adjusted for the number of months in the Effective Period.

The adjustment components above shall be summed together for billing purposes. If either component of the adjustments computes to 0.01¢ per therm or more, any fraction of 0.01¢ in the computed per therm adjustment amount shall be dropped if less than 0.005¢ or, if 0.005¢ or more, shall be rounded up to the next full 0.01¢.

\* and \*\* **Section D - Reports and Reconciliations**

- (1) **Through January 2012** - On or before January 31, 2012, the Company shall file with the Commission an information sheet that specifies the adjustments to be effective under this rider for the Effective Month of February, 2012. The Company shall file any corrections from a timely filed information sheet on or before January 31, 2012. Any filing after that date will be accepted only if submitted as a special permission request under the provisions of Section 9-201 (a) of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/9-201 (a)].

The Company shall file with the Commission annually, no later than March 31, 2012, a statement of the Reconciliation Adjustment components RA<sub>1</sub> and RA<sub>2</sub> to be applicable for the Upcoming Amortization Period. The Company shall also submit a report which provides the Company's rate of return with and without the effect of Rider VBA. At this same time, the Company shall also file a petition with the Commission seeking initiation of an annual reconciliation to determine the accuracy of the statement. The reconciling amount from such proceeding (Factor O) shall be recovered in the manner determined by the Commission in the annual reconciliation proceeding.

- (2) **In 2013 and thereafter** - The Company shall file with the Commission on or before March 20 of each year, an information sheet that specifies the annual adjustments to be effective under this rider. The Company shall file any corrections from a timely filed information sheet on or before March 31. Any filing after that date will be accepted only if submitted as a special permission request under the provisions of Section 9-201 (a) of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/9-201 (a)]. The Company shall include with its filing a report which shows a determination of the RA to be applicable for the Upcoming Amortization Period. The Company shall also submit a report which provides the Company's rate of return with and without the effect of Rider VBA. At this same time, the Company shall also file a petition with the Commission seeking initiation of an annual reconciliation to determine the accuracy of the statement. The reconciling amount from such proceeding (Factor O) shall be recovered in the manner determined by the Commission in the annual reconciliation proceeding.

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**\* and \*\* Section E - Terms and Conditions**

Subject to Terms and Conditions of Service and Riders to Schedule of Rates for Gas Service which are applicable to this rider.

**\* and \*\* Section F – Audit**

~~The Company shall submit annually to the Manager of the Accounting Department of the Commission's Financial Analysis Division, no later than August 1, an internal audit report that determines whether or not the adjustments and information provided in Section C have been calculated in accordance with this rider.~~

The Company shall annually conduct an internal audit of its costs and recoveries of such costs pursuant to the Rider. The internal audit shall determine if: 1) the actual amount of revenues that exceed or fall short of any previously established levels collected through base rate charges are correctly reflected in the calculations; 2) the revenues are not collected through other approved tariffs; 3) Rider VBA is being properly billed to Customers; 4) Rider VBA revenues are recorded in appropriate accounts; and 5) any reimbursements of costs are identified and recorded properly for calculating rates and reconciliation. The above list of determinations does not limit the scope of the audit. The Company shall submit the audit report to the ICC's Manager of the Accounting Department by August 1 each year. Such report shall be verified by an officer of the Company.

**Section G – Compliance Filing**

The Company shall submit as a public document in their rate case compliance filing, the Rider VBA Rate Case Revenue (RCR), and Percentage of Fixed Costs (PFC) resulting from the approved revenue requirement from any future rate case.

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The Volume Balancing Adjustment (VBA), expressed on a cents per therm basis, stabilizes the distribution margin revenue approved by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding. A separate adjustment shall be calculated for each applicable Service Classification.

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Each month through January, 2012, the Company shall determine monthly adjustments under this rider. The Effective Component, as outlined in Section B (1), shall be filed with the Commission on a monthly basis and be in effect for the following month. The final monthly Effective Component shall be filed no later than January 31, 2012 and shall be in effect from February 1 through February 29, 2012. The Reconciliation Adjustment and each of its two components, RA<sub>1</sub> and RA<sub>2</sub>, as outlined in Section B (2), shall be calculated and filed with the Commission annually no later than March 31, 2012 and amortized for the nine-month period commencing the following April 1.

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Beginning in March, 2013, the Company shall determine annual adjustments under this rider. The adjustments, as outlined in Section C, shall be filed with the Commission, no later than March 20th of each year, and shall be in effect for the nine-month period commencing the following April 1.

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**Section A - Definitions**

As used in this rider, the terms below are defined to mean:

**Actual Margin Revenue** (AMR) shall mean that dollar amount of distribution charge revenues, ~~and excluding~~ revenues arising from adjustments under this rider, which were billed for each applicable Service Classification for the applicable period.

~~**Actual Customers** (AC) shall mean the number of customers in each applicable Service Classification for the applicable period.~~

**Effective Month** shall mean the month for which the Effective Component in Section B (1) is calculated, and shall be the month after the Filing Month.

**Effective Period** shall mean the period for which the adjustments in Section C are to be billed to customers, and shall be the nine-month period after the Filing Month.

**Factor T** (T) shall mean the number of therms of gas delivered to customers by the Company, including the number of therms of customer-owned or supplier-owned gas delivered by the Company, for the applicable period.

**Filing Month** shall mean the month in which an adjustment is determined by the Company and submitted to the Commission.

**Fiscal Year** shall mean the Fiscal Year of the Company that ended as of the most recent December 31.

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**Section A - Definitions** - continued

**Percentage of Fixed Costs** (PFC) shall mean the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

**Previous Amortization Period** shall mean the nine-month reconciliation amortization period that ended as of the most recent Fiscal Year.

~~**Rate Case Customers** (RCC) shall mean the number of customers that underlie the rates approved by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding for each applicable Service Classification.~~

**Rate Case Margin Revenue** (RCMR) shall mean that dollar amount of distribution charge revenues approved by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding for each applicable Service Classification. In a month in which new distribution rates come into effect, the RCMR shall be prorated based upon the number of number of days in the month under the old rates and the number of days in the month under the new rates.

**Reconciliation Month** shall mean the second month prior to the Effective Month.

**Upcoming Amortization Period** shall mean the nine-month reconciliation amortization period commencing on April 1 following the Fiscal Year.

**Section B - Determination of Adjustment through February 2012**

There shall be a separate per therm adjustment amount determined under this rider for each applicable Service Classification and such amount shall be the sum of the amounts determined pursuant to subsections (1) and (2).

(1) **Effective Component** – The adjustment, determined for each Service Classification, to be billed for the Effective Month is represented by the following formula:

$$[(RCMR / RCC) - (AMR / AC)] \times PFC \times RCC / T \times 100$$

Where:

RCMR represents the Rate Case Margin Revenue for the Reconciliation Month.

~~RCC represents the number of Rate Case Customers for the Reconciliation Month.~~

AMR represents the Actual Margin Revenue for the Reconciliation Month.

~~AC represents the number of Actual Customers for the Reconciliation Month.~~

T represents the forecast Factor T for the Effective Month.

PFC represents the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

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**Section B - Determination of Adjustment** – continued

(2) **Reconciliation Adjustment** – Through March 31, 2012, the reconciliation adjustment determined for each Service Classification is calculated annually, amortized over a nine-month period, and represented by the following formula:

$$[(RA_1 + RA_2 + O) \times (1 + i)] / T \times 100$$

Where:

$RA_1$  = an amount due the Company (+ $RA_1$ ) or an amount due the customer (- $RA_1$ ) arising from the reconciliation of Rate Case ~~Margin~~ Revenues and Actual ~~Margin~~ Revenues plus revenues arising from application of the Effective Component in subsection B (1) above.

$RA_1$  shall be represented by the following formula:

$$(\text{RCMR} - (\text{AMR} / \text{AC} \times \text{RCC})) \times \text{PFC} - \text{VBAR}$$

Where:

RCMR represents the Rate Case ~~Margin~~ Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

AMR represents the Actual ~~Margin~~ Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

~~AC~~ represents the average monthly number of Actual Customers for the Fiscal Year.

~~RCC~~ represents the average monthly number of Rate Case Customers for the Fiscal Year.

VBAR represents the sum of the actual monthly revenues arising from the application of the Effective Component in Section B (1) for the previous 12-month period ending February.

O represents the Ordered adjustment, in dollars (\$), ordered by the Commission that is to be refunded to or collected from customers as a result of the reconciliation established in Section D.

PFC represents the percentage of the Company's costs that are fixed as determined and authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent rate proceeding.

$RA_2$  = an amount due the Company (+ $RA_2$ ) or an amount due the customer (- $RA_2$ ) as a consequence of any prior  $RA_1$  adjustment.

$RA_2$  shall be represented by the following formula:

$$RA - RAR$$

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**Section B - Determination of Adjustment – continued**

Where:

RA represents RA<sub>1</sub> and O for the Previous Amortization Period.

RAR represents actual revenues arising from the application of RA for each month during the Fiscal Year.

i represents the interest rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.70(e)(1) and in effect when each adjustment under this section is calculated, adjusted for the number of months in the Upcoming Amortization Period.

T represents the forecast Factor T for the Upcoming Amortization Period.

The Effective Component and the Reconciliation Adjustment shall each be separately determined. If an adjustment computes to 0.01¢ per therm or more, any fraction of 0.01¢ in the computed per therm adjustment amount shall be dropped if less than 0.005¢ or, if 0.005¢ or more, shall be rounded up to the next full 0.01¢.

If the Company determines that RA will more nearly be refunded or recovered at the end of any month up to 11 months, the amortization period may be shortened or lengthened accordingly upon the Company giving 15 days' notice to the Commission of the change in the amortization period.

**Section C – Determination of Adjustment in 2013 and Thereafter**

There shall be separate per therm adjustments determined annually for each applicable Service Classification, and such adjustments shall be determined with two separate components, as follows:

$$\left[ \frac{[(RCMR / RCC) - (AMR / AC)] \times PFC \times RCC}{T} + \frac{(RA + O) \times (1 + i)}{T} \right] \times 100$$

Where:

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~~AMR~~ represents the Actual Margin Revenue for the Fiscal Year.

~~AC~~ represents the average monthly number of Actual Customers for the Fiscal Year.

T represents the Factor T for the Effective Period.

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\* and \*\* **Section C – Determination of Adjustment in 2013 and Thereafter** - continued

- RA represents the dollar amount due the Company (+RA) or the customers (-RA) arising from adjustments under this rider that were under-billed or over-billed to each Service Classification in the Fiscal Year.
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The adjustment components above shall be summed together for billing purposes. If either component of the adjustments computes to 0.01¢ per therm or more, any fraction of 0.01¢ in the computed per therm adjustment amount shall be dropped if less than 0.005¢ or, if 0.005¢ or more, shall be rounded up to the next full 0.01¢.

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- (1) **Through January 2012** - On or before January 31, 2012, the Company shall file with the Commission an information sheet that specifies the adjustments to be effective under this rider for the Effective Month of February, 2012. The Company shall file any corrections from a timely filed information sheet on or before January 31, 2012. Any filing after that date will be accepted only if submitted as a special permission request under the provisions of Section 9-201 (a) of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/9-201 (a)].

The Company shall file with the Commission annually, no later than March 31, 2012, a statement of the Reconciliation Adjustment components RA<sub>1</sub> and RA<sub>2</sub> to be applicable for the Upcoming Amortization Period. The Company shall also submit a report which provides the Company's rate of return with and without the effect of Rider VBA. At this same time, the Company shall also file a petition with the Commission seeking initiation of an annual reconciliation to determine the accuracy of the statement. The reconciling amount from such proceeding (Factor O) shall be recovered in the manner determined by the Commission in the annual reconciliation proceeding.

- (2) **In 2013 and thereafter** - The Company shall file with the Commission on or before March 20 of each year, an information sheet that specifies the annual adjustments to be effective under this rider. The Company shall file any corrections from a timely filed information sheet on or before March 31. Any filing after that date will be accepted only if submitted as a special permission request under the provisions of Section 9-201 (a) of the Public Utilities Act [220 ILCS 5/9-201 (a)]. The Company shall include with its filing a report which shows a determination of the RA to be applicable for the Upcoming Amortization Period. The Company shall also submit a report which provides the Company's rate of return with and without the effect of Rider VBA. At this same time, the Company shall also file a petition with the Commission seeking initiation of an annual reconciliation to determine the accuracy of the statement. The reconciling amount from such proceeding (Factor O) shall be recovered in the manner determined by the Commission in the annual reconciliation proceeding.

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**\* and \*\* Section E - Terms and Conditions**

Subject to Terms and Conditions of Service and Riders to Schedule of Rates for Gas Service which are applicable to this rider.

**\* and \*\* Section F – Audit**

~~\_\_\_\_\_ The Company shall submit annually to the Manager of the Accounting Department of the Commission's Financial Analysis Division, no later than August 1, an internal audit report that determines whether or not the adjustments and information provided in Section C have been calculated in accordance with this rider.~~

The Company shall annually conduct an internal audit of its costs and recoveries of such costs pursuant to the Rider. The internal audit shall determine if: 1) the actual amount of revenues that exceed or fall short of any previously established levels collected through base rate charges are correctly reflected in the calculations; 2) the revenues are not collected through other approved tariffs; 3) Rider VBA is being properly billed to Customers; 4) Rider VBA revenues are recorded in appropriate accounts; and 5) any reimbursements of costs are identified and recorded properly for calculating rates and reconciliation. The above list of determinations does not limit the scope of the audit. The Company shall submit the audit report to the ICC's Manager of the Accounting Department by August 1 each year. Such report shall be verified by an officer of the Company.

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**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Pension Asset  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
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Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Pension Asset per Staff	\$ -	
2	Pension Asset per Company	<u>3,208</u>	Company Schedule B-1.2
3	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Pension Asset	<u>\$ (3,208)</u>	Line 1 minus line 2
4	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Per Staff	\$ -	
5	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Per Company	<u>591</u>	Company response to TEE 4.08 Attach 01
6	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Accumulated Deferred Income Tax	<u>\$ (591)</u>	Line 4 minus line 5

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2	Total Other Production per Staff	\$ (9)	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 3 , line 2, cols. (c) & (e)
3	Total Other Production per Company	-	
4	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Storage Expense	<u>\$ (9)</u>	
5	Total Customer Accounts per Staff	\$ (110)	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 3 , line 4, cols. (c) & (e)
6	Total Customer Accounts per Company	-	
7	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Customer Accounts Exp.	<u>\$ (110)</u>	
8	Total Distribution per Staff	\$ (119)	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 3 , line 3, cols. (c) & (e)
9	Total Distribution per Company	-	
10	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Distribution Expense	<u>\$ (119)</u>	
11	Total Customer Services and Informational Services per Staff	\$ (18)	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 3 , line 5, cols. (c) & (e)
12	Total Customer Services and Informational Services per Company	-	
13	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Cust./Info. Services Exp.	<u>\$ (18)</u>	
14	Total Admin. & General per Staff	\$ (1,097)	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 2 , lines 4, 7 and 8 + Sch. 3.2 N, p. 3 , line 6, cols. (c) & (e) + Sch. 3.2 N, p. 4 , line 4
15	Total Admin. & General per Company	-	
16	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Admin. & General Expense	<u>\$ (1,097)</u>	
17	Total Capitalized amount per Staff	\$ (247)	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 3 , line 7, cols. (c) & (e) + Sch. 3.2 N, p. 5 , line 4
18	Total Capitalized amount per Company	-	
19	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Rate Base	<u>\$ (247)</u>	
20	Total Payroll Taxes Per Staff	\$ (122)	(Sum of Lines 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22) x 7.65%
21	Total Payroll Taxes Per Company	-	
22	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Taxes Other Than Income	<u>\$ (122)</u>	
23	Depreciation Exp from Non-Executive Plan Gross Plant	(3)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 8, cols. (c) & (e) x Composite rate of 2.58%
24	Depreciation exp on costs disallowed in Docket 07-0241/0242	(1)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
25	Depreciation exp on costs disallowed in Docket 09-0166/0167	(2)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
26	Depreciation Expense Adjustment per Staff	\$ (6)	
27	Depreciation Expense per Company	-	
28	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ (6)</u>	
29	Accumulated Depreciation per Staff	\$ 24	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 1 , line 23 x -1 + Sch. 3.2 N, p. 5 , line 8
30	Accumulated Depreciation per Company	-	
31	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 24</u>	
32	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes per Staff	\$ 8	Sch. 3.2 N, p. 5, line 12
33	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes per Company	-	
34	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Accum. Def. Income Taxes	<u>\$ 8</u>	

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	<u>Executive Plan</u>		
2	Administrative and General Total Cost	\$ 210	Company Response to TEE 12.05(NS 4678)
3	Financial Weighting	<u>70%</u>	Company Response to TEE 12.04
4	Executive Plan Financial Goals Cost	<u>\$ (147)</u>	Line 2 x line 3 x -1
5	Non-Financial Weighting	<u>30%</u>	1 minus line 3
6	Executive Plan Non-Financial Goals Cost	<u>\$ 63</u>	Line 5 x line 2
7	Performance Goals Based on Non-PGL Achievements	<u>\$ (46)</u>	Lline 7 x line 15
8	Performance Goals Based on IEG Net Income	<u>\$ (9)</u>	(Line 6 + line 7 + line 8) x -50%; Company Response to DLH-21.01
9	Allocation for line 8 calculated based upon the percentage of IBS Gas Services and IBS Corp. Services & SSO to total North Shore:		
10	IBS Corp. Services	\$ 153	Company Response to TEE 12.05 (NS 4685)
11	Total Exec NS Charges	\$ 210	Col. (b) line 2
12	Calculated Allocation percent	73%	Line 14 / line 15

**North Shore Gas Company**  
**Adjustment to Incentive Compensation**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Total Amount	Financial Goals	Subtotal	Performance Goals Based on Non-NS Achievements
	(a)	(b)	(c) (b) x -50%	(d) (b) + (c)	(e) (d) x -46%
1	<u>Non-Executive Plan</u>				
2	Other Production	\$ 12	\$ (6)	\$ 6	\$ (3)
3	Distribution	163	(82)	81	(37)
4	Customer Accounts	150	(75)	75	(35)
5	Cust. Serv. & Info. Serv.	24	(12)	12	(6)
6	Admin. and General	482	(241)	241	(111)
7	Gross Plant	171	(86)	85	(39)

Sources by Column:

(b) Company Response to TEE 12.05 Attach 01 (NS 4679 and 4680)

(c) Weighted at 50% per Response to NS Ex. 9.1

(e) Allocation calculated based upon the percentage of IEG to total North Shore:

Integrus Energy Group \$ 460 Company Response to TEE 12.05 (NS 4683)

Total Non-Exec NS Charges \$ 1,002 Col. (b) sum of line 2 through 8

Calculated Allocation percent 46%

**North Shore Gas Company  
 Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
 For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
 (In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	<u>Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plans</u>		
2	Omnibus Incentive Award per Staff	\$ -	
3	Omnibus Incentive Award per Company	<u>544</u>	Company response to TEE 12.05 (NS 4678)
4	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Admin. & General Exp.	<u>\$ (544)</u>	Line 2 - line 3

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Capitalized costs disallowed in Docket 07-0241/0242	\$ (27)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
2	Capitalized costs disallowed in Docket 09-0166/0167	\$ (95)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
3	Amount removed by Company	-	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
4	Staff proposed adjustment to plant	<u>\$ (122)</u>	Line 1 plus line 2 minus line 3
5	Accumulated depreciation on capitalized costs in Docket 07-0241/0242	\$ 6	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
6	Accumulated depreciation on capitalized costs in Docket 09-0166/0167	\$ 15	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
7	Amount removed by Company	-	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
8	Staff proposed adjustment to plant	<u>\$ 21</u>	Line 5 plus line 6 minus line 7
9	Deferred Taxes associated with capitalized costs in Docket 07-0241/0242	\$ 4	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
10	Deferred Taxes associated with capitalized costs in Docket 09-0166/0167	\$ 4	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
11	Amount removed by Company	-	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
12	Staff proposed adjustment to plant	<u>\$ 8</u>	Line 9 plus line 10 minus line 11

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Non-Union Wages  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Test Year Amount per Staff (b)	Test Year Amount per Company (c)	Staff Proposed Adjustment (d)
1	Storage	\$ 52	\$ -	\$ 52
2	Transmission	-	-	-
3	Distribution	2,501	2,146	355
4	Customer Accounts	1,915	1,844	71
5	Customer Services & Informational Services	329	288	41
6	Administrative & General	4,283	4,808	(525)
7	Construction	1,426	1,610	(184)
8	Total	<u>\$ 10,506</u>	<u>\$ 10,696</u>	<u>\$ (190)</u>
9	Payroll Taxes at line 8 x 7.65%			(15)
10	Depreciation Expense at line 7 x Composite rate of 2.5% per TEE 10.06			(5)
11	Accumulated Depreciation at line 7 x -1 x Composite rate of 2.5% per TEE 10.06			5
12	Accumulated Deferred Income Tax per TEE 10.06			5

Sources by Column:

(b) Source: Sch. 1.8 N, p. 2, col (d)

(c) Source: Company Response to TEE 7.01, Attach 1, col [B]

Total Other Payroll from TEE 7.01 Allocated Based on Test Year Split in TEE 10.05:

Total Other included in Schedule B-1 per TEE 10.05	\$ 1,617
Total Other included in Schedule C-1, Distribution, per TEE 10.05	1,034
Total Other Payroll per TEE 7.01	<u>\$ 2,651</u>
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$2,261 Allocated to Constuction at 80%	1,379
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$2,261 Allocated to Distribution at 20%	882

(d) Source: Col. (b) - Col. (c)

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Non-Union Wages  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Actual 2010 Amount (b)	Calculated 2011 Per Staff (c)	Calculated 2012 Per Staff (d)
1	Storage	\$ 49	\$ 50	\$ 52
2	Transmission	-	0	0
3	Distribution	2,372	2,443	2,501
4	Customer Accounts	1,817	1,872	1,915
5	Customer Services & Informational Services	312	321	329
6	Administrative & General	4,063	4,185	4,283
7	Construction	1,353	1,394	1,426
8	Total	<u>\$ 9,966</u>	<u>\$ 10,265</u>	<u>\$ 10,506</u>

Sources by Column:

(b) Source: Company Response to TEE 7.01, Attach 1, col [D]  
Total Other Payroll from TEE 7.01 Allocated Based on Test Year Split in TEE 10.05:  
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$1,501 Allocated to Constuction at 80%  
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$1,501 Allocated to Distribution at 20%

(c) Source: Col. (b) x 1.03  
(d) Source: Col. (c) x 1.022

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Materials and Supplies Inventory  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	2009 Amount	2010 Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
	Additions to Materials & Supplies Inventory			
1	January	\$ 242	\$ 270	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
2	February	197	218	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
3	March	184	241	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
4	April	240	236	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
5	May	245	96	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
6	June	302	105	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
7	July	263	227	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
8	August	317	163	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
9	September	213	133	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
10	October	273	157	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
11	November	369	151	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
12	December	276	183	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
13	Lead Days associated with Materials and Supplies		42.44	Company response to TEE 6.04
14	Days in the Year		<u>365</u>	
15	Percentage Materials and Supplies in Accounts Payable		11.63%	Line 13 divided by line 14
16	Test Year Materials and Supplies Purchases		\$ 2,651	Company Schedule B-8.1
17	Materials & Supplies Accounts Payable per Staff		\$ (308)	Line 15 times line 16
18	Materials & Supplies Accounts Payable per Company		<u>(2)</u>	Company Schedule B-8.1
19	Proposed adjustment to Materials & Supplies per Staff		<u>\$ (306)</u>	Line 17 minus line 18

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Gas in Storage Inventory  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
1	Lead Days associated with Materials and Supplies		40.53	Company Schedule B-8
2	Days in the Year		365	
3	Percentage Materials and Supplies in Accounts Payable		11.10%	Line 1 times line 2
4	Test Year Gas Injections	9,964		Company Schedule F-8
5	Price	\$5.30		Company response to PGL ENG 5.01 Attach 02
6	Test Year Gas Injections Value		\$ 52,809	Line 4 times line 5
7	Gas in Storage Accounts Payable per Staff		\$ (5,864)	Line 3 times line 6
8	Gas in Storage Accounts Payable per Company		<u>(1,912)</u>	Company Schedule B-1.1
9	Proposed adjustment to Gas in Storage per Staff		<u>\$ (3,952)</u>	Line 7 minus line 8

**North Shore Gas Company**  
**Adjustment to Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No. <u>(A)</u>	Description <u>(B)</u>	Amount <u>(C)</u>	Source <u>(D)</u>
1	Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances per Staff	\$ 16	Staff Ex. 3.0, Sch. 3.4 N, Page 2 of 2, Column F, Line 13
2	Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances per Compa	<u>64</u>	NS Schedule C-2.10, Line 8
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ (48)</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company**  
**Adjustment to Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No. (A)	Month (B)	2011 - 2012 Average Cr. Balances ((C+D)/2) (C)	Days in Month (D)	Interest Rate (E)	Staff Interest Calculation (C x D x E) (F)
1	January 31	3,861	31	0.50%	\$ 2
2	February 28	1,589	28	0.50%	\$ 1
3	March 31	1,084	31	0.50%	\$ 0
4	April 30	976	30	0.50%	\$ 0
5	May 31	1,070	31	0.50%	\$ 0
6	June 30	1,335	30	0.50%	\$ 1
7	July 31	1,761	31	0.50%	\$ 1
8	August 31	2,774	31	0.50%	\$ 1
9	September 30	4,514	30	0.50%	\$ 2
10	October 31	6,571	31	0.50%	\$ 3
11	November 30	7,304	30	0.50%	\$ 3
12	December 31	5,443	31	0.50%	\$ 2
13	Sum of Lines 1 through 12				\$ 16

Sources:

Column (C): Company response to Staff Data Request TEE 1.20 Attach 01  
Column (E): Order, Docket No.10-0719, interest rate for calendar year 2011

**North Shore Gas Company**  
**Adjustment to Interest on Customer Deposits**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No. <u>(A)</u>	Description <u>(B)</u>	Amount <u>(C)</u>	Source <u>(D)</u>
1	Interest on Customer Deposits per Staff	\$ 13	Staff Ex. 3.0, Sch. 3.5 N, Page 2 of 2, Column F, Line 13
2	Interest on Customer Deposits per Company	<u>52</u>	NS Schedule C-2.9, Line 8
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ (39)</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Interest on Customer Deposits  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No. (A)	Month (B)	2011 - 2012 Average Credit Balances (C)	Days in Month (D)	Interest Rate (E)	Staff Interest Calculation (C x D x E) (F)
1	January 31	2,635	31	0.50%	\$ 1
2	February 28	2,611	28	0.50%	1
3	March 31	2,605	31	0.50%	1
4	April 30	2,517	30	0.50%	1
5	May 31	2,551	31	0.50%	1
6	June 30	2,543	30	0.50%	1
7	July 31	2,511	31	0.50%	1
8	August 31	2,777	31	0.50%	1
9	September 30	2,722	30	0.50%	1
10	October 31	2,688	31	0.50%	1
11	November 30	2,665	30	0.50%	1
12	December 31	2,650	31	0.50%	1
13	Sum of Lines 1 through 12				\$ 13

Sources:

Column (C): Company response to Staff Data Request TEE 1.20 Attach 01  
Column (E): Order, Docket No.10-0719, interest rate for calendar year 2011

**North Shore Gas Company**  
**Adjustment to Solicitation Revenue**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Solicitation Revenue per Staff	\$ 116	Staff Ex. 9.0, p. 40
2	Solicitation Revenue per Company	<u>-</u>	
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ 116</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**North Shore Gas Company  
Adjustment to Repairs Revenue  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Repairs Revenue per Staff	\$ 2	Staff Ex. 9.0, p. 42
2	Repairs Revenue per Company	<u>1</u>	Company response to Staff DR DAS 2.10 Att. 01
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ 1</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Pension Asset  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Pension Asset per Staff	\$ -	
2	Pension Asset per Company	<u>119,101</u>	Company Schedule B-1.2
3	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Pension Asset	<u>\$(119,101)</u>	Line 1 minus line 2
4	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Per Staff	\$ -	
5	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Per Company	<u>(63,407)</u>	Company response to TEE 4.08 Attach 01
6	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Accumulated Deferred Income Tax	<u>\$ 63,407</u>	Line 4 minus line 5

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)	Source (c)
1	<b>Summary</b>		
2	Total Storage Adjustment per Staff	\$ (130)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 2, cols. (c) & (e)
3	Total Storage Adjustment per Company	-	
4	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Storage Expense	<u>\$ (130)</u>	
5	Total Transmission Adjustment per Staff	\$ (53)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 3, cols. (c) & (e)
6	Total Transmission Adjustment per Company	-	
7	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Transmission Expense	<u>\$ (53)</u>	
8	Total Customer Accounts Adjustment per Staff	\$ (576)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 5, cols. (c) & (e)
9	Total Customer Accounts Adjustment per Company	-	
10	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Customer Accounts Exp.	<u>\$ (576)</u>	
11	Total Distribution Adjustment per Staff	\$ (803)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 4, cols. (c) & (e)
12	Total Distribution Adjustment per Company	-	
13	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Distribution Expense	<u>\$ (803)</u>	
14	Total Cust. Serv. and Info. Serv. Adjustment per Staff	\$ (82)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 6, cols. (c) & (e)
15	Total Cust. Serv. and Info. Serv. Adjustment per Company	-	
16	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Cust.& Info. Services Exp.	<u>\$ (82)</u>	
17	Total Admin. & General Adjustment per Staff	\$ (5,956)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 2 , lines 4, 7 and 8 + Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 7, cols. (c) & (e) + Sch. 3.2 P, p. 4 , line 4
18	Total Admin. & General Adjustment per Company	-	
19	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Admin. & General Expense	<u>\$ (5,956)</u>	
20	Total Capitalized Adjustment amount per Staff	\$ (1,356)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 8, cols. (c) & (e) + Sch. 3.2 P, p. 5 , line 4
21	Total Capitalized Adjustment amount per Company	-	
22	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Rate Base	<u>\$ (1,356)</u>	
23	Total Payroll Taxes Adjustment per Staff	\$ (685)	(Sum of Lines 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 19 and 22) x 7.65%
24	Total Payroll Taxes Adjustment per Company	-	
25	Total Staff Proposed Adjustment to Taxes Other Than Income	<u>\$ (685)</u>	
26	Depreciation Exp from Non-Executive Plan Gross Plant	\$ (23)	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 3 , line 8, cols. (c) & (e) x Composite rate of 3.28%
27	Depreciation exp on costs disallowed in Docket 07-0241/024;	(5)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
28	Depreciation exp on costs disallowed in Docket 09-0166/016;	(16)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
29	Depreciation Expense Adjustment per Staff	\$ (44)	Sum of lines 26 through 28
30	Depreciation Expense Adjustment per Company	-	
31	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ (44)</u>	
32	Accumulated Depreciation Adjustment per Staff	\$ 157	Sch. 3.2 P, p. 1 , line 26 x -1 + Sch. 3.2 P, p. 5 , line 6
33	Accumulated Depreciation Adjustment per Company	-	
34	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Accumulated Depreciation	<u>\$ 157</u>	
35	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Adjustment per Staff	\$ 42	Sch. 3.2, p. 5, line 9
36	Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes Adjustment per Company	-	
37	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Accum. Def. Income Taxes	<u>\$ 42</u>	

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)	Source (c)
1	<u>Executive Plan</u>		
2	Administrative and General Total Cost	\$ 1,364	Company Response to TEE 12.05 (PGL 7000)
3	Financial Weighting	<u>70%</u>	Company Response to TEE 12.04
4	Executive Plan Financial Goals Cost	<u>\$ (955)</u>	Line 2 x line 3 x -1
5	Non-Financial Weighting	<u>30%</u>	1 minus line 3
6	Executive Plan Non-Financial Goals Cost	\$ 409	Line 5 x line 2
7	Performance Goals Based on Non-PGL Achievements	<u>\$ (300)</u>	Line 7 x line 15
8	Performance Goals Based on IEG Net Income	<u>\$ (55)</u>	(Line 6 + line 7) x -50%; Company Response to TEE 1.03 Attach 01
9	Allocation for line 8 calculated based upon the percentage of Stock Options etc to total Peoples Gas:		
10	Stock Options, etc.	1,000	Company Response to TEE 12.05 (PGL 7008)
11	Total Exec PGL Charges	\$ 1,364	Col. (b) line 2
12	Calculated Allocation percent	73%	Line 14 / line 15

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Total Amount	Financial Goals	Subtotal	Perform. Goals Based on Non-PGL Achievements
	(a)	(b)	(c) (b) x -50%	(d) (b) + (c)	(e) (d) x- 44%
1	<u>Non-Executive Plan</u>				
2	Storage	\$ 180	\$ (90)	\$ 90	\$ (40)
3	Transmission	73	(37)	36	(16)
4	Distribution	1,115	(558)	557	(245)
5	Customer Accounts	800	(400)	400	(176)
6	Cust. Serv. & Info. Serv.	113	(57)	56	(25)
7	Admin. and General	2,108	(1,054)	1,054	(464)
8	Gross Plant	982	(491)	491	(216)

Sources by Column:

(b) Company Response to TEE 12.05 (PGL 7001 and 7002)

(c) Weighted at 50% per PGL Ex. 9.1

(e) Allocation calculated based upon the percentage of IEG to total Peoples Gas:

Integrus Energy Group 2,352 Company Response to TEE 12.05(PGL 7006)

Total Non-Exec PGL Charges \$ 5,371 Col. (b) sum of line 2 through 8

Calculated Allocation percent 44%

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Amount (b)	Source (c)
1	<u>Omnibus Incentive Compensation Plans</u>		
2	Omnibus Incentive Compensation Award per Staff	\$ -	
3	Omnibus Incentive Compensation Award per Company	<u>3,129</u>	Company Response to TEE 12.05 (PGL 7000)
4	Staff Proposed Adjustment to Admin. & General Exp.	<u><u>\$ (3,129)</u></u>	Line 2 - line 3

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Incentive Compensation  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Capitalized costs disallowed in Docket 07-0241/0242	\$ (166)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
	Capitalized costs disallowed in Docket 09-0166/0167	\$ (483)	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
2	Amount removed by Company	-	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
3	Staff proposed adjustment to plant	<u>\$ (649)</u>	Line 1 minus line 2
4	Accumulate depreciation on capitalized costs in Docket 07-0241/0242	\$ 95	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
	Accumulate depreciation on capitalized costs in Docket 09-0166/0167	\$ 39	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
5	Amount removed by Company	-	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
6	Staff proposed adjustment to plant	<u>\$ 134</u>	Line 4 minus line 5
7	Deferred Taxes associated with capitalized costs in Docket 07-0241/0242	\$ 29	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
	Deferred Taxes associated with capitalized costs in Docket 09-0166/0167	\$ 13	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
8	Amount removed by Company	-	Company response to Staff data request TEE 1.11 Attach 01
9	Staff proposed adjustment to plant	<u>\$ 42</u>	Line 7 minus line 8

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company**  
**Adjustment to Non-Union Wages**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Test Year Amount per Staff (b)	Test Year Amount per Company (c)	Staff Proposed Adjustment (d)
1	Storage	\$ 3,205	\$ 3,110	\$ 95
2	Transmission	\$ 575	1,188	(613)
3	Distribution	\$ 14,936	14,668	268
4	Customer Accounts	\$ 10,730	9,945	785
5	Customer Services & Informational Services	\$ 1,563	1,364	199
6	Administrative & General	\$ 19,232	21,182	(1,950)
7	Construction	\$ 6,853	10,821	(3,968)
8	<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 57,094</u>	<u>\$ 62,278</u>	<u>\$ (5,184)</u>
9	Payroll Taxes at line 8 x 7.65%			(397)
10	Depreciation Expense at line 7 x Composite rate of 2.5% per TEE 10.06			(99)
11	Accumulated Depreciation at line 7 x -1 x Composite rate of 2.5% per TEE 10.06			99
12	Accumulated Deferred Income Tax per TEE 7.02			5

Sources by Column:

(b) Source: Sch. 3.x P, p. 2, col (d)

(c) Source: Company Response to TEE 7.01, Attach 1, col [B]

Total Other Payroll from TEE 7.01 Allocated Based on Test Year Split in TEE 10.05:

Total Other included in Schedule B-1 per TEE 10.05	\$ 9,523
Total Other included in Schedule C-1, Distribution, per TEE 10.05	4,694
Total Other Payroll per TEE 10.05	<u>\$ 14,217</u>
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$14,217 Allocated to Constuction at 80%	9,523
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$14,217 Allocated to Distribution at 20%	4,694

(d) Source: Col. (b) - Col. (c)

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Non-Union Wages  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description (a)	Actual 2010 Amount (b)	Calculated 2011 Per Staff (c)	Calculated 2012 Per Staff (d)
1	Storage	\$ 3,040	\$ 3,131	\$ 3,205
2	Transmission	545	561	575
3	Distribution	14,168	14,593	14,936
4	Customer Accounts	10,178	10,483	10,730
5	Customer Services & Informational Services	1,483	1,527	1,563
6	Administrative & General	18,243	18,790	19,232
7	Construction	<u>6,501</u>	<u>6,696</u>	<u>6,853</u>
8	Total	<u>\$ 54,158</u>	<u>\$ 55,783</u>	<u>\$ 57,094</u>

Sources by Column:

- (b) Source: Company Revised Response to TEE 7.01, Attach 1, col [D]  
Total Other Payroll from TEE 7.01 Allocated Based on Test Year Split in TEE 10.05:  
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$6,673 Allocated to Constuction at 80%  
Test Year Non-Union Base Total Other Payroll of \$6,673 Allocated to Distribution at 20%
- (c) Source: Col. (b) x 1.03
- (d) Source: Col. (c) x 1.022

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company**  
**Adjustment to Materials and Supplies Inventory**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	2009 Amount	2010 Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
	<b>Additions to Materials &amp; Supplies Inventory</b>			
1	January	\$ 1,670	\$ 1,257	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
2	February	1,822	1,385	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
3	March	2,371	1,516	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
4	April	2,062	1,684	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
5	May	1,721	610	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
6	June	1,766	855	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
7	July	1,734	1,025	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
8	August	1,854	840	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
9	September	1,625	810	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
10	October	2,020	807	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
11	November	1,588	1,098	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
12	December	1,653	1,256	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
13	Lead Days associated with Materials and Supplies		46.62	Company response to TEE 6.04
14	Days in the Year		365	
15	Percentage Materials and Supplies in Accounts Payable		12.77%	Line 13 divided by line 14
16	Average Materials and Supplies annual purchases 2009-2010		\$ 17,515	Company response to TEE 6.02 Attach 01
17	Materials & Supplies Accounts Payable per Staff		\$ (2,237)	Line 15 times line 16
18	Materials & Supplies Accounts Payable per Company		<u>(31)</u>	Company Schedule B-8.1
19	Proposed adjustment to Materials & Supplies per Staff		<u>\$ (2,206)</u>	Line 17 minus line 18

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Gas in Storage Inventory  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount (C)	Amount (D)	Source (E)
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
1	Lead Days associated with Gas Purchases		40.62	Company Schedule B-8, line 6
2	Days in the Year		365	
3	Percentage Gas Purchases in Accounts Payable		11.13%	Line 1 times line 2
4	Test Year Gas Injections	57,062		Company Schedule F-8
5	Price	\$5.14		Company response to PGL ENG 5.01 Attach 02
6	Test Year Gas Injections Value		\$ 293,299	Line 4 times line 5
7	Gas in Storage Accounts Payable per Staff		\$ (32,641)	Line 3 times line 6
8	Gas in Storage Accounts Payable per Company		<u>(12,845)</u>	Company Schedule B-1.1
9	Proposed adjustment to Gas in Storage per Staff		<u>\$ (19,796)</u>	Line 7 minus line 8

**Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company**  
**Adjustment to Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

<u>Line No.</u> (A)	<u>Description</u> (B)	<u>Amount</u> (C)	<u>Source</u> (D)
1	Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances per Staff	\$ 81	Staff Ex. 3.0, Sch. 3.4P, Page 2 of 2, Column F, Line 13
2	Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances per Company	<u>325</u>	PGL Schedule C-2.10, Line 8
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u>\$ (244)</u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company**  
**Adjustment to Interest on Budget Payment Plan Balances**  
**For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012**  
**(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Month	2011 - 2012 Average Credit Balances	Days in Month	Interest Rate	Staff Interest Calculation (C x D x E)
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)
1	January 31	18,851	31	0.50%	\$ 8
2	February 28	9,439	28	0.50%	\$ 4
3	March 31	5,461	31	0.50%	\$ 2
4	April 30	4,854	30	0.50%	\$ 2
5	May 31	5,195	31	0.50%	\$ 2
6	June 30	6,241	30	0.50%	\$ 3
7	July 31	9,160	31	0.50%	\$ 4
8	August 31	14,942	31	0.50%	\$ 6
9	September 30	23,339	30	0.50%	\$ 10
10	October 31	33,447	31	0.50%	\$ 14
11	November 30	36,497	30	0.50%	\$ 15
12	December 31	26,914	31	0.50%	\$ 11
13	Sum of Lines 1 through 12				\$ 81

Sources:

Column (C): Company response to Staff Data Request TEE 1.20 Attach 01  
Column (E): Order, Docket No.10-0719, interest rate for calendar year 2011

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
 Adjustment to Interest on Customer Deposits  
 For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
 (In Thousands)**

Line No. <u>(A)</u>	Description <u>(B)</u>	Amount <u>(C)</u>	Source <u>(D)</u>
1	Interest on Customer Deposits per Staff	\$ 144	Staff Ex. 3.0, Sch. 3.5 P, Page 2 of 2, Column F, Line 13
2	Interest on Customer Deposits per Company	<u>576</u>	PGL Schedule C-2.9, Line 8
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ (432)</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Interest on Customer Deposits  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No. (A)	Month (B)	2011 - 2012 Average Credit Balances (C)	Days in Month (D)	Interest Rate (E)	Staff Interest Calculation (C x D x E) (F)
1	January 31	29,194	31	0.50%	\$ 12
2	February 28	29,243	28	0.50%	11
3	March 31	29,187	31	0.50%	12
4	April 30	28,493	30	0.50%	12
5	May 31	28,301	31	0.50%	12
6	June 30	27,740	30	0.50%	11
7	July 31	27,328	31	0.50%	12
8	August 31	29,484	31	0.50%	13
9	September 30	29,101	30	0.50%	12
10	October 31	28,998	31	0.50%	12
11	November 30	29,043	30	0.50%	12
12	December 31	29,267	31	0.50%	12
13	Sum of Lines 1 through 12				<u>\$ 144</u>

Sources:

Column (C): Company response to Staff Data Request TEE 1.20 Attach 01  
Column (E): Order, Docket No.10-0719, interest rate for calendar year 2011

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Solicitation Revenues  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No.	Description	Amount	Source
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
1	Solicitation Revenues per Staff	\$ 656	Staff Ex. 9.0, p. 40
2	Solicitation Revenues per Company	<u>-</u>	
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ 656</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2

**The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company  
Adjustment to Repairs Revenue  
For the Test Year Ending December 31, 2012  
(In Thousands)**

Line No. <u>(A)</u>	Description <u>(B)</u>	Amount <u>(C)</u>	Source <u>(D)</u>
1	Repairs Revenue per Staff	\$ 17	Staff Ex. 9.0, p. 42
2	Repairs Revenue per Company	<u>10</u>	Company response to Staff DR DAS 2.10 Att. 01
3	Difference -- Staff Adjustment	<u><u>\$ 7</u></u>	Line 1 less Line 2