BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In re: Consideration of the tax impacts associated with Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort FILED: October 30, 2018

DOCKET NO. 20180053-GU

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REVISED DIRECT TESTIMONY

The Citizens of the State of Florida, by and through the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), pursuant to Rule 28-106.204, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), hereby respectfully moves the Prehearing Officer for an order granting leave to file the revised direct testimony of Witness Ralph Smith and in support of this Motion states:

- 1. The Order Establishing Procedure in this docket, Order No. PSC-2018-0215-PCO-GU, was issued on April 25, 2018. Subsequently, the schedule for this docket was revised by Order No. PSC-2018-0276-PCO-GU and Order No. PSC-2018-0412-PCO-GU.
- 2. On September 17, 2018, consistent with the schedule established by Order No. PSC-2018-0412-PCO-GU, OPC filed the direct testimony of Ralph Smith and Exhibit RCS-1 directed to recommendations regarding certain aspects of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA") impacts on Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade ("Fort Meade").
- 3. On September 17, 2018, Witness Smith also filed testimony in the related dockets considering the tax impacts associated with the TCJA pertaining to Florida Public Utilities Company's respective business entities: (i) Florida Public Utilities Company-Gas ("FPUC-Gas") (20180051-GU); (ii) Florida Public Utilities Company – Indiantown ("Indiantown") (20180052-GU); and (iii) Florida Division of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation ("Chesapeake") (20180054-GU).

- 4. In both of the FPUC-Gas and Chesapeake dockets, Witness Smith addressed the TCJA savings as it relates to each respective company's Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program (GRIP). However, in this docket, Witness Smith inadvertently omitted a discussion of the GRIP-related TCJA impacts.
- 5. OPC recently became aware of this omission and respectfully submits that the requested revisions are for the limited purpose of addressing the TCJA savings related to Fort Meade's GRIP and that such revisions are consistent with the GRIP-related recommendations made in Witness Smith's testimony filed in the FPUC-Gas and Chesapeake dockets.
- 6. As shown in Attachment A to this motion, the revised testimony of Witness Smith includes the following revisions:
- (a.) Pages 3 and 4 are revised to show that Section IV now addresses the TCJA savings related to Fort Meade's GRIP and the remaining sections are renumbered accordingly.
- (b.) Pages 13 and 14 are revised to include language directed to the TCJA savings related to Fort Meade's GRIP in revised Section IV.
- (c.) Page 19 is revised to include language directed to the TCJA savings related to Fort Meade's GRIP in revised Section VI, Findings and Recommendations.
- 7. In accordance with Rule 28-106.204(3), FAC, counsel for OPC has contacted counsel for Fort Meade and is authorized to represent that Fort Meade does not object to this Motion.

WHEREFORE, OPC respectfully requests that the Prehearing Officer grant this Motion for leave to file the revised testimony of Ralph Smith proffered with this motion.

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¹ Indiantown does not have a GRIP.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 30th day of October, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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20180053-GU Attachment A

Re: Consideration of the tax impacts associated with Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 for Florida Public Utilities Company – Fort Meade Division.

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

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20180053-GU Attachment A DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

RALPH SMITH

On Behalf of the Office of Public Counsel

Before the

Florida Public Service Commission

20180053-GU

1		I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>
2	Q.	WHAT ARE YOUR NAME, OCCUPATION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS?
3	A.	My name is Ralph Smith. I am a Certified Public Accountant licensed in the State of
4		Michigan and a senior regulatory consultant at the firm Larkin & Associates, PLLC,
5		Certified Public Accountants, with offices at 15728 Farmington Road, Livonia,
6		Michigan, 48154.
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8	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FIRM LARKIN & ASSOCIATES, PLLC.
9	A.	Larkin & Associates, PLLC, ("Larkin") is a Certified Public Accounting and
10		Regulatory Consulting Firm. The firm performs independent regulatory consulting
11		primarily for public service/utility commission staffs and consumer interest groups
12		(public counsels, public advocates, consumer counsels, attorneys general, etc.). Larkin
13		has extensive experience in the utility regulatory field as expert witnesses in over 600
14		regulatory proceedings, including numerous electric, water and wastewater, gas and
15		telephone utility cases.
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1	Q.	HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC
2		SERVICE COMMISSION?
3	A.	Yes, I have testified before the Florida Public Service Commission ("FPSC" or
4		"Commission") previously. I have also testified before several other state regulatory
5		commissions.
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7	Q.	HAVE YOU PREPARED AN EXHIBIT DESCRIBING YOUR
8		QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE?
9	A.	Yes. I have attached Exhibit RCS-1, which is a summary of my regulatory experience
10		and qualifications.
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12	Q.	ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU APPEARING?
13	A.	Larkin & Associates, PLLC, was retained by the Florida Office of Public Counse
14		("OPC") to review the impacts on public utility revenue requirements associated with
15		the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 ("TCJA" or "2017 Tax Act"). My testimony
16		addresses the impacts of the TCJA on Florida Public Utilities Company - Ft. Meade
17		Division ("Ft. Meade" or "Company") on behalf of the OPC. Accordingly, I am
18		appearing on behalf of the Citizens of the State of Florida.
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20	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?
21	A.	I am presenting OPC's recommendations regarding certain aspects of the TCJA impacts
22		on the Company. I address TCJA impacts on Florida Public Utilities Company
23		("FPUC-Gas"), Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Florida Division ("Chesapeake").
24		and Indiantown, the Company's affiliated gas distribution utility operations in

separately filed testimony (collectively, the four affiliated gas distribution utilities are

1		referred to as the "Companies"). In this testimony, I address TCJA impacts on Ft.
2		Meade.
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4	Q.	WHAT INFORMATION DID YOU REVIEW IN PREPARATION OF YOUR
5		TESTIMONY?
6	A.	I reviewed each Company's respective filing, including the direct testimony and
7		exhibits, and the affiliated gas Companies' direct testimony and exhibits. This review
8		included the revised and supplemental direct testimony and exhibits filed by the
9		Companies on August 27, 2018. I also reviewed the Companies' responses to OPC's
10		formal and informal discovery and other materials pertaining to the TCJA and its
11		impacts on the Companies. In addition, I reviewed Rule 25-14.011. Florida
12		Administrative Code ("F.A.C."), concerning procedures for processing requests for
13		rulings to be filed with the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS").
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15	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW THE REMAINDER OF YOUR TESTIMONY IS
16		ORGANIZED.
17	A.	After this introduction (Section I), I address the TCJA impacts related to each of the
18		following issues:
19		• In Section II, I address the amount and recommended treatment of Protected
20		and Unprotected Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes ("EADIT").
21		• In Section III, I address the amount and recommended treatment of 2018
22		income tax savings in base rates related to the reduction in the federal income
23		tax rate to 21 percent.

- In Section IV, I address TCJA savings related to the Company's Gas Reliability
 Infrastructure Program ("GRIP").
 - In Section V, I address whether a Private Letter Ruling ("PLR") should be required for the Companies, and issues related to a PLR request.
 - In Section VI, I summarize my findings and recommendations.

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II. QUANTIFICATION, CLASSIFICATION, AND APPLICATION OF EXCESS ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAXES

Q. WHAT ARE ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAXES ("ADIT")?

ADIT is a source of cost-free capital to reflect that the utility collects money from ratepayers for Deferred Income Tax Expense and holds onto that money prior to eventually paying the income taxes to the government. ADIT results from differences between book and tax accounting. ADIT is referred to as Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes to recognize that these balances typically build up (or accumulate) over time, e.g., as tax deductions exceed corresponding book expense. One primary source of ADIT results from claiming accelerated tax deductions. The tax depreciation deductions on public utility property typically occur on an accelerated basis (i.e., method differences) and over a shorter period (i.e., life differences) than book depreciation accruals relating to the original cost of the public utility property. These types of differences between book and tax depreciation are referred to as "method/life" differences. Unlike many other types of book-tax differences, the tax depreciation "method/life" differences are subject to normalization requirements under Sections 167 and 168 of the Internal Revenue Codes.

Q. WHAT IS "EXCESS" ACCUMULATED DEFERRED INCOME TAXES

("EXCESS ADIT" OR "EADIT")?

3 A. Regulated public utilities will be required to identify the portions of their ADIT 4 balances that represent "excess" ADIT based on recalculations using the difference 5 between the old federal income tax ("FIT") rate (typically 35%) under which the ADIT 6 was originally accumulated and the new federal corporate income tax rate of 21% 7 provided for in the TCJA. Basically, the utility's ADIT must be revalued at the new 8 FIT rate (as if it had always been applicable) and the amounts that have been 9 accumulated using federal income tax rates that were higher than the current 21% flat 10 rate will represent "excess" ADIT.

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WHAT AMOUNT OF EADIT DOES THE COMPANY SHOW AS OF MARCH 12 Q. 13

In its June 1, 2018 filing, on Company Exhibit FTMC-1, Ft. Meade shows a net EADIT liability of \$92,333, of which \$54,209 is protected and \$38,124 is unprotected. In its August 27, 2018 filing, on Exhibit FTMC-1 Revised, the Company shows a net regulatory liability for EADIT of \$92,332, of which \$46,451 is a regulatory liability for Protected EADIT and \$45,881 is a regulatory liability for Unprotected EADIT. The Company continues to describe the amounts of EADIT liability as estimated, and indicates that its measurement and accounting for the impact of the tax law change will be complete on or before December 22, 2018, citing Securities and Exchange ("SEC") Staff Accounting Bulletin 118. The Company indicates that per SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin 118 guidance, if information is not yet available or complete, a one-year period in which to complete the required analysis and accounting is permitted.

The amounts listed above include the "gross up" amount. The EADIT resulting from the tax rate change is increased or "grossed up" for the current income tax rate. The "grossed up" amount of the EADIT regulatory liability (or asset) will then be amortized and subject to income taxes at the current rate; therefore, the net income impact equals the amortized tax benefit.

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Q. WHAT ITEMS CHANGED BETWEEN THE VERSION OF THE COMPANY

EXHIBIT FILED ON JUNE 1, 2018 AND THE REVISED EXHIBIT FTMD-1?

Company witness Dewey addresses the changes at pages 3-4 of his August 27, 2018 testimony. The lines on Exhibit FTMD-1 Revised that were changed by the Company included "Depreciation," "Cost of Removal," and "Repairs Deduction." The changes relate to periods in which ADIT was accumulated prior to the Company's tax software being implemented in 2015. After the pre-software implementation amounts were identified, the EADIT related to "Cost of Removal" was moved from the "Protected" category into the category labeled as "Unprotected Plant." The result of these revisions was to increase the Protected EADIT liability and to decrease the Unprotected EADIT liability.

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Q. HOW DO IRS NORMALIZATION REQUIREMENTS AFFECT THE CATEGORIZATION OF ADIT AND EXCESS ADIT?

IRS normalization requirements will apply to the portion of the property-related ADIT that relates to the use of accelerated tax depreciation (including bonus tax depreciation). This will result in two general categories of excess ADIT: (1) "protected" (i.e., is related to the use of accelerated tax depreciation and is subject to the normalization requirements) and (2) "unprotected" property and non-property related excess ADIT,

1		which is not subject to normalization requirements and for which the amortization or
2		application is up to the discretion of the Commission.
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4	Q.	HOW DOES THE CATEGORIZATION OF "PROTECTED" OR
5		"UNPROTECTED" AFFECT THE AMORTIZATION OF THE EADIT?
6	A.	The 2017 Tax Act provides that the Average Rate Assumption Method ("ARAM")
7		must be used for the protected portion of the EADIT. The flow back of the "protected"
8		excess ADIT, therefore, must follow the prescribed method to comply with
9		normalization requirements. In contrast, the flow back of the unprotected portion of
10		the excess ADIT will be up to the discretion of the Commission. Unprotected ADIT is
11		not subject to normalization requirements. The unprotected ADIT will be revalued at
12		the lower 21% tax rate, creating balances of excess unprotected ADIT that can be
13		flowed back to customers over amortization periods to be determined by the
14		Commission, or applied in some other manner to be determined by the Commission
15		(e.g., such as for the recovery of regulatory assets).
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17	Q.	HOW DOES FT. MEADE CLASSIFY THE EXCESS ADIT BETWEEN THE
18		"PROTECTED" AND "UNPROTECTED" CATEGORIES?

- Ft. Meade filed an update on August 27, 2018 in which it reclassifies EADIT related to 19 A. 20 the cost of removal from "protected" (as per Ft Meade's original June 1, 2018 filing) 21 and into "unprotected." As a result of the reclassification, the Company now shows 22 the following on its Exhibit FTMD-1 Revised for Ft. Meade:
 - A net regulatory liability for EADIT of \$93,040,

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24 A regulatory liability for Protected EADIT of \$45,619,

1		• A regulatory hability for Emprotected Flant EADTI of \$7,770,
2		• A regulatory liability for "Unprotected Non-Plant" EADIT of \$39,645, and
3		• A net regulatory liability for "Unprotected" EADIT of \$47,421.
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5		Additionally, on Exhibit FTMD-2 Revised, the Company shows the following
6		for EADIT regulatory liability or asset amounts for the Common Division before being
7		allocated to Ft. Meade:
8		• A net regulatory asset for Unprotected EADIT of \$354,178 consisting of:
9		o A regulatory liability for Protected EADIT of \$416,016
10		 A regulatory asset for Unprotected EADIT of \$770,194.
11		The allocated Common Division amounts to Ft. Meade are shown on Company
12		Exhibit FTMC-1 Revised as follows:
13		• A net regulatory asset for Unprotected EADIT of \$708 consisting of:
14		 A regulatory liability for Protected EADIT of \$832
15		 A regulatory asset for Unprotected EADIT of \$1,540.
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17	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S CLASSIFICATION OF THE
18		EADIT BETWEEN THE "PROTECTED" AND "UNPROTECTED"
19		CATEGORIES?
20	A.	I have no disagreement with the Company's updated classification of EADIT.
21		However, it should be noted that the guidance provided in the TCJA and in previous
22		IRS rulings presents some degree of uncertainty as to the classification of the EADIT
23		related to at least one of the large book-tax differences, specifically to the EADIT
24		relating to cost of removal/negative net salvage.

Q.	WHAT DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE FOR THE AMORTIZATION OF
	THE EADIT?
A.	As described by Company witness Cassel in his August 27, 2018 Revised Direct
	Testimony at pages 5 and 6 and as shown on his Exhibit FTMC-1 Revised, the
	Company proposes the following:
	• That the Unprotected EADIT net liability of \$45,881 should be amortized over
	10 years at \$4,588 per year.
	• That the Protected EADIT liability which is currently estimated by the
	Company to be \$46,451 should be amortized using the IRS prescribed
	methodology, which is estimated by the Company to flow back over 26 years
	at approximately \$1,787 per year.
	The Company proposes to retain the estimated annual amount of Protected EADIT
	liability amortization of \$1,787 and the \$4,588 per year Unprotected EADIT liability
	amortization for a net benefit amount to be retained by the Company of \$6,375 instead
	of refunding these monies to its customers.
Q.	WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE DISPOSITION OF THE PROTECTED
	EADIT?
A.	The protected EADIT should be reversed using an ARAM if the utility has the available
	information to calculate the ARAM, or via another appropriate method that complies
	with normalization requirements, if the Company does not have the information to
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compute the ARAM.

1	Q.	ARE YOU CONTESTING THE AMOUNTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
2		COMPANY'S PROPOSED EADIT AMORTIZATIONS?
3	A.	No. The Company has indicated that its EADIT amounts are estimates and are subject
4		to correction by December 22, 2018. I have accepted the Company's revised amounts
5		as reasonable estimates, subject to the later true up.
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7	Q.	WHAT IS THE TAX BENEFIT ARISING FROM THE EADIT THAT THE
8		COMPANY REQUESTS TO BE RETAINED?
9	A.	The net gross-up tax benefit arising from the EADIT amortization that the Company
10		proposes to retain is approximately \$6,375 annually.
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12	Q.	SHOULD FT. MEADE UPDATE THE ESTIMATED TAX BENEFIT TO BE
13		CONSISTENT WITH ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THOSE ESTIMATES
14		THROUGH DECEMBER 22, 2018? IF SO, HOW SHOULD IT BE HANDLED?
15	A.	Yes. Adjustments or corrections to the amounts should be addressed in a true-up filing.
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17	Q.	ARE YOU CONTESTING THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO RETAIN THE
18		NET BENEFIT OF THE EADIT AMORTIZATION?
19	A.	Yes, I am. The estimated annual amount of Protected EADIT liability amortization of
20		\$1,787 and the \$4,588 per year Unprotected EADIT liability amortization produces an
21		estimated net benefit amount of \$6,375, which should be returned to customers via a
22		base rate reduction. This net EADIT amortization amount can be trued-up if needed
23		by December 22, 2018. This contrasts with the Company's proposal to retain the full
24		net benefit amount of \$6.375.

1 2 3		III. 2018 INCOME TAX SAVINGS IN BASE RATES RELATED TO THE REDUCTION IN THE FEDERAL INCOME TAX RATE TO 21 PERCENT
4	Q.	HOW MUCH 2018 INCOME TAX SAVINGS FROM BASE RATES HAS THE
5		COMPANY IDENTIFIED?
6	A.	Company witness Cassel's August 27, 2018 Revised Direct Testimony at page 4
7		identifies the amount of annual net tax detriment, based on its 2018 pro forma
8		surveillance report, as \$17,929.
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10	Q.	WHY IS THIS AMOUNT AN ANNUAL TAX DETRIMENT?
11	A.	As shown on Company Exhibit FTMC-1 Revised, the Company projects to have
12		negative net operating income for 2018. Because of the lower federal income tax
13		expense, the amount of negative net income projected by the Company for 2018 would
14		be larger at the new 21% FIT rate than at the previous FIT rate. The larger amount of
15		projected 2018 net operating loss (i.e., negative net income) of \$13,385 is "grossed-
16		up" by \$4,544 on Company Exhibit FTMC-1 Revised to derive the Company's
17		estimated net detriment amount of \$17,929.
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19	Q.	WHAT TREATMENT HAS THE COMPANY PROPOSED FOR THE 2018
20		BASE RATE INCOME TAX DETRIMENT?
21	A.	Mr. Cassel has indicated that, because the Company is not over-earning, the Company
22		wants to recover the full amount of its calculated annual TCJA tax detriment through
23		the Energy Conservation Cost Recovery ("ECCR") clause.
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1	Q.	IN YOUR OPINION, IS THE FACT THAT FT. MEADE IS NOT OVER-
2		EARNING A REASON TO ALLOW THE COMPANY TO RECOVER THE
3		2018 BASE RATE INCOME TAX DETRIMENT?
4	A.	No, it is not.
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6	Q.	SHOULD THE AMOUNT OF 2018 INCOME TAX DETRIMENT BE
7		CHARGED TO CUSTOMERS BY THE COMPANY THROUGH THE ECCR?
8	A.	No, they should not. The estimated amount of 2018 income tax detriment does not
9		have anything to do with the ECCR and, therefore, should not be charged to ratepayers
10		through the ECCR. The federal tax reform was an extraordinary, one-time event that
11		was beyond the control of utility management. The utilities have sought single-issue
12		ratemaking for events beyond the utilities' control for other types of costs, typically
13		ones that fluctuate or increase between utility rate cases, to the detriment of consumers.
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15	Q.	HOW LONG HAS FT. MEADE BEEN EARNING BELOW ITS AUTHORIZED
16		EARNINGS RANGE?
17	A.	Ft. Meade has been earning below its authorized range since the Company was
18		purchased in 2014.
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20	Q.	WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE REMEDY THE UTILITY CAN SEEK IF IT IS
21		EARNING BELOW ITS AUTHORIZED RANGE?
22	A.	If the Company believes its base rates are insufficient to earn a fair rate of return, it has
23		the ability to file a base rate case to address the situation. The fact that a particular
24		utility, such as Ft. Meade, may not be earning its most recent authorized rate of return
25		is not a convincing reason to charge an estimated amount of TCJA-based tax detriment

1		to customers through the ECCR. Instead, the Company has the opportunity to request
2		a base rate increase.
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4	Q.	SHOULD THE 2018 INCOME TAX SAVINGS BE RETAINED BY THE
5		COMPANY?
6	A.	No, they should not. The 2018 base rate income tax savings should be applied for the
7		benefit of customers through a base rate reduction. According to the Florida Supreme
8		Court in Reedy Creek Co. v. Fla. Public Serv. Comm., 418 So. 2d. 249, 254(1982), "A
9		change in a tax law should no [sic] result in a 'windfall' to a utility, but in a refund to
10		the customer who paid the revenue that translated into the tax saving." The
11		Commission should account for lower federal tax rates in 2018 and beyond and require
12		that such TCJA savings, including the 2018 base rate savings, be applied for the benefit
13		of the utility's ratepayers through a permanent base rate reduction.
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15 16		IV. <u>TCJA SAVINGS RELATED TO THE COMPANY'S GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM ("GRIP")</u>
17	Q.	HAS THE COMPANY IDENTIFIED TCJA SAVINGS RELATED TO ITS
18		GRIP?
19	A.	Yes. Mr. Cassel's August 27, 2018, Revised Direct Testimony at page 7 addresses the
20		impacts of the TCJA on the Company's GRIP. He indicates the Company expects 2018
21		tax savings of \$2,376 as shown on his Exhibit FTMC-2, would accumulate between
22		the Jurisdictional Date and the date that GRIP rates will be charged on customer bills
23		(January 1, 2019). The Company proposes retaining that benefit.
24		At page 7, he also addresses the GRIP impact for period 2019 and beyond. He
25		indicates the Company would apply the new, lower 21 percent federal income tax rate

1		into its 2019 GRIP surcharges projections and future projections, which he estimates
2		will reduce the annual GRIP revenue amount by the annual tax savings of
3		approximately two thousand dollars.
4	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO RETAIN THE
5		GRIP RELATED TCJA SAVINGS ON THE 2018 GRIP SURCHARGE FROM
6		THE JURISDICTIONAL DATE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2018?
7	A.	No. The tax benefits associated with the 2018 GRIP surcharge from the jurisdictional
8		date until December 31, 2018, should be passed on to customers as reductions to GRIP
9		surcharges.
10	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO PASS ON THE
11		GRIP RELATED TCJA SAVINGS ON THE ONGOING GRIP SURCHARGE
12		FROM 2019 AND BEYOND?
13	A.	Yes. The tax benefits associated with the GRIP should be passed on to customers as
14		reductions to GRIP surcharges
15	Q.	SHOULD THE TAX BENEFITS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRIP
16		PROGRAM BE PASSED ON TO CUSTOMERS THROUGH FUTURE GRIP
17		SURCHARGES?
18	A.	Yes. The tax benefits associated with the GRIP should be passed on to customers as
19		reductions to GRIP surcharges.
20	Q.	DO YOU AGREE THAT THE GRIP RELATED TCJA-SAVINGS SHOULD BE
21		FLOWED THOUGH TO CUSTOMERS IN THE GRIP SURCHAGE FILINGS?
22	A.	Yes.

1 2 3		V. WHETHER A PRIVATE LETTER RULING ("PLR") SHOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE COMPANIES, AND ISSUES RELATED TO A PLR REQUEST
4	Q.	DID THE COMPANY'S AUGUST 27, 2018 REVISED FILING CONTAIN A
5		RECLASSIFICATION OF EADIT RELATED TO COST-OF-REMOVAL
6		FROM "PROTECTED" TO "UNPROTECTED"?
7	A.	Yes. One of the items that was revised in the Company's August 27, 2018 filing was
8		the classification of EADIT related to the cost of removal. In the Company's original
9		June 1, 2018 application, EADIT related to cost of removal was classified as
10		"protected." In the Company's August 27, 2018 filing, an updated amount of EADIT
11		related to cost of removal has now been classified as "unprotected."
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13	Q.	DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION AS TO WHETHER THE EADIT RELATED TO
14		COST OF REMOVAL/NEGATIVE NET SALVAGE IS "PROTECTED" OR
15		"UNPROTECTED"?
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	A.	Yes, I do. Based on currently available guidance, it is my opinion that the EADIT
17	A.	Yes, I do. Based on currently available guidance, it is my opinion that the EADIT related to cost of removal/negative net salvage is "unprotected." This is because the
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	A.	related to cost of removal/negative net salvage is "unprotected." This is because the
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18 19	A.	related to cost of removal/negative net salvage is "unprotected." This is because the tax deduction for cost of removal is <u>not</u> addressed under §167 or §168 of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC" or "Code"), which are the sections pertaining to the use of
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Yes, there is. The comparison of utility book and tax depreciation for purposes of tracking the method/life and other differences can be very complex. Utility book depreciation rates typically include a component for negative net salvage (as well as for the recovery of original cost over the estimated useful life of the assets). The normalization process involves comparing book and tax depreciation; however, the calculations can be very complex. Such calculations are typically done by larger utilities using specialized software, such as PowerPlan and PowerTax, and the proper application can require significant additional analytical work by the utility and the Since the comparison of book and tax depreciation involves complex calculations and utility book depreciation typically includes an element for negative net salvage, some jurisdictions (e.g., New York) and some Florida utilities (e.g., Duke Energy Florida ("DEF")) have raised concerns about the cost of removal/negative net salvage component of book depreciation and the risks presented for potential normalization violations. For example, DEF appears to be taking a different position than Tampa Electric Company ("TECO") and Peoples' Gas System ("PGS") concerning the treatment of cost of removal/negative net salvage and has proposed to treat that item as "protected," pending receipt of additional guidance.

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Q. SHOULD THE COMPANIES SEEK A PLR FROM THE IRS REGARDING ITS CLASSIFICATION OF THE EXCESS ADIT RELATING TO COST OF REMOVAL/NEGATIVE NET SALVAGE AS "UNPROTECTED"?

Possibly, yes; however, a Commission decision concerning whether to require the Companies to seek a PLR does not appear to be as urgent an issue as it is with respect to some of the other, larger Florida regulated public utilities. Due to the Companies' small size compared to some of the other Florida regulated utilities, I would

recommend that the larger Florida utilities (e.g., such as TECO and PGS) first seek PLRs concerning the classification of EADIT related to cost of removal/negative net salvage as "unprotected". It may be that the guidance provided by the PLRs issued to the larger utilities will be sufficiently clear that Ft. Meade and its affiliates might not need to obtain their own PLR. Although obtaining a PLR related to the utility's own specific fact situation provides more definitive assurance, it might not be necessary for Fort Meade and its Florida utility affiliates (FPUC-Gas, Chesapeake, and Indiantown) to seek their own specific PLRs.

10 Q. IF FT. MEADE, ALONG WITH ITS FLORIDA UTILITY AFFILIATES,

11 SEEKS A PLR AND THE IRS RULES THEREIN (OR IN ANOTHER PLR)

12 THAT THE EADIT RELATING TO COST OF REMOVAL/NEGATIVE NET

13 SALVAGE IS TO BE TREATED AS "PROTECTED," WHAT PROCESS

14 SHOULD BE FOLLOWED FOR THE RECLASSIFICATION?

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removal/negative net salvage, Ft. Meade should amortize the related EADIT using the ARAM if the classification ruled by the IRS indicates this is "protected."

Pending clarification of the appropriate classification of EADIT for cost of

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Q. HAS THE COMPANY ESTIMATED THE COST OF OBTAINING A PLR?

Yes. At page 4 of his August 27, 2018 Supplemental Direct Testimony, Mr. Cassel estimates the cost of seeking a PLR to be \$20,000 to \$50,000 and indicates the Companies could obtain a more firm estimate of the cost if needed. At page 5 of that testimony, he proposes deferred accounting treatment for the PLR cost and amortization over four years if it is incurred.

1	Q.	WHAT MECHANISM SHOULD BE UTILIZED TO AVOID THE NEGATIVE	
2		IMPACT TO THE COMPANIES OF THE COST OF SEEKING A PRIVATE	
3		LETTER RULING?	
4	A.	As I suggested earlier, awaiting IRS rulings from the larger Florida utilities on their	
5		respective PLRs before requiring the Companies to seek a PLR will potentially avoid	
6		the need for Ft. Meade and its Florida public utility affiliates to seek their own PLR. If	
7		the PLRs for the larger Florida utilities are clear and consistent in their rulings, having	
8		Ft. Meade and its affiliates request their own PLR may be unnecessary. Thus, the cost	
9		for having Ft. Meade and its Florida affiliates request a PLR does not need to be	
10		incurred at this time.	
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12	Q.	IN HIS AUGUST 27, 2018 SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY, AT	
13		PAGE 4, MR. CASSEL PROPOSES THAT, IF A PLR REQUEST IS	
14		REQUIRED, FT. MEADE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO FILE A PLR	
15		REQUEST JOINTLY WITH THE OTHER AFFILIATED CUC ENTITIES IN	
16		FLORIDA. WOULD THAT BE A REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION?	
17	A.	Yes, it would. If the Commission determines in this proceeding, or subsequently, that	
18		a PLR request should be made by Ft. Meade on a TCJA related issue, then a combined	
19		PLR request by the Companies could be appropriate, particularly if the facts and	
20		circumstances are identical or similar with respect to the PLR request.	
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22		VI. <u>FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS</u>	
23	Q.	ARE YOU RECOMMENDING ANY ADJUSTMENTS TO THE COMPANY'S	
24		QUANTIFICATIONS OF THE TCJA IMPACTS AT THIS TIME?	

1	A.	No, I am not. The Companies quantifications do not appear to be unreasonable for the
2		purposes of estimating the one-time annual revenue requirement reduction and EADIT
3		related to the TCJA.
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5	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO RETAIN GRIP-
6		RELATED TCJA SAVINGS ON THE 2018 GRIP SURCHARGE FROM THE
7		JURISDICTIONAL DATE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2018?
8	A.	No, all GRIP related TCJA savings should be flowed through to customers via the
9		Company's GRIP surcharge filings.
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11	Q.	DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL TO FLOW GRIP
12		RELATED TCJA SAVINGS ON THE ONGOING GRIP SURCHARGE FROM
13		2019 AND BEYOND THROUGH ITS GRIP SURCHARGE FILINGS?
14	A.	Yes.
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16		DO YOU AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S PROPOSALS TO FLOW AN
17		ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF TCJA DETRIMENT THROUGH ITS ECCR
18		SURCHARGE FILING?
19	A.	No.
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21	Q.	ARE YOU RECOMMENDING ANY DIFFERENT REGULATORY
22		TREATMENTS FOR THE BASE RATE TCJA SAVINGS?
23	A.	Yes, I am. The expense increase calculated by the Company for the base rate TCJA
24		savings should be addressed in a base rate case. This contrasts with the Company's
25		proposal to charge the amount to customers via its ECCR filing. Additionally, the net

annual amortization of the Protected and Unprotected EADIT estimated by the
Company to be approximately \$6,375 annually, should be applied for the benefit of
customers as a rate reduction or refund, rather than being retained by the Company.

DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR PREFILED TESTIMONY?

A. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Revised Testimony of Ralph Smith, CPA has been furnished together with the Motion for Leave to File Revised Testimony by electronic mail on this 30th day of October, 2018, to the following:

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Exhibit RCS-1QUALIFICATIONS OF RALPH C. SMITH

Accomplishments

Mr. Smith's professional credentials include being a Certified Financial Planner™ professional, a Certified Rate of Return Analyst, a licensed Certified Public Accountant and attorney. He functions as project manager on consulting projects involving utility regulation, regulatory policy and ratemaking and utility management. His involvement in public utility regulation has included project management and in-depth analyses of numerous issues involving telephone, electric, gas, and water and sewer utilities.

Mr. Smith has performed work in the field of utility regulation on behalf of industry, public service commission staffs, state attorney generals, municipalities, and consumer groups concerning regulatory matters before regulatory agencies in Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Washington DC, West Virginia, Canada, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and various state and federal courts of law. He has presented expert testimony in regulatory hearings on behalf of utility commission staffs and intervenors on several occasions.

Project manager in Larkin & Associates' review, on behalf of the Georgia Commission Staff, of the budget and planning activities of Georgia Power Company; supervised 13 professionals; coordinated over 200 interviews with Company budget center managers and executives; organized and edited voluminous audit report; presented testimony before the Commission. Functional areas covered included fossil plant O&M, headquarters and district operations, internal audit, legal, affiliated transactions, and responsibility reporting. All of our findings and recommendations were accepted by the Commission.

Key team member in the firm's management audit of the Anchorage Water and Wastewater Utility on behalf of the Alaska Commission Staff, which assessed the effectiveness of the Utility's operations in several areas; responsible for in-depth investigation and report writing in areas involving information systems, finance and accounting, affiliated relationships and transactions, and use of outside contractors. Testified before the Alaska Commission concerning certain areas of the audit report. AWWU concurred with each of Mr. Smith's 40 plus recommendations for improvement.

Co-consultant in the analysis of the issues surrounding gas transportation performed for the law firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in conjunction with the case of Reynolds Metals Co. vs. the Columbia Gas System, Inc.; drafted in-depth report concerning the regulatory treatment at both state and federal levels of issues such as flexible pricing and mandatory gas transportation.

Lead consultant and expert witness in the analysis of the rate increase request of the City of Austin - Electric Utility on behalf of the residential consumers. Among the numerous ratemaking issues addressed were the economies of the Utility's employment of outside services; provided both written and oral testimony outlining recommendations and their bases. Most of Mr. Smith's recommendations were adopted by the City Council and Utility in a settlement.

Key team member performing an analysis of the rate stabilization plan submitted by the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company to the Florida PSC; performed comprehensive analysis of the Company's projections and budgets which were used as the basis for establishing rates.

Lead consultant in analyzing Southwestern Bell Telephone separations in Missouri; sponsored the complex technical analysis and calculations upon which the firm's testimony in that case was based. He has also assisted in analyzing changes in depreciation methodology for setting telephone rates.

Lead consultant in the review of gas cost recovery reconciliation applications of Michigan Gas Utilities Company, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company, and Consumers Power Company. Drafted recommendations regarding the appropriate rate of interest to be applied to any over or under collections and the proper procedures and allocation methodology to be used to distribute any refunds to customer classes.

Lead consultant in the review of Consumers Power Company's gas cost recovery refund plan. Addressed appropriate interest rate and compounding procedures and proper allocation methodology.

Project manager in the review of the request by Central Maine Power Company for an increase in rates. The major area addressed was the propriety of the Company's ratemaking attrition adjustment in relation to its corporate budgets and projections.

Project manager in an engagement designed to address the impacts of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 on gas distribution utility operations of the Northern States Power Company. Analyzed the reduction in the corporate tax rate, uncollectibles reserve, ACRS, unbilled revenues, customer advances, CIAC, and timing of TRA-related impacts associated with the Company's tax liability.

Project manager and expert witness in the determination of the impacts of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 on the operations of Connecticut Natural Gas Company on behalf of the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control - Prosecutorial Division, Connecticut Attorney General, and Connecticut Department of Consumer Counsel.

Lead Consultant for The Minnesota Department of Public Service ("DPS") to review the Minnesota Incentive Plan ("Incentive Plan") proposal presented by Northwestern Bell Telephone Company ("NWB") doing business as U S West Communications ("USWC"). Objective was to express an opinion as to whether current rates addressed by the plan were appropriate from a Minnesota intrastate revenue requirements and accounting perspective, and to assist in developing recommended modifications to NWB's proposed Plan.

Performed a variety of analytical and review tasks related to our work effort on this project. Obtained and reviewed data and performed other procedures as necessary (1) to obtain an understanding of the Company's Incentive Plan filing package as it relates to rate base, operating income, revenue requirements, and plan operation, and (2) to formulate an opinion concerning the reasonableness of current rates and of amounts included within the Company's Incentive Plan filing. These procedures included requesting and reviewing extensive discovery, visiting the Company's offices to review data, issuing follow-up information requests in many instances, telephone and on-site discussions with Company representatives, and frequent discussions with counsel and DPS Staff assigned to the project.

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Lead Consultant in the regulatory analysis of Jersey Central Power & Light Company for the Department of the Public Advocate, Division of Rate Counsel. Tasks performed included on-site review and audit of Company, identification and analysis of specific issues, preparation of data requests, testimony, and cross examination questions. Testified in Hearings.

Assisted the NARUC Committee on Management Analysis with drafting the Consultant Standards for Management Audits.

Presented training seminars covering public utility accounting, tax reform, ratemaking, affiliated transaction auditing, rate case management, and regulatory policy in Maine, Georgia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. Seminars were presented to commission staffs and consumer interest groups.

Previous Positions

With Larkin, Chapski and Co., the predecessor firm to Larkin & Associates, was involved primarily in utility regulatory consulting, and also in tax planning and tax research for businesses and individuals, tax return preparation and review, and independent audit, review and preparation of financial statements.

Installed computerized accounting system for a realty management firm.

Education

Bachelor of Science in Administration in Accounting, with distinction, University of Michigan, Dearborn, 1979.

Master of Science in Taxation, Walsh College, Michigan, 1981. Master's thesis dealt with investment tax credit and property tax on various assets.

Juris Doctor, cum laude, Wayne State University Law School, Detroit, Michigan, 1986. Recipient of American Jurisprudence Award for academic excellence.

Continuing education required to maintain CPA license and CFP® certificate.

Passed all parts of CPA examination in first sitting, 1979. Received CPA certificate in 1981 and Certified Financial Planning certificate in 1983. Admitted to Michigan and Federal bars in 1986.

Michigan Bar Association.

American Bar Association, sections on public utility law and taxation.

Partial list of utility cases participated in:

79-228-EL-FAC Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company (Ohio PUC)
79-231-EL-FAC Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (Ohio PUC)

79-535-EL-AIR East Ohio Gas Company (Ohio PUC) 80-235-EL-FAC Ohio Edison Company (Ohio PUC)

80-240-EL-FAC Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (Ohio PUC)
U-1933 Tucson Electric Power Company (Arizona Corp. Commission)
U-6794 Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. --16 Refunds (Michigan PSC)

81-0035TP Southern Bell Telephone Company (Florida PSC) 81-0095TP General Telephone Company of Florida (Florida PSC)

81-308-EL-EFC Dayton Power & Light Co.- Fuel Adjustment Clause (Ohio PUC)

810136-EU Gulf Power Company (Florida PSC)

GR-81-342 Northern States Power Co. -- E-002/Minnesota (Minnesota PUC)

Tr-81-208 Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Missouri PSC))

U-6949 Detroit Edison Company (Michigan PSC)

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. (Kentucky PSC)

18328 Alabama Gas Corporation (Alabama PSC) 18416 Alabama Power Company (Alabama PSC) 820100-EU Florida Power Corporation (Florida PSC) 8624 Kentucky Utilities (Kentucky PSC)

East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc. (Kentucky PSC)
U-7236 Detroit Edison - Burlington Northern Refund (Michigan PSC)

U6633-R Detroit Edison - MRCS Program (Michigan PSC)

U-6797-R Consumers Power Company -MRCS Program (Michigan PSC)
U-5510-R Consumers Power Company - Energy conservation Finance

Program (Michigan PSC)

82-240E South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (South Carolina PSC)

7350 Generic Working Capital Hearing (Michigan PSC)

RH-1-83 Westcoast Transmission Co., (National Energy Board of Canada) 820294-TP Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. (Florida PSC)

82-165-EL-EFC

(Subfile A) Toledo Edison Company(Ohio PUC)

82-168-EL-EFC Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (Ohio PUC)

830012-EU Tampa Electric Company (Florida PSC)

The Detroit Edison Company - Fermi II (Michigan PSC) U-7065 Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. (Kentucky PSC) 8738 Arkansas Power & Light Company (Missouri PSC) ER-83-206 U-4758 The Detroit Edison Company – Refunds (Michigan PSC) 8836 Kentucky American Water Company (Kentucky PSC) 8839 Western Kentucky Gas Company (Kentucky PSC) Connecticut Light & Power Co. (Connecticut DPU) 83-07-15 Palm Coast Utility Corporation (Florida PSC) 81-0485-WS U-7650 Consumers Power Co. (Michigan PSC)

83-662 Continental Telephone Company of California, (Nevada PSC)
U-6488-R Detroit Edison Co., FAC & PIPAC Reconciliation (Michigan PSC)

U-15684 Louisiana Power & Light Company (Louisiana PSC)
7395 & U-7397 Campaign Ballot Proposals (Michigan PSC)

820013-WS Seacoast Utilities (Florida PSC)

U-7660 Detroit Edison Company (Michigan PSC) 83-1039 CP National Corporation (Nevada PSC)

U-7802 Michigan Gas Utilities Company (Michigan PSC)
83-1226 Sierra Pacific Power Company (Nevada PSC)
830465-EI Florida Power & Light Company (Florida PSC)
U-7777 Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (Michigan PSC)

U-7779 Consumers Power Company (Michigan PSC)

U-7480-R Michigan Consolidated Gas Company (Michigan PSC)
U-7488-R Consumers Power Company – Gas (Michigan PSC)
U-7484-R Michigan Gas Utilities Company (Michigan PSC)
U-7550-R Detroit Edison Company (Michigan PSC)

U-7477-R** Indiana & Michigan Electric Company (Michigan PSC)

18978 Continental Telephone Co. of the South Alabama (Alabama PSC)

R-842583 Duquesne Light Company (Pennsylvania PUC) R-842740 Pennsylvania Power Company (Pennsylvania PUC)

850050-EI Tampa Electric Company (Florida PSC)

16091 Louisiana Power & Light Company (Louisiana PSC)

19297 Continental Telephone Co. of the South Alabama (Alabama PSC)

76-18788AA

&76-18793AA Detroit Edison - Refund - Appeal of U-4807 (Ingham

County, Michigan Circuit Court)

85-53476AA

& 85-534785AA Detroit Edison Refund - Appeal of U-4758 (Ingham County, Michigan Circuit Court)

U-8091/U-8239 Consumers Power Company - Gas Refunds (Michigan PSC)
TR-85-179** United Telephone Company of Missouri (Missouri PSC)

85-212 Central Maine Power Company (Maine PSC)

ER-85646001

& ER-85647001 New England Power Company (FERC)

850782-EI &

850783-EI Florida Power & Light Company (Florida PSC)
R-860378 Duquesne Light Company (Pennsylvania PUC)
R-850267 Pennsylvania Power Company (Pennsylvania PUC)

851007-WU

& 840419-SU Florida Cities Water Company (Florida PSC)
G-002/GR-86-160 Northern States Power Company (Minnesota PSC)
7195 (Interim) Gulf States Utilities Company (Texas PUC)

87-01-03 Connecticut Natural Gas Company (Connecticut PUC))

87-01-02 Southern New England Telephone Company

(Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control)

3673- Georgia Power Company (Georgia PSC)

29484 Long Island Lighting Co. (New York Dept. of Public Service)

U-8924 Consumers Power Company – Gas (Michigan PSC)
Docket No. 1 Austin Electric Utility (City of Austin, Texas)

Docket E-2, Sub 527 Carolina Power & Light Company (North Carolina PUC)
870853 Pennsylvania Gas and Water Company (Pennsylvania PUC)

880069** Southern Bell Telephone Company (Florida PSC)

U-1954-88-102 Citizens Utilities Rural Company, Inc. & Citizens Utilities T E-1032-88-102 Company, Kingman Telephone Division (Arizona CC) 89-0033 Illinois Bell Telephone Company (Illinois CC)

U-89-2688-T Puget Sound Power & Light Company (Washington UTC))

R-891364 Philadelphia Electric Company (Pennsylvania PUC)

F.C. 889 Potomac Electric Power Company (District of Columbia PSC)
Case No. 88/546 Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, et al Plaintiffs, v.

Gulf+Western, Inc. et al, defendants (Supreme Court County of

Onondaga, State of New York)

87-11628 Duquesne Light Company, et al, plaintiffs, against Gulf+

Western, Inc. et al, defendants (Court of the Common Pleas of

Allegheny County, Pennsylvania Civil Division)

890319-EI Florida Power & Light Company (Florida PSC)

891345-EI Gulf Power Company (Florida PSC)

ER 8811 0912J Jersey Central Power & Light Company (BPU) 6531 Hawaiian Electric Company (Hawaii PUCs) R0901595 Equitable Gas Company (Pennsylvania Consumer Counsel)

90-10 Artesian Water Company (Delaware PSC)

89-12-05 Southern New England Telephone Company (Connecticut PUC)

900329-WS Southern States Utilities, Inc. (Florida PSC)

90-12-018 Southern California Edison Company (California PUC) 90-E-1185 Long Island Lighting Company (New York DPS)

R-911966 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company (Pennsylvania PUC) I.90-07-037, Phase II (Investigation of OPEBs) Department of the Navy and all Other

Federal Executive Agencies (California PUC)

U-1551-90-322 Southwest Gas Corporation (Arizona CC)
U-1656-91-134 Sun City Water Company (Arizona RUCO)
U-2013-91-133 Havasu Water Company (Arizona RUCO)

91-174*** Central Maine Power Company (Department of the Navy and all

Other Federal Executive Agencies)

U-1551-89-102 Southwest Gas Corporation - Rebuttal and PGA Audit (Arizona

& U-1551-89-103 Corporation Commission)

Docket No. 6998 Hawaiian Electric Company (Hawaii PUC)

TC-91-040A and Intrastate Access Charge Methodology, Pool and Rates TC-91-040B Local Exchange Carriers Association and South Dakota

Independent Telephone Coalition

9911030-WS & General Development Utilities - Port Malabar and

911-67-WS West Coast Divisions (Florida PSC)

922180 The Peoples Natural Gas Company (Pennsylvania PUC) 7233 and 7243 Hawaiian Nonpension Postretirement Benefits (Hawaiian PUC)

R-00922314

& M-920313C006 Metropolitan Edison Company (Pennsylvania PUC)

R00922428 Pennsylvania American Water Company (Pennsylvania PUC)

E-1032-92-083 &

U-1656-92-183 Citizens Utilities Company, Agua Fria Water Division

(Arizona Corporation Commission)

92-09-19 Southern New England Telephone Company (Connecticut PUC)
E-1032-92-073 Citizens Utilities Company (Electric Division), (Arizona CC)
UE-92-1262 Puget Sound Power and Light Company (Washington UTC))

92-345 Central Maine Power Company (Maine PUC)

R-932667 Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company (Pennsylvania PUC) U-93-60** Matanuska Telephone Association, Inc. (Alaska PUC)

U-93-50** Anchorage Telephone Utility (Alaska PUC)

U-93-64 PTI Communications (Alaska PUC)

7700 Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (Hawaii PUC) E-1032-93-111 & Citizens Utilities Company - Gas Division U-1032-93-193 (Arizona Corporation Commission)

R-00932670 Pennsylvania American Water Company (Pennsylvania PUC)
U-1514-93-169/ Sale of Assets CC&N from Contel of the West, Inc. to

E-1032-93-169 Citizens Utilities Company (Arizona Corporation Commission)

7766 Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. (Hawaii PUC) 93-2006- GA-AIR The East Ohio Gas Company (Ohio PUC) 94-E-0334 Consolidated Edison Company (New York DPS)

94-0270 Inter-State Water Company (Illinois Commerce Commission)
94-0097 Citizens Utilities Company, Kauai Electric Division (Hawaii PUC)
PU-314-94-688 Application for Transfer of Local Exchanges (North Dakota PSC)

94-12-005-Phase I Pacific Gas & Electric Company (California PUC)
R-953297 UGI Utilities, Inc. - Gas Division (Pennsylvania PUC)

95-03-01 Southern New England Telephone Company (Connecticut PUC) 95-0342 Consumer Illinois Water, Kankakee Water District (Illinois CC)

94-996-EL-AIR Ohio Power Company (Ohio PUC)

95-1000-E South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (South Carolina PSC)

Non-Docketed Citizens Utility Company - Arizona Telephone Operations

Staff Investigation (Arizona Corporation Commission)

E-1032-95-473 Citizens Utility Co. - Northern Arizona Gas Division (Arizona CC) E-1032-95-433 Citizens Utility Co. - Arizona Electric Division (Arizona CC)

Collaborative Ratemaking Process Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania

(Pennsylvania PUC)

GR-96-285 Missouri Gas Energy (Missouri PSC)

94-10-45 Southern New England Telephone Company (Connecticut PUC) A.96-08-001 et al. California Utilities' Applications to Identify Sunk Costs of Non-

Nuclear Generation Assets, & Transition Costs for Electric Utility Restructuring, & Consolidated Proceedings (California PUC)

96-324 Bell Atlantic - Delaware, Inc. (Delaware PSC)

96-08-070, et al. Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Southern California Edison Co. and

San Diego Gas & Electric Company (California PUC)

97-05-12 Connecticut Light & Power (Connecticut PUC)

R-00973953 Application of PECO Energy Company for Approval of its

Restructuring Plan Under Section 2806 of the Public Utility Code

(Pennsylvania PUC)

97-65 Application of Delmarva Power & Light Co. for Application of a

Cost Accounting Manual and a Code of Conduct (Delaware PSC)

16705 Entergy Gulf States, Inc. (Cities Steering Committee)

E-1072-97-067 Southwestern Telephone Co. (Arizona Corporation Commission)

Non-Docketed Delaware - Estimate Impact of Universal Services Issues

Staff Investigation (Delaware PSC)

PU-314-97-12 US West Communications, Inc. Cost Studies (North Dakota PSC)

97-0351 Consumer Illinois Water Company (Illinois CC)

97-8001 Investigation of Issues to be Considered as a Result of Restructuring of Electric

Industry (Nevada PSC)

U-0000-94-165 Generic Docket to Consider Competition in the Provision

of Retail Electric Service (Arizona Corporation Commission)

98-05-006-Phase I San Diego Gas & Electric Co., Section 386 costs (California PUC)

9355-U Georgia Power Company Rate Case (Georgia PUC)
97-12-020 - Phase I Pacific Gas & Electric Company (California PUC)
U-98-56, U-98-60, Investigation of 1998 Intrastate Access charge filings

U-98-65, U-98-67 (Alaska PUC)

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U-99-56, U-99-52) (Alaska PUC)

Phase II of

97-SCCC-149-GIT Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Cost Studies (Kansas CC)
PU-314-97-465 US West Universal Service Cost Model (North Dakota PSC)
Non-docketed Bell Atlantic - Delaware, Inc., Review of New Telecomm.

Assistance and Tariff Filings (Delaware PSC)

Contract Dispute City of Zeeland, MI - Water Contract with the City of Holland, MI

(Before an arbitration panel)

Non-docketed Project City of Danville, IL - Valuation of Water System (Danville, IL)

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Sewer System (Village of University Park, Illinois)

E-1032-95-417	Citizens Utility Co., Maricopa Water/Wastewater Companies
T 1051D 00 0407	et al. (Arizona Corporation Commission)
T-1051B-99-0497	Proposed Merger of the Parent Corporation of Qwest Communications Corporation, LCI International Telecom Corp.,
	and US West Communications, Inc. (Arizona CC)
T-01051B-99-0105	US West Communications, Inc. Rate Case (Arizona CC)
A00-07-043	Pacific Gas & Electric - 2001 Attrition (California PUC)
T-01051B-99-0499	US West/Quest Broadband Asset Transfer (Arizona CC)
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