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**VIA: ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

Mr. Adam J. Teitzman  
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In re: Review of Storm Protection Plan pursuant to Rule 26-6.030, F.A.C.  
Tampa Electric Company; Docket No. 20220048-EI

Dear Mr. Teitzman:

Attached is Tampa Electric Company's Notice of Witness Substitution along with the Testimony of Richard J. Latta, Utility Controller for Tampa Electric Company.

Sincerely,



Malcolm N. Means

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BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Review of Storm Protection Plan )  
Pursuant to Rule 25-6.030, F.A.C., )  
Tampa Electric Company )  
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DOCKET NO. 20220048-EI

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**TAMPA ELECTRIC COMPANY'S  
NOTICE OF WITNESS SUBSTITUTION**

TO: ALL PARTIES OF RECORD

Please take notice that Richard Latta, Utility Controller for Tampa Electric Company, will serve as Tampa Electric's witness in place of Tampa Electric witness A. Sloan Lewis, who previously submitted testimony in this docket on April 11, 2022. *See* Doc. No. 02353-2022. Mr. Latta's Direct Testimony, which is attached, will substitute for Ms. Lewis' testimony. This Direct Testimony is identical to Ms. Lewis' other than the responses to those questions that ask about the witness' identity and qualifications.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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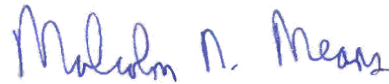
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Witness Substitution, filed on behalf of Tampa Electric Company, has been furnished by electronic mail on this 11th day of May 2022 to the following:

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BEFORE THE  
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 20220048-EI

TAMPA ELECTRIC'S  
2022-2031  
STORM PROTECTION PLAN

TESTIMONY AND EXHIBIT

OF

RICHARD J. LATTA

FILED: MAY 11, 2022

1                                   **BEFORE THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

2                                   **PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY**

3                                   **OF**

4                                   **RICHARD J. LATTA**

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6                   **INTRODUCTION:**

7           **Q.**    Please state your name, address, occupation and employer.

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9           **A.**    My name is Richard J. Latta. My business address is 702  
10           N. Franklin Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. I am employed  
11           by Tampa Electric Company ("Tampa Electric" or "the  
12           Company") in the Finance Department as Utility  
13           Controller.

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15           **Q.**    Please describe your duties and responsibilities in that  
16           position.

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18           **A.**    My duties and responsibilities include maintaining the  
19           financial books and records of the company and for the  
20           determination and implementation of accounting policies  
21           and practices for Tampa Electric. I am also responsible  
22           for budgeting activities within the company, which  
23           includes business planning, as well as general  
24           accounting, regulatory accounting, plant accounting,  
25           regulatory tax accounting, and financial reporting.

1 **Q.** Please describe your educational background and  
2 professional experience.

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4 **A.** I graduated from the University of South Florida in 2005  
5 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting and a  
6 Master of Accountancy in 2007. I am a Certified Public  
7 Accountant in the State of Florida. I joined Tampa  
8 Electric in 2001 as a Customer Service Representative.  
9 Upon completion of my Accounting degree, I joined Tampa  
10 Electric's Accounting Department in 2005 as a Financial  
11 Reporting Accountant working on the Conservation and  
12 Environmental clauses. I held and expanded my roles  
13 within Tampa Electric's Accounting Department until I  
14 moved to TECO Services Inc. in 2014 as a Corporate  
15 Accounting Manager. I returned to Tampa Electric's  
16 Accounting Department in 2017 as the Director of Financial  
17 Reporting. I am currently the Controller of Tampa  
18 Electric and have held this role since July 2021.

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20 **Q.** Other than describing your background and qualifications,  
21 is the remainder of your testimony the same as that set  
22 forth in the testimony of A. Sloan Lewis that was filed  
23 in this proceeding on April 11, 2022.

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25 **A.** Yes, it is.

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

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3 A. The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to  
4 demonstrate that the company's 2022-2031 Storm Protection  
5 Plan complies with Rule 25-6.030(g)-(h), Florida  
6 Administrative Code, *i.e.*, the Storm Protection Plan  
7 ("SPP") rule. Section 3(g) requires a utility to provide an  
8 estimate of the annual jurisdictional revenue requirements  
9 for each year of its SPP. Section 3(h) requires a utility  
10 to provide an estimate of rate impacts for each of the first  
11 three years of the SPP for the utility's typical  
12 residential, commercial, and industrial customers. My  
13 testimony also explains the methodology used to calculate  
14 these estimates.

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16 Q. Have you prepared an exhibit to accompany your direct  
17 testimony?

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19 A. Yes. Exhibit No. RJL-1, entitled "Tampa Electric's 2022-  
20 2031 SPP Total Revenue Requirements by Program" was  
21 prepared under my direction and supervision. This Exhibit  
22 shows the Annual Revenue Requirement for the company's  
23 2022-2031 SPP Programs.

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1 **CALCULATION OF THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL JURISDICTIONAL REVENUE**  
2 **REQUIREMENTS FOR TAMPA ELECTRIC'S 2022-2031 STORM PROTECTION**  
3 **PLAN**

4 **Q.** What are the estimated annual jurisdictional revenue  
5 requirements for each year of the company's proposed SPP?  
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7 **A.** The estimated annual jurisdictional revenue requirements  
8 for each year of the SPP are included in the table below.  
9 The revenue requirements of each SPP program are set out in  
10 my Exhibit No. RJL-1.  
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12 Total SPP Revenue Requirement (2022-2031)

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<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Revenue Requirements</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>\$47,877,941</b>
<b>2023</b>	<b>\$69,433,375</b>
<b>2024</b>	<b>\$87,196,252</b>
<b>2025</b>	<b>\$107,222,775</b>
<b>2026</b>	<b>\$127,418,631</b>
<b>2027</b>	<b>\$147,273,337</b>
<b>2028</b>	<b>\$167,170,904</b>
<b>2029</b>	<b>\$186,443,478</b>
<b>2030</b>	<b>\$205,728,771</b>
<b>2031</b>	<b>\$224,897,513</b>

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22 **Q.** How were the estimated annual jurisdictional revenue  
23 requirements for the proposed plan developed?  
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25 **A.** The estimated annual jurisdictional revenue requirements



1 were developed with cost estimates for each of the SPP  
2 programs plus depreciation and return on SPP assets, as  
3 outlined in Rule 25-6.031(6), F.A.C., the SPP Cost Recovery  
4 Clause Rule.

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6 **Q.** Do these revenue requirements include any costs that are  
7 currently recovered in base rates?

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9 **A.** Yes. The revenue requirement amounts shown above reflect  
10 all of the investments and expenses associated with the  
11 activities in the plan without regard to whether the costs  
12 are recovered through the company's existing base rates and  
13 charges or through the company's Storm Protection Cost  
14 Recovery Clause ("SPPCRC"). The SPP statute requires  
15 utilities to submit a plan explaining the utility's  
16 "systematic approach" to storm protection, which includes  
17 existing storm hardening activities that were previously  
18 established and were not "new" or "incremental" to the new  
19 proposed storm protection activities. In the company's  
20 Commission approved "2020 Agreement" the costs of some  
21 existing storm hardening activities that were being  
22 recovered through base rates were transitioned to recovery  
23 through the SPPCRC, while others were chosen to remain being  
24 recovered through base rates. The existing storm hardening  
25 programs that were chosen to remain in base rates were the

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following:

- Distribution Pole Replacements (Capital and O&M)
- Distribution Unplanned Vegetation Management
- Transmission Unplanned Vegetation Management
- Legacy Storm Hardening Plan Activities

The storm hardening programs that were chosen to be transitioned from base rate recovery to be recovered through the SPPCRC were the following:

- Transmission Asset Upgrades
- Distribution Planned Vegetation Management
- Transmission Planned Vegetation Management
- Distribution Infrastructure Inspections
- Transmission Infrastructure Inspections

**Q.** Is Tampa Electric intending to shift any of the current base rate recovered storm protection activities to recovery through the SPPCRC?

**A.** No.

**Q.** Did Tampa Electric make the agreed upon adjustments to ensure that no double recovery was occurring when it transitioned the base rate recovered activities to the SPPCRC?

1     **A.**    Yes.    Tampa Electric made two adjustments to ensure that  
2            all SPP costs that would be recovered through the SPPCRC  
3            were incremental and that no double recovery was occurring.  
4            First, the company reduced the filed amount of SPPCRC cost  
5            recovery in 2020 by \$10.4 million dollars.  This adjustment  
6            ensured that when Tampa Electric started the company's  
7            SPPCRC, those base rate activities would be removed from  
8            the total SPPCRC costs.  The second adjustment was made by  
9            lowering base rates by \$15 million dollars as of January 1,  
10           2021 to recognize these activities would be removed on an  
11           ongoing basis from base rates and only be recovered through  
12           the SPPCRC.

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14     **Q.**    Do the estimated annual jurisdictional revenue requirements  
15            include the annual depreciation expense on SPP capital  
16            expenditures?

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18     **A.**    Yes.  Rule 25-6.031 states that the annual depreciation  
19            expense is a cost that may be recovered through the SPPCRC.  
20            As a result, the estimated annual jurisdictional revenue  
21            requirements include the annual depreciation expense  
22            calculated on the SPP capital expenditures, *i.e.*, those  
23            initiated after April 10, 2020, using the depreciation  
24            rates from Tampa Electric's most current Depreciation  
25            Study, approved in PSC-2021-0423-S-EI on November 10, 2021.

1 **Q.** Was the depreciation savings on the retirement of assets  
2 removed from service during the SPP capital projects  
3 considered in the development of the revenue requirement?  
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5 **A.** Yes. In the development of the revenue requirements,  
6 depreciation expense from the SPP capital asset additions  
7 has been reduced by the depreciation expense savings  
8 resulting from the estimated retirement of assets removed  
9 from service during the SPP capital projects.  
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11 **Q.** Do the estimated annual jurisdictional revenue requirements  
12 include a return on the undepreciated balance of the SPP  
13 assets?  
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15 **A.** Yes. Rule 25-6.031 6(c) states that the utility may recover  
16 a return on the undepreciated balance of the asset costs  
17 through the SPPCRC. As a result, this return was included  
18 in the estimated annual jurisdictional revenue requirement.  
19 In accordance with the FPSC Order No. PSC-2021-0423-S-EI,  
20 which approved the company's 2021 Stipulation and  
21 Settlement Agreement. Tampa Electric calculated a return  
22 on the undepreciated balance of the asset costs at a  
23 weighted average cost of capital using the return on equity  
24 of 9.5 percent which is based upon the 2021 Stipulation and  
25 Settlement Agreement.

1 Q. In the calculation of the estimated annual jurisdictional  
2 revenue requirements did the company include Allowance for  
3 Funds Used During Construction ("AFUDC")?  
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5 A. No. Per Rule 25-6.0141, F.A.C, in order for projects to be  
6 eligible for AFUDC, they must involve "gross additions to  
7 plant in excess of 0.5 percent of the sum of the total  
8 balance in Account 101, Electric Plant in Service, and  
9 Account 106, Completed Construction not Classified, at the  
10 time the project commences and are expected to be completed  
11 in excess of one year after commencement of construction."  
12 None of the projects proposed in Tampa Electric's 2022-2031  
13 SPP meet the criteria for AFUDC eligibility.  
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15 Q. Does Tampa Electric intend to continue to seek recovery of  
16 the appropriate estimated SPP costs through the SPPCRC, in  
17 accordance with FAC rule 26-6.031?  
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19 A. Yes, Tampa Electric will continue to file for cost recovery  
20 of the estimated SPP costs through the SPPCRC.  
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22 **CALCULATION OF THE ESTIMATED RATE IMPACTS FOR YEARS 2022-2024 OF**  
23 **THE STORM PROTECTION PLAN**

24 Q. Please provide an estimate of rate impacts for each of the  
25 first three years of the proposed SPP for typical Tampa

1 Electric residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

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3 **A.** Tampa Electric prepared estimated rate impacts of the SPP  
4 for 2022, 2023, and 2024. The estimated rate impacts for  
5 each of the first three years of the proposed SPP for a  
6 typical residential, commercial, and industrial Tampa  
7 Electric customer are listed in the table below.

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<b>Tampa Electric's Storm Protection Plan "Total Cost" Customer Bill Impacts (in percent)</b>				
<b>Customer Class</b>				
	Residential 1000 kWh	Residential 1250 kWh	Commercial 1 MW 60 percent Load Factor	Industrial 10 MW 60 percent Load Factor
2022	2.70%	2.70%	1.17%	1.08%
2023	4.13%	4.13%	1.28%	1.19%
2024	5.31%	5.31%	1.37%	1.29%

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18 **Q.** How were the estimated rate impacts for each of the first  
19 three years of the proposed SPP for a typical residential  
20 and commercial/industrial customer determined?

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22 **A.** For each year, the programs were itemized and identified as  
23 either substation, transmission, or distribution costs.  
24 Each of those functionalized costs was then allocated to  
25 rate class using the allocation factors for that function.

1 The allocation factors were from the Tampa Electric's 2021  
2 Cost of Service Study that was approved in the company's  
3 2021 Settlement in Docket No. 20210034-EI. Once the total  
4 SPP revenue requirement recovery allocation to the rate  
5 classes was derived, the rates were determined in the same  
6 manner. For Residential, the charge is a kWh charge. For  
7 both Commercial and Industrial, the charge is a kW charge.  
8 The estimated charges are derived by dividing the rate class  
9 allocated SPP revenue requirements by the 2022 energy  
10 billing determinants (for residential) and by the 2022  
11 demand billing determinants (for commercial and  
12 industrial). Those charges were then applied to the billing  
13 determinants associated with typical bills for each group  
14 to calculate the impact on those bills. This was done using  
15 the costs for each year 2022, 2023 and 2024 for those bills.  
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17 **Q.** Will the rates established through the SPPCRC differ from  
18 those presented in the rate impact calculations in the SPP?  
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20 **A.** Yes. The rate impacts presented above reflect the "all-  
21 in" costs of the company's SPP without regard to whether  
22 the costs are or will be recovered through the SPPCRC or  
23 through the company's base rates and charges.  
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25 In addition, when it makes its SPPCRC filing, the company

1 will use more recent billing determinants based on the most  
2 current load forecast.

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4 The company will also continue to take steps to prevent  
5 double recovery of any costs through both base rates and  
6 the clause.

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8 **CONCLUSIONS**

9 **Q.** Please summarize your direct testimony.

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11 **A.** My testimony and exhibit demonstrate that Tampa Electric's  
12 estimated annual jurisdictional revenue requirements for  
13 each of the 10 years of the SPP and rate impacts for each  
14 of the first 3 years of the SPP for the utility's typical  
15 residential, commercial, and industrial customers comply  
16 with Rule 25-6.030(3)(g)-(h). These calculations were  
17 performed in accordance with the requirements of Section  
18 366.96, Florida Statutes and the implementing Rule 25-  
19 6.030, F.A.C., adopted by the Commission.

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21 **Q.** Does this conclude your testimony?

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23 **A.** Yes.

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EXHIBIT  
  
OF  
  
RICHARD J. LATTA

Tampa Electric's 2022-2031 Storm Protection Plan Total Revenue Requirements by Program (in Millions)												
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	Total	
Capital												
Distribution Lateral Undergrounding	\$9.22	\$19.87	\$30.81	\$42.16	\$53.87	\$65.44	\$76.79	\$87.93	\$99.25	\$110.71	\$596.06	
Transmission Asset Upgrades	\$2.90	\$4.99	\$6.72	\$8.43	\$10.26	\$12.04	\$13.71	\$15.35	\$16.33	\$16.28	\$107.01	
Distribution - Substation Extreme Weather Protection	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.15	\$0.34	\$0.54	\$0.72	\$0.93	\$1.11	\$1.34	\$1.56	\$6.70	
Transmission - Substation Extreme Weather Protection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$0.23	\$0.40	\$0.55	\$0.74	\$0.90	\$1.10	\$1.29	\$5.27	
Distribution Overhead Feeder Hardening	\$3.31	\$7.36	\$10.61	\$13.82	\$17.37	\$20.84	\$24.21	\$27.48	\$30.93	\$34.69	\$190.62	
Transmission Access Enhancements	\$0.15	\$0.42	\$0.71	\$1.03	\$1.39	\$1.73	\$2.05	\$2.34	\$2.58	\$2.86	\$15.27	
Distribution Pole Replacements	\$1.59	\$3.14	\$4.69	\$6.26	\$7.57	\$8.53	\$9.48	\$10.42	\$11.45	\$12.57	\$75.70	
O&M												
Distribution Lateral Undergrounding	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.15	\$0.19	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.21	\$0.21	\$0.33	\$2.02	
Distribution Vegetation Management - planned	\$21.16	\$24.00	\$24.22	\$25.65	\$26.77	\$27.99	\$29.52	\$30.94	\$32.50	\$34.27	\$277.02	
Distribution Vegetation Management - unplanned	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$1.40	\$1.40	\$1.30	\$1.30	\$13.50	
Transmission Vegetation Management - planned	\$3.37	\$3.41	\$2.83	\$2.92	\$3.01	\$3.08	\$3.15	\$3.22	\$3.39	\$3.55	\$31.94	
Transmission Vegetation Management - unplanned	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transmission Asset Upgrades	\$0.46	\$0.49	\$0.50	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.57	\$5.23	
Distribution - Substation Extreme Weather Protection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Transmission - Substation Extreme Weather Protection	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Distribution Overhead Feeder Hardening	\$0.56	\$0.62	\$0.67	\$0.72	\$0.77	\$0.82	\$0.87	\$0.92	\$0.97	\$1.02	\$7.94	
Transmission Access Enhancements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Distribution Infrastructure Inspections	\$1.02	\$1.04	\$1.06	\$1.08	\$1.10	\$1.13	\$1.15	\$1.17	\$1.20	\$1.22	\$11.17	
Transmission Infrastructure Inspections	\$0.54	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.57	\$0.58	\$0.59	\$5.49	
SPP Planning & Common	\$0.92	\$0.87	\$0.88	\$0.90	\$0.92	\$0.94	\$0.96	\$0.98	\$1.00	\$1.02	\$9.37	
Other Legacy Storm Hardening Plan Items	\$0.29	\$0.29	\$0.30	\$0.30	\$0.31	\$0.32	\$0.32	\$0.33	\$0.34	\$0.34	\$3.14	
Distribution Pole Replacements	\$0.81	\$0.83	\$0.86	\$0.88	\$0.59	\$0.60	\$0.61	\$0.62	\$0.71	\$0.72	\$7.23	