# **Quarterly Review**

## Selected Financial and Operational Data:

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- Carolina Power & Light Company
- Dominion North Carolina Power
- Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation
- Nantahala Power and Light Company

## Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies

- North Carolina Gas Service, Division of NUI
- North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation
- Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
- Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.

## **Telecommunications Companies**

- ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.
- BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
- Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company
- Central Telephone Company
- Citizens Telephone Company
- Concord Telephone Company
- LEXCOM Telephone Company
- MEBTEL Communications
- North State Communications
- Verizon South Inc.

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## Part I

## Introduction

The purpose, structure, focus, and an abbreviated synopsis of the nature of the contents of this report is presented here.

The Quarterly Review has been designed and is structured so as to provide, in a clear and concise format, relevant and useful financial and operational information pertaining to 18 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission): four electric companies, four natural gas local distribution companies, and ten telecommunications companies. The primary focus of this report is one of a jurisdictional financial nature. However, albeit limited, certain jurisdictional operational information is also included.

To a vast extent the information presented herein is organized into individual company overviews. The data presented covers a period of five years. From a general viewpoint, such overviews provide information that users of this report will find helpful from the standpoint of gaining insight into each company's jurisdictional financial standing and in acquiring a sense of the magnitude of each company's overall jurisdictional economic dimension.

This report has been prepared solely for the use of the Commission. The responsibility for developing and preparing the report is that of the Commission's Operations Division (Division). The preponderance of the information and data included in and/or on which the report is based has been provided by the companies. Such data has not been audited or otherwise verified. Therefore, the Division, although it believes the aforesaid data to be true and correct in each and every respect, cannot and does not offer any attestation in that regard.

## A Specific Objective

A specific objective of this reporting process is to present to the Commission, on an ongoing basis, meaningful information regarding the financial viability of the subject companies, including the reasonableness of the overall levels of rates and charges currently being charged by jurisdictional utilities, whose rates are cost based, for their sales of services. Cost based regulation is synonymous with rate base, rate of return regulation.

Under rate base, rate of return regulation, the cost of service of a public utility is defined as the sum total of reasonable operating expenses, depreciation, taxes, and a reasonable return on the net valuation of property used and useful in providing public utility services. Therefore, the reasonableness of a public utility's rates is a function of the reasonableness of the level of each individual component of its cost of service.

The reasonable return component of the cost of service equation refers to the overall rate of return related to investment funded by all investors, including debt investors as well as preferred and common equity investors. The costs of debt capital and preferred stock, which are essentially fixed by contract, must be deducted from revenue, like all other components of the cost of service, in determining income available for distribution to common stockholders. Therefore, generally speaking, a very meaningful measure of the profitability of any utility, and consequently the reasonableness of its overall rates and charges, is the return earned on its common shareholders' investment, i.e., its return on common equity, over some specified period of time. Typically, such returns are measured over a period of one year. Thus, annual returns on common equity and certain other key financial ratios, which among other things give significant perspective to the common equity returns, are the focal points of this report.

## The Key Financial Ratios

Specifically, the key financial ratios presented herein for use in reviewing the companies' financial viabilities, including their profitability and consequently the reasonableness of their rates and charges are (1) the return on common equity, (2) the common equity capitalization ratio, (3) the pre-tax interest coverage ratio, and (4) the overall rate of return.

### The Return on Common Equity

As indicated, the return on common equity is a key financial indicator which measures the profitability of an enterprise from the standpoint of its common stockholders over some specified period of time. That return or earnings rate reflects the ratio of earnings available for common equity to the common-equity investors' capital investment. As previously stated, the ratio is significant because it traditionally represents profitability after all revenues and costs, other than the cost of common equity capital, have been considered. From the standpoint of measuring profitability, return on common equity is indeed "the bottom line".

### The Common Equity Capitalization Ratio

The common equity capitalization ratio is the ratio of common equity capital to total investor-supplied capital of the firm. That ratio is significant because it is a major indicator of the financial riskiness of the firm, particularly from the standpoint of the common stockholders. The issuance of debt capital, assuming no offsetting decrease in preferred stock, decreases the common equity capitalization ratio, and its existence creates what has come to be known as financial leverage. The risk borne by shareholders that accompanies that leverage is known as financial risk. As the proportion of debt in the capital structure increases, so does the degree of financial leverage and thus shareholders' risk and consequently the shareholders' requirements regarding expected return, i.e., the expected return on common equity or, in regulatory jargon, the cost of common equity capital.

Alternatively, the financial riskiness of the firm, some might argue, is more appropriately revealed when expressed in terms of debt leverage, particularly when preferred stock is present in the capital structure. Such leverage is the ratio of long-term debt capital to total investor-supplied capital. Both approaches are clearly insightful and useful. In evaluating the superiority of one approach in comparison to the other, one should consider the context within which the information is to be used. Since a major objective of this report is to review the reasonableness of the levels of earnings of the companies' common stockholders, and in consideration of the other key financial benchmarks which are also presented herein, the common equity capitalization ratio appears to be the most appropriate and meaningful measure of the financial riskiness of the companies for use in this regard.

### The Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio

The pre-tax interest coverage ratio is the number of times earnings, determined before consideration of income taxes and interest charges, cover annual interest charges. That financial indicator is particularly important to debt investors because holders of the company's outstanding debt, including long-term bonds, receive interest payments from the company before any earnings are determined to be available for distribution to preferred or common equity investors. Pre-tax interest coverage is measured before income taxes because interest expense is deductible in arriving at taxable income. Therefore, generally speaking, debt holders can expect to be paid before the company incurs any liability for the payment of income taxes. From the debt holder's perspective, all other things remaining equal, the higher the pre-tax interest coverage the better.

## The Overall Rate of Return

The overall rate of return measures the profitability of a firm from the standpoint of earnings on total investment, including investment funded by both debt and equity investors. Specifically, in the public utility regulatory environment, it is the ratio of operating income to total investment.

## The Propriety of The Methodology

The foregoing financial benchmarks, as presented in this report, have been determined on the basis of the companies' actual operating experience. Under rate base, rate of return regulation, North Carolina statutes require that the companies' rates be determined on a normalized, pro forma, end-of-period basis based upon a historical test year. Stated alternatively, the Commission, in setting prospective rates, essentially, must take into account the company's current level of operations adjusted for known and material changes in the levels of revenues and costs that the company can reasonably be expected to experience over a reasonable period of time into the future. Thus, rates, which are established for use prospectively, are set, to a certain extent and within certain constraints, on the basis of revenue and cost expectations, including investor expectations regarding their return requirements, as opposed to simply setting prospective rates solely on the basis of actual operating experience. The process of setting prospective rates is inherently and exceedingly time consuming, difficult, and otherwise costly to both companies and regulators. It involves the assimilation, investigation, and evaluation of enormous amounts of complex information and data which invariably leads to multifarious issues; many, if not most, of which must be resolved through adjudication.

It is far less difficult and costly to perform an intellectual, financial analysis of the need to undertake the aforesaid process. Such preliminary analysis avoids the unnecessary incursion of the immense costs of setting prospective rates. Those are precisely the reasons why this report is focused on a review of the returns on common equity and other key financial ratios which the companies are currently earning or achieving under their existing rates and charges. Those ratios, when considered in conjunction with statutory rate making requirements, prevailing economic conditions, and certain other financial indicators, including returns on common equity and overall rates of return currently being authorized by other public utility regulatory agencies, are meaningful indicators of the need, if any, for further, more extensive regulatory review.

From the standpoint of giving an added measure of meaning to the aforesaid ratios of the individual companies and in the interest of providing a sense of current financial market conditions, certain financial information has been included herein as notes to the first statement included in Part II of this report. Such notes are an integral part of this report. Additionally, also from the standpoint of providing perspective, returns on common equity and overall rates of return currently being authorized by a number of other public utility regulatory agencies are provided in the second statement presented in Part II.

## A Final Note

It is emphasized that the information contained in this report is not intended and should not be construed to be all inclusive from the standpoint of the criteria to be used in assessing the reasonableness of the companies existing rates. But rather, it is submitted that such information is clearly relevant to such a determination and as such should be considered in conjunction with all other pertinent information and data.

The Operations Division will be pleased to receive and respond to any questions or comments.

## Part II

## A Review of Key Financial Ratios

- Summary Statement of Key Financial Ratios For 18 Selected Companies For The Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2001 — Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratios — And Certain Rate Case Data
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#### "Rate Case Data are from Orders with Various Issue Dates as Indicated in Column (i)"

		Estimat	ed for 12 M	lonths End	ded 06/30/01	A	uthorized -	Last Rate	Case
Line <u>No.</u>	item (a)	Return On <u>Equity</u> (b)	Overali Rate of <u>Return</u> (c)	Equity <u>Ratio</u> (d)	Pre-tax Interest Coverage <u>Ratio</u> (e)	Return On <u>Equity</u> (f)	Overall Rate of <u>Return</u> (g)	Equity <u>Ratio</u> (h)	Dete of Lest <u>Order</u> (i)
	Electric Companies								
1.	Carolina Power & Light Company	9.01%	7. <b>95%</b>	48.62%	3.40	12.75 <b>%</b>	10.45%	44.00%	08/05/88
2.	Dominion North Carolina Power	1 <b>2.62%</b>	9.64%	47.16%	4.53	11.80 <b>%</b>	9.48%	44.82 <b>%</b>	02/26/93
3.	Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation	12.17 <b>%</b>	9.98%	58.44%	5.53	12.50 <b>%</b>	10.44%	49.82%	11/12/91
4.	Nantahala Power and Light Company	8.5 <del>9</del> %	8.09%	5 <del>9</del> .63%	3.82	12.10 <b>%</b>	10. <b>32%</b>	<b>56.11%</b>	06/18/93
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies								
5.	North Carolina Gas Service, Division of NUI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.40%	9.16%	47.57 <b>%</b>	09/20/95
6.	North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation	2.39%	4.81%	<b>4</b> 5.1 <b>9%</b>	1.41	N/A	10.0 <b>9%</b>	N/A	10/27/95
7.	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	10.03%	8.88%	50.66%	3.10	11.30%	9.70%	52.71%	10/05/00
8.	Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.	14.93%	11.0 <b>2%</b>	47. <b>96%</b>	4.04	11. <b>40%</b>	9.82%	51.91%	10/30/98
	Telecommunications Companies								
9.	* ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.	18.00%	16.35%	67.00%	5,65	13.20%	10.33%	42.11%	11/25/86
10.	* BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	25.61%	17.1 <b>3%</b>	55.01%	8.67	15.00%	12.51%	54.80%	11/09/84
11.	* Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company	25.05%	17.81%	61.20%	11.12	15.25 <b>%</b>	11.82%	48.40%	03/30/83
12.	* Central Telephone Company	18.23%	18.19%	90.50%	15.61	15.50%	12.09%	48.30%	06/22/83
13.	Citizens Telephone Company	8.19%	8.23%	65.42%	3.74	12.70 <b>%</b>	10.11%	44.95%	02/26/91
14.	* Concord Telephone Company	19.24%	15.98%	71.44%	11.88	15.50%	12.11%	58.5 <b>9%</b>	06/17/83
15.	LEXCOM Telephone Company	13.76%	13.44%	94.57%	65.37	16.25%	12.77%	37.22%	06/14/82
16.	* MEBTEL Communications	22.37%	19.04%	60.77%	5.01	<b>16.50%</b>	5.92%	16.92%	11/26/79
17.	North State Communications	18.00%	17.71%	97.58%	387.67	N/A	N/A	N/A	06/13/52
18.	* Verizon South Inc.	-1.99%	2.66%	52.45%	0.26	13.90%	11.82%	50.00%	09/16/85

#### NOTES:

\* [1] Companies electing price regulation are denoted above with an asterisk. For those companies, with the exception of Concord Telephone Company, ALLTEL Carolina, Inc., and MEBTEL Communications, the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1995; therefore, the data for such companies included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996. Concord Telephone Company elected price regulation during 1997, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1997. Thus, the data for Concord Telephone Company is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1997. ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. elected price regulation during 1998, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1998. Thus, the data for ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. elected price regulation during 1998, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1998. Thus, the data for ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1998. MEBTEL Communications elected price regulation during 1999, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 1999. Thus, the data for MEBTEL Communications is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1999.

[2] Information presented is on a North Carolina jurisdictional basis except for MEBTEL Communications and North State Telephone Company which are presented on a total company basis.

[3] N/A denotes that information is not available.

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### **NOTES - continued**

NOTES: [4] Standard and Poor's 1994 annual "Global Sector Review" reflects the following benchmark-ratio ranges for total debt capitalization ratios and pre-tax interest coverage ratios for electric utilities and natural gas local distribution companies; telecommunications utilities are not included in that publication:

	RANG	E
	BONDS RATED	BONDS RATED
Item	" <b>AA</b> "	<u>"A"</u>
(6)	(b)	(c)
Electric utilities:		
Pre-tax interest coverage ratio (times)	3.50 - 4.00	2.75 - 4.50
Total debt ratio (%)	42.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 52.00
Natural gas local distribution companies:		
Pre-tax interest coverage ratio (times)	3.75 - 4.25	3.00 - 4.25
Total debt ratio (%)	41.00 - 46.00	42.00 - 51.00
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[5] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 94, No. 45, December 3, 2001 follow:

		U.S. Tr	U.S. Treasury Securities						
Line No.	0-4-	3-Month Bill	10-Year Note %	30-Year Bond	3-Month CP %.	Corporate Bond Yield			
NO.	Oate (a)	 (b)	 (C)	(d)	70. (0)	(f)			
1.	November 23, 2001	1.93	4.98	5.36	2.00	7.54			
2.	November 26, 2001	1.95	5.01	5.38	2.04	7.55			
3.	November 27, 2001	1.88	4.91	5.33	2.07	7.49			
4.	November 28, 2001	1.84	4.92	5.35	2.01	7.49			
5.	November 29, 2001	1.73	4.75	5.23	1.97	7.37			
6.	Month of October 2001	2.06	4.37	5.08	2.29	7.41			
7.	Month of September 2001	2.63	4.74	5.48	2.84	7.54			

### Part II

Moody's public utility long-term bond yield averages (%):

Line			Past 12-M	lonths	N	lonthly
No.	<u>Rating</u> (a)	<u>11/29/01</u> (b)	High (c)	Low (d)	<u>Oct. 2001</u> (e)	Sept. 2001 (f)
1.	Aaa	7.46	7.71	7.31	7.45	7.52
2.	Aa	7.50	8.03	7.39	7.47	7.55
3.	Α	7.68	8.11	7.59	7.63	7.75

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### Part III

New o	fferings by public utilities -	ember 19, 20	)01:			
Line						
No.	<u>Company Name</u> (a)	Amount (b)	Term (c)	Current (d)	Maturity (e)	Rating (f)
1.	Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc.	\$1 Billion	10 Years	5.650%	5.684%	Aa2
2.	Wisconsin Energy Corporation	\$300 Million	7 Years	5.500%	5.558%	A2
3.	Kansas City Power & Light Co.	\$150 Million	10 Years	6.500%	6.710%	A2
4.	Montana Power Company	\$150 Million	5 Years	7.300%	7.300%	Baa1

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### (Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

		Authorized	Returns		Volume No.
Line <u>No.</u>	Company (Jurisdiction) (a)	Common Equity (b)	<u>Overall</u> (c)	Date Of <u>Order</u> (d)	Public Utilities <u>Reports</u> (e)
	Electric Companies				
1.	PacificCorp, dba Utah Power & Light Co. (UT)	11.00%	9.02%	05/24/00	Volume 201
2.	Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WI)	12.20%	10.52%	08/30/00	Volume 204
3.	Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HI)	11.50%	9.14%	02/08/01	Volume 207
4.	Montana Power Company (MT)	10.75%	8.46%	05/09/01	Volume 209
5.	Western Resources, Inc. (KS)	11.02%	9.08%	07 <b>/</b> 25/01	Volume 211
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies				
6.	Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CT)	10.80%	N/A	05/25/00	Volume 201
7.	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (MD)	11.05%	8.61%	06/19/00	Volume 203
8.	Questar Gas Company (UT)	1 <b>1.00%</b>	9.82%	08/11/00	Volume 203
<b>9</b> .	Louisville Gas and Electric Company (KY)	11.25%	N/A	09/27/00	Volume 204
10.	Avista Corporation (WA)	11.16%	9.03%	09/29/00	Volume 204
11.	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WI)	12.10%	9.74%	12/22/00	Volume 206
12.	City Gas Company of Florida (FL)	11.50%	N/A	02/05/01	Volume 207
13.	Public Service Company of Colorado (CO)	11.25%	9.33%	03/15/01	Volume 208
14.	Montana Power Company (MT)	10.75%	8.82%	05/09/01	Volume 209
15.	Northern States Power Company (ND)	11.50%	8.89%	06/27/01	Volume 211

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Line <u>No.</u>	<u>Company (Jurisdiction)</u> (a) Water Companies	Authorized Common Equity (b)	Returns Overall (C)	Date Of <u>Order</u> (d)	Volume No. <i>Public Utilities <u>Reports</u> (e)</i>
16.	Jewett City Water Company (CT)	12.30%	N/A	04/26/00	Volume 201
17.	Consumers Maine Water Company (ME)	10.00%	9.64%	09/26/00	Volume 204
1 <b>8</b> .	Illinois-American Water Company (IL)	10.20%	8.40%	02/15/01	Volume 208
19.	Emporium Water Company (PA)	11.00%	N/A	03/08/01	Volume 208
20.	Artesian Water Company, Inc. (DE)	10.50%	N/A	06/19/01	Volume 211

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### CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

				40.44	4			nual
Line		June	June	12 Months End June	June	June	<u>Growth</u> Four	Current
NQ.	item (a)	<b>2001</b> (b)	2000 (c)	<u>1999</u> (d)	<u>1998</u> (e)	1997 (f)	Year (g)	Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$2,379,508	\$2,301,205	\$2,247,469	\$2,252,762	\$2,067,383	3.58%	3.40%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	455,807	420,882	416,445	408,548	346,214	7.12%	8.30%
4.	Purchased Power	250,363	245,344	275,214	289,454	252,821	-0.24%	2.05%
5.	Maintenance	141,460	161,548	142,817	131,263	158,719	-2.84%	-12.43%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	395,286	365,726	328,498	344,272	376,739	1.21%	8.08%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,242,916	1,193,500	1,162,974	1,173,537	1,134,493	2.31%	4.14%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	533,438	<u>377,386</u>	357,044	366,387	336,253	12.23%	<u>41.35%</u>
<b>9</b> .	Total Expenses & Depreciation	1,776,354	1,570,886	1,520,018	1,539,924	1,470,746	4.83%	13.08%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	285,619	<u>343,790</u>	352,116	333,934	262,530	2.13%	<u>-16,92%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	2.061.973	<u>1,914,676</u>	1,872,134	<u>1,873,858</u>	1,733,276	4.44%	7.69%
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$317,535</u>	<u>\$386,529</u>	<u>\$375,335</u>	<u>\$378.904</u>	<u>\$334,107</u>	<u>-1.26%</u>	<u>-17.85%</u>
13.	Net Plant investment	<u>\$4,339,365</u>	<u>\$4,323,272</u>	<u>\$4.302.881</u>	<u>\$4.353.768</u>	<u>\$4,391.285</u>	<u>-0.30%</u>	<u>0.37%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	52.23% \$1.82	51.86% \$1.88	51.75% \$1.91	52.09% \$1.93	54.88% \$2.12	-1.23% -3.74%	0.71% -3.19%
·J.		\$1.02	41.00	Q1.31		ΨΖ. ΙΖ	-3.1478	-3.18%
40								
16.	Number of Customers Served:	038	000	877	957	829	7 90%	2 90%
17.	Residential	926	900		852		2.80%	2.89%
18.		163	157	153	148	143	3.33%	3.82%
19. 20.	Industrial Other	4	4	4	4 2	4	0.00%	0.00%
20. 21.	Total Number of Customers	1005	_	_	-	<u>978</u>	0.00%	0.00%
∡1.		<u>1095</u>	<u>1063</u>	<u>1036</u>	<u>1006</u>	<u>910</u>	<u>2.87%</u>	<u>3.01%</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	12,534	11,897	11,400	11,001	10,181	5.34%	5.35%
24.	Commercial	10,160	9 732	9,261	8,776	8,173	5.59%	4.40%
25.	Industrial	10,606	11,135	11,313	11,579	11,427	-1.85%	-4.75%
<b>26</b> .	Other	3,652	4,860	<u>4,855</u>	<u>6,351</u>	4,133	<u>-3,05%</u>	<u>-24,86%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>36,952</u>	<u>37.624</u>	<u>36,829</u>	<u>37.707</u>	<u>33.914</u>	<u>2.17%</u>	<u>-1.79%</u>
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.95%	9.75%	9.52%	9.67%	8.81%	-7 5 <i>4</i> 44	-18.46%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	9.01%	12.26%	11.70%	12.07%	10.58%	-3. <del>9</del> 4%	
30.	Common Equity Ratio	48.62%	55.46%	56.68%	55.13%	54.11%	-2.64%	-12.33%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.40	5.30	5.44	5.13	4.34	-5.92%	-35.85%

32. LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.75%, Overall 10.45%; Equity Ratio: 44.00%; Date of Order: 8-5-88

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 71% of total company electric utility revenue.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

#### DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

	nual
e Growth	Current
7 Year	Year
(g)	(h)
8,206 4.07%	7. <b>95%</b>
5,419 9.63%	2.13%
5,795 -2.79%	-1.73%
3,442 N/A	N/A
<u>9.931</u> <u>15.93%</u>	<u>10.32%</u>
4,587 3.07%	3.65%
<u>5,773</u> <u>1.17%</u>	<u>11.85%</u>
0,360 2.75%	4.89%
4.668 10.44%	1 <b>8.30%</b>
5.028 3.94%	<u>7.07%</u>
<u>3.178</u> <u>4.76%</u>	<u>12.69%</u>
<u>4.744</u> <u>-1.11%</u>	<u>5.84%</u>
.84% -0.97%	-3.99%
\$2.14 -5.04%	-2.25%
<u> </u>	
87 1.68%	2.20%
	0.00%
	N/A
	0.00%
<u>102 1.67%</u>	<u>1.87%</u>
	9.65%
	4.31%
•	10.21%
	7.87% 8.69%
<u></u>	<u>9.99 Al</u>
.58% 6.19%	6.05%
	12.08%
.1-170 0.0176	-2.12%
3.00 10.85%	4.62%
777	13       1.87%         0       N/A         2       0.00%         102       1.67%         102       1.67%         1,062       6.67%         612       3.49%         1,260       1.53%         111       5.40%         3,045       3.93%         7.58%       6.19%         7.88%       12.50%         7.14%       0.01%

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LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.80%, Overall 9.48%; Equity Ratio: 44.82%; Date of Order: 2-26-93

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 5% of total company electric utility revenue.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service. [3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### DUKE POWER, A DIVISION OF DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

				2 Months End	ed		Anr Growth	
Line <u>No.</u>	item (a)	June 2001 (b)	June <u>2000</u> (c)	June <u>1999</u> (d)	June 1998 (e)	June <u>1997</u> (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$3,232,448	\$3,089,262	\$2,994,816	\$2,905,149	\$2,857,061	3.13%	4.63%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	486,766	443,520	447,984	439,493	458,631	1.50%	9.75%
4.	Purchased Power	311,761	281,281	263,968	258,372	281,483	2.59%	10.84%
5.		306,436	287,311	275,412	277,342	301,694 536,808	0.39%	6.66%
6. 7.	Other Operating Expenses Total Operating Expenses	<u>704,002</u> 1,808,965	<u>699.710</u> 1,711,802	<u>630.385</u> 1,617,749	<u>589,657</u> 1,564,864	1,578,616	<u>7.01%</u> 3.46%	<u>0.61%</u> 5.68%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	387.769	<b>364.4</b> 71	<u>351,481</u>	336,618	326,047	4.43%	6.39%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,196,734	2,076,273	1,969,230	1,901,482	1,904,663	3.63%	5.80%
<b>10</b> .	Total Operating Taxes	472,990	468,569	481,522	460,818	435.203	<u>2.10%</u>	0.94%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	2.669,724	2.544,842	2,450,752	2,362,300	2,339,866	<u>3.35%</u>	4.91%
1 <b>2</b> .	Operating Income	<u>\$562.724</u>	<u>\$544.420</u>	<u>\$544,064</u>	<u>\$542.849</u>	<u>\$517.195</u>	<u>2.13%</u>	<u>3.36%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$6.471.513</u>	<u>\$6,192,413</u>	<u>\$6.203.208</u>	<u>\$6.037.669</u>	<u>\$6.087.524</u>	<u>1.54%</u>	<u>4.51%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	55.96%	55.41%	54.02%	53.87%	55.25%	0.32%	0.99%
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.00	\$2.00	<b>\$2</b> .07	\$2.08	<b>\$2</b> .13	-1.56%	0.00%
16. 17. 18.	Number of Customers Served: Residential Commercial	1,332 212	1,307 209	1,275 204	1,248 197	1,204 190	2.56% 2.78%	1.91%
19.	Industrial	6	6	7	7	7	-3.78%	0.00%
20.	Other	8	8	Z	Z	Z	3.39%	0.00%
21.	Total Number of Customers	1.558	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1.493</u>	<u>1.459</u>	<u>1.408</u>	2.56%	1.83%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	17,228	16,598	16,131	15,789	14,816	3.84%	3.80%
24. 25.	Commercial Industrial	17,916 16,926	17,378 17,748	16,494 17,793	15,754 18,200	14,948 17,589	4.63% -0.96%	3.10% -4.63%
25. 26.	Other	2 <u>36</u>	232	222	217	214	2.48%	1.72%
27.	Total Sales	<u>52.306</u>	<u>51.956</u>	<u>50.640</u>	49.960	47.567	2.40%	0.67%
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9,98%	9.90%	9.99%	10.34%	9.83%	0.38%	0.81%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.17%	11.96%	12.37%	12.89%	11.94%	0.48%	1.76%
<b>30</b> .	Common Equity Ratio	58.44%	58.76%	56.06%	54.01%	53.83%	2.08%	-0.54%
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31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.53	5.55	5.40	5.15	4.97	2.71%	-0.36%

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- LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.50%, Overall 10.44%; Equity Ratio: 49.82%; Date of Order: 11-12-91

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 67% of total company electric utility revenue.

[2] Net Plant investment reflects net plant in service.[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

### NANTAHALA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

				Annual Growth_Rate				
Line No.	-	June 2001 (b)	June 2000 (c)	<u>2 Months End</u> e June <u>1999</u> (d)	<u>1998 1997 Year</u>	Growth         Rate           Four         Curre           Year         Year           (g)         (h)           5.13%         7.7           N/A         1           6.90%         13.4           5.33%         17.6           2.79%         3.1           5.39%         11.8           10.99%         8.2           6.04%         11.3           -0.21%         -5.3           5.05%         8.6           5.52%         3.4           7.59%         9.3           0.25%         3.7           2.33%         1.7           2.87%         1.8           3.93%         0.0	Current Year	
1.	(a) Operating Revenue	(5) \$72,906	(C) \$67,669	(4) \$64,817	(e) \$65,329	(f) \$59,692		7.74%
2.	Operating Expenses:		- ,					
3.	Purchased Power - Special Contract	0	0	9	315	627	N/A	N/A
4.	Purchased Power - Regular	30,843	27,194	25,506	26,384	23,622		13.42%
5.	Maintenance	5,905	5,021	5,289	4,602	4,797		17.61%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	8,625	8,362	7.507	<u>7,619</u>	7.727		<u>3.15%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	45,373	40,577	38,311	38,920	36,773	5.39%	11.82%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>6,766</u>	<u>6,253</u>	<u>5,891</u>	<u>5,479</u>	4,459	<u>10.99%</u>	8.20%
<b>9</b> .	Total Expenses & Depreciation	52,139	46,830	44,202	44,399	41,232	6.04%	11. <b>34%</b>
10,	Total Operating Taxes	<u>8,473</u>	8,950	<u>9,216</u>	<u>9,263</u>	8,544	-0.21%	<u>-5.33%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>60,612</u>	<u>55,780</u>	<u>53,418</u>	<u>53,662</u>	<u>49.776</u>	5.05%	<u>8.66%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$12,294</u>	<u>\$11,889</u>	<u>\$11,399</u>	<u>\$11,667</u>	<u>\$9,916</u>	<u>5.52%</u>	<u>3.41%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$165.280</u>	<u>\$151,090</u>	<u>\$143.744</u>	<u>\$134.387</u>	<u>\$123.366</u>	<u>7.59%</u>	<u>9.39%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	62.23%	59,96%	59.11%	59.58%	61.60%	0.25%	3.79%
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	<b>\$</b> 2.27	\$2.23	<b>\$2</b> .22	\$2.06	\$2.07	2.33%	1. <b>79%</b>
—	<u></u>			<u></u>				
16.	Number of Customers Served:							
17.	Residential	56	55	52	52	50		1.82%
18.	Commercial	7	7	7	6	6		0.00%
19. 20.	Industrial Other	0	O Q	0	0 0	0 Q	N/A	N/A
20. 21.	Total Number of Customers	0 63	<u>62</u>	59	58	<u>56</u>	N/A 2.99%	N/A 1.61%
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22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	559	525	495	、 495	453	5.40%	6.48%
24.	Commercial	379	366	345	336	314	4.82%	3.55%
25.	Industrial	127	140	137	134	120	1.43%	-9.29%
26. 27.	Other Total Sale <del>s</del>	2 <u>1.067</u>	2 <u>1.033</u>	2 <u>979</u>	2 <u>967</u>	2 <u>889</u>	<u>0.00%</u> <u>4.67%</u>	0.00% 3.29%
		<u> </u>						
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.09%	8.47%	8.57%	9.21%	8.63%	-1. <b>60%</b>	-4.49%
<b>29</b> .	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.59%	9.28%	9.56%	10.99%	9.61%	-2.22%	-7.44%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	59.63%	56.72%	53,45%	50.08%	54.20%	2.42%	5.13%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.82	3.74	3.46	3.46	3.58	1.64%	2.14%

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LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.10%, Overall 10.32%; Equity Ratio: 56.11%; Date of Order: 6-18-93

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 96% of total company electric utility revenue.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### NORTH CAROLINA GAS SERVICE, DIVISION OF NUI SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

			12 M	onths Ended				
Line		June	June	June	June	June	Four	A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A N/
No.	item	2001	2000	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u> (f)	Year	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(g)	00
1. 2.	Operating Revenue: Residential	\$10,825	N/A	\$5,543	N/A	N/A	N/A	N//
2. 3.	Commercial	5,539	N/A	2,525	N/A	N/A	N/A	
3. 4.	Industrial	3,382	N/A	2,479	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<del>4</del> . 5.	Public Authorities	0,302	N/A	2,4,8	N/A	N/A	N/A	
6.	Resale	1,530	N/A	1,075	N/A	N/A	N/A	
0. 7.	Other	3.056	N/A	2,219	N/A	N/A	N/A	
8.	Total Operating Revenue	24,332	N/A	13,841	N/A	N/A	N/A	
9.	Cost of Gas	16,845	N/A	7,386	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10.	Margin	7,487	N/A	6,455	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11.	O & M Expenses	3,677	N/A	4,004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N//
		ŕ						
12.	Other Deductions	<u>2,571</u>	N/A	1,586	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/#
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$1,239</u>	N/A	<u>\$865</u>	<u>N/A</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>N//</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$16,387</u>	N/A	<u>\$14,419</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	<u>N/</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	49.11%	N/A	62.03%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$2.19	N/A	\$2.23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:							
18.	Residential	935	N/A	803	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19.	Commercial	595	N/A	500	N/A	N/A	N/A	
20.	Industrial	444	N/A	1,346	N/A	N/A	N/A	
21.	Public Authorities	0	N/A	1,040	N/A	N/A	N/A	
22.	Resale	õ	N/A	ō	N/A	N/A	N/A	
23.	Other	1.834	N/A	813	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Total DTs	3,808	N/A	3.462	N/A	N/A	N/A	
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	12	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
27.	Commercial	2	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
28.	Industrial	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
29.	Public Authorities	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	0	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	Q	N/A	Q	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	14	N/A	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
35.	Common Equity Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage					<b>,</b>		
	Ratio (Times)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>37.</sup> LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.40%, Overall 9.16%; Equity Ratio: 47.57%; Date of Order: 9-20-95

Notes: [1] The percentage of North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue to total company gas utility revenue is not available.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

 [3] Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.
 [4] N/A denotes that the data has not been provided due to ongoing changes occurring within the Company's internal operational structure.

### NORTH CAROLINA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts in Thousands)

				lonths Ended			Growt	N/A         N/A           N/A         N/A
Line		June	June	June	June	June	Four	
No.	ltem	2001	2000	1999	1998	<u>1997</u>		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(9)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$81,119	N/A	N/A	\$46,871	\$46,498	N/A	N/A
3.	Commercial	56,232	N/A	N/A	31,337	31,136	N/A	N/A
4.	Industrial	100,915	N/A	N/A	52,106	63,333	N/A	N/A
5.	Public Authorities	2,824	N/A	N/A	1,874	2,005	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	39,347	N/A	N/A	16,933	22,460	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	111,395	N/A	N/A	27.717	<u>19.501</u>	N/A	N/A
8	Total Operating Revenue	391,832	N/A	163.898	176,838	184,933	N/A	N/A
9.	Cost of Gas	324,693	N/A	91,188	100.818	<u>112,490</u>	N/A	N/A
10.	Margin	67,139	N/A	72,710	76,020	72,443	N/A	N/A
11.	O & M Expenses	42,332	N/A	23,408	26,398	24,750	N/A	N/A
12.	Other Deductions	<u> 25.498</u>	N/A	<u> 28.972</u>	28,937	<u>27.785</u>	N/A	N/A
13.	Operating Income	( <b>\$691</b> )	N/A	<u>\$20.330</u>	\$20.685	<u>\$19.908</u>	N/A	N/A
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$299.142</u>	N/A	<u>\$209.137</u>	<u>\$200.144</u>	<u>\$188.311</u>	N/A	N/A
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	63.05%	N/A	32.19%	34.73%	34.16%	N/A	N/A
1 <del>6</del> .	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$4.46	N/A	\$2.88	\$2.63	\$2.60	N/A	N/A
			<u></u>	<u> </u>				
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:	7 64 6		N/A	6,078	5 0 4 4	<b></b>	
18.	Residential	7,015	N/A			5,844		
19.	Commercial	5,956	N/A	N/A	5,302	5,082		
20.	Industrial	14,766	N/A	N/A	13,201	14,588		
21.	Public Authorities	286	N/A	N/A	335	336		
22.	Resale	4,855	N/A	N/A	3,125	4,256		
23.	Other	19.249	N/A	N/A	27.103	24.341		
24.	Total DTs	<u>52.127</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>55.144</u>	<u>54.447</u>	N/A	N/A
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	100	N/A	N/A	94	91		
27.	Commercial	14	N/A	N/A	13	13		
28.	industrial	0	N/A	N/A	0	0		N/A
29.	Public Authorities	4	N/A	N/A	4	4		
30.	Resale	54	N/A	N/A	47	45		
31.	Other	0	N/A	N/A	0	Q		
32.	Total Number of Customers	172	<u>N/A</u>	N/A	<u>158</u>	<u>153</u>	N/A	<u>N/A</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	4.81%	9.86%	10.15%	11.24%	11.98%	-20.40%	-51.22%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	2.39%	12.92%	11.88%	13.32%	14.37%	-36.14%	-81.50%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	45.19%	51.93%	59.93%	60.87%	61.08%	-7.2 <b>6%</b>	-12.98%
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	1.41	4.46	4.79	5.22	5.47	-28.75%	-68.39%
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns:	Common Equ	ity N/A, Overal	I 10.09%; Ed	uity Ratio: N/A;	Date of Order: 10	D-27-95

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' Reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.

[4] Data provided on Lines 33-36, Columns (b) and (c), is based on calculations derived from use of Carolina Power & Light Company's capital structure. The acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation by Carolina Power & Light Company was approved by the Commission on July 13, 1999.

[5] N/A denotes that data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

			12 N	Ionths Ended				
Line	l i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	June	June	June	June	June	Four	51.21% -17.46% -4.57% N/A 1.61% 34.32% 54.52% 3.16% 8.66% -2.34% 1.15% 4.86% 5.34% 1.59% 18.62% 7.80% -4.7.00% -33.85% N/A 15.08% -4.91% 4.24% 2.44% 0.00% -80.00% N/A 2.99% -8.17%
No.	ltem	2001	2000	1999	<u>1998</u>	1997	Year	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$321,554	\$204,719	\$173,586	\$193,728	\$193,045	13.61%	
3.	Commercial	168,705	111,571	87,632	103,114	105,723	12.39%	51.21%
4.	Industria)	93,289	113,026	67,223	82,111	96,719	-0.90%	-17.46%
5.	Public Authorities	2,651	2,778	2,665	3,127	3,392	-5.98%	-4.57%
6.	Resale	Ó	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	17.998	<u>17,712</u>	78,628	<u>81,540</u>	61.711	-26.51%	1.61%
8.	Total Operating Revenue	604,197	449,806	409,734	463,620	460,590	7.02%	
9.	Cost of Gas	421,720	272,926	218,082	272.051	281,860	10.60%	54.52%
10.	Margin	182,477	176,880	191,652	191,569	178,730	0.52%	3.16%
11.	O & M Expenses	78,504	72,245	69,45 <del>9</del>	69,796	71,626	2.32%	8.66%
12.	Other Deductions	52,245	<u>53,497</u>	65,899	<u>66,449</u>	60,184	<del>-3.47%</del>	-2.34%
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$51,728</u>	<u>\$51.138</u>	<u>\$56,294</u>	<u>\$55,324</u>	<u>\$46.920</u>	<u>2.47%</u>	<u>1.15%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$584,518</u>	<u>\$557,448</u>	<u>\$511.705</u>	<u>\$479.234</u>	<u>\$455.017</u>	<u>6.46%</u>	4.86%
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	43.02%	40.84%	36.24%	36.43%	40.07%	1.79%	5.34%
1 <b>6</b> .	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.20	\$3.15	\$2.67	\$2.50	\$2.55	5.84%	1.59%
					<u> </u>			
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:	20.040	24 370	22,691	74 620	22,933	5,97%	10 6784
18.	Residential	28,919	24,379	14,612	24,639 16,097	15,405	4,11%	
19.	Commercial	18,098	16,788		19,567	20,745	-9.92%	
20.	Industria)	13,662	25,775	18,621		,		
21.	Public Authorities	256	387	422	465	480 0	-14.54%	
22.	Resale	0	0	0	0		N/A	
23.	Other	<u>17,795</u>	<u>15,463</u>	<u>49,921</u>	<u>44.591</u>	<u>18,436</u>	-0.88%	
24.	Total DTs	<u>78,730</u>	<u>82,792</u>	<u>106.267</u>	<u>105,359</u>	<u>77.999</u>	<u>0.23%</u>	<u>~4.91%</u>
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	369	354	335	317	297	5.58%	
27.	Commercial	42	41	39	38	36	3.93%	2.44%
28.	Industriaj	2	2	2	2	2	0.00%	0.00%
29.	Public Authorities	1	5	6	6	6	-36.11%	-80.00%
30.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	<u>414</u>	<u>402</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>363</u>	<u>341</u>	<u>4.97%</u>	<u>2.99%</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.88%	9.67%	10.77%	11.79%	10.49%	-4.08%	- <b>8</b> .17%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	10.03%	11.50%	13.24%	15.20%	12.98%	~6.24%	-12.78%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	50.66%	52.65%	54.43%	52.84%	49.89%	0.38%	-3.78%
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.10	3.66	4.28	4.48	3.63	-3.87%	-15.30%
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns	: Common Eq	uity 11.30%, O	verail 9.70%;	Equity Ratio: 52.	.71%; Date of Ord	der: 10-5-00

LAST RATE CASE

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 53% of total company gas utility revenue. [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.

[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

				onths Ended			Grow	64.85% 34.82% N/A 11.13%
Line	9	June	June	June	June	June	Four	Current
No.	ltem	2001	2000	<u>1999</u>	1998	<u>1997</u>	Year	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$299,088	\$198,154	\$172,432	\$184,431	\$180,357	13.48%	50.94%
3.	Commercial	145,141	88,044	74,821	84,565	87,137	13.60%	64.85%
4.	Industrial	13,239	9,820	6,144	23,234	37,016	-22.67%	34.82%
5.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	7	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	48,459	43.605	40.344	40,214	32.497	10.51%	11.13%
8.	Total Operating Revenue	505.934	339,623	<u>293,741</u>	<u>332.544</u>	<u>337.007</u>	<u>10.69%</u>	<u>48.97%</u>
9.	Cost of Gas	<u>336,101</u>	<u>174,519</u>	132,603	<u>176.779</u>	1 <b>82.691</b>	<u>16.46%</u>	<u>92.59%</u>
10.	Margin	169,833	165,104	161,138	155,765	154,316	2.42%	2.86%
11.	O & M Expenses	64,384	69,518	68,398	59,993	60,360	1.63%	-7.39%
12.	Other Deductions	<u>68,363</u>	<u>59,560</u>	<u>56.232</u>	<u>56.266</u>	<u>54,775</u>	5.70%	14.78%
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$37.086</u>	\$36.026	<u>\$36,508</u>	<u>\$39.506</u>	\$39.181	<u>-1.36%</u>	<u>2.94%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$478.655</u>	<u>\$495.691</u>	<u>\$499.005</u>	<u>\$472.910</u>	<u>\$439.016</u>	2.18%	<u>-3.44%</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	37.91%	42.11%	42,45%	38.52%	39.11%	-0.78%	-9.97%
16.	Net Ptt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$2.82	\$3.00	\$3.10	\$3.04	\$2.84	-0.18%	-6.00%
	Gas Delivered in DTs:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u></u>				
17. 18.	Residential	24,647	21,358	19,418	20,825	19,672	5.80%	15.40%
10. 19.	Commercial	14,676		11,959	12,658	12,456	4,19%	13.65%
19. 20.	Industrial	1,521	12,913 1,718	1,132	4,753	7,709	-33.35%	-11.47%
21.	Public Authorities	1,521 0	0	0	4,735 0	0		
21. 22	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A N/A	N/A
22	Other	28.549	34,103	31.141	29.362	24.591		N/A
23. 24.	Total DTs	<u>20,349</u> <u>69,393</u>	70.092	63.650	<u>29.502</u> 67.598	<u>64.428</u>	<u>3.80%</u> <u>1.87%</u>	<u>-16.29%</u> - <u>1.00%</u>
25.	Number of Customers:					_		
26.	Residential	317	307	293	277	263	4.78%	3.26%
27.	Commercial	43	42	42	41	39	2.47%	2.38%
28.	Industrial		42	2	2	2	0.00%	2.30%
29.	Public Authorities	Ú Ú	0	0	0	0	N/A	0.00% N/A
29. 30	Resale	0	0	ő	ŏ	0	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	õ	õ	ŏ	ŏ	ğ	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	362	<u>351</u>	<u>337</u>	<u>320</u>	304	4.46%	3.13%
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	11.02%	9.83%	8.80%	9.53%	10.34%	1.61%	12.11%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	14.93%	12. <b>43%</b>	10.04%	11. <b>12%</b>	12.78%	3.96%	20.11%
<b>35</b> .	Common Equity Ratio	47.96%	47.74%	49.09%	49.15%	49.16%	-0.62%	0.46%
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.04	3,49	3.02	3.17	3.51	3.58%	15.76%
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Co	ommon Equity	11.40%, Overal	9.82%; Equit	y Ratio: 51.91%;	Date of Order: 1	0-30-98

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.

[2] Net Plant investment reflects net plant in service.

[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' Reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.

[4] The Company has changed, effective March 2000, an accounting procedure such that it now accrues revenues for unbilled deliveries. The change has the effect of accelerating the recognition of margins not yet billed. Also, earnings data reflects treatment of the acquisition adjustment resulting from the merger between SCANA Corporation and Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.,

in a manner consistent with the Commission's Order approving the merger (Order dated December 7, 1999, in Docket No. G-5, Sub 400). [5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### ALLTEL CAROLINA, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

			12	Months Ende	ed		Annual Growth Rate		
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current	
No.	item (a)	<u>2000</u> (b)	<u>1999</u> (c)	<u>1998</u> (d)	<u>1997</u> (e)	<u>1996</u> (f)	<u>Year</u> (g)	<u>Year</u> (h)	
1.	Operating Revenue:								
2.	Basic Local Service	\$69,848	\$63,217	\$63,267	\$57,628	\$50,393	8.50%	10.49%	
3.	Network Access	24,875	21,166	20,200	20,706	21,342	3.90%	17.52%	
4.	Long Distance Message	5,035	5,643	5,498	5,403	7,927	-10.73%	-10.77%	
5.	Miscellaneous	3,994	3,636	3,577	2,477	1,286	32.75%	9.85%	
6.	Uncollectibles	(511)	(564)	(580)	(278)	(490)	1.05%	<u>-9.40%</u>	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>103.241</u>	93,098	<u>91,962</u>	<u>85,936</u>	80,458	<u>6.43%</u>	<u>10.89%</u>	
8.	Operating Expenses	47,321	46,647	42,171	39,913	39,333	4.73%	1.44%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	17,499	16,157	15,276	14,026	13,154	7.40%	8.31%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>14,894</u>	11,879	13,434	12,171	<u>10.612</u>	8.84%	25.38%	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>79.714</u>	<u>74,683</u>	<u>70,881</u>	<u>66,110</u>	<u>63,099</u>	<u>6.02%</u>	<u>6.74%</u>	
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	Q	Q	Q	Q	Q	N/A	N/A	
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$23,527</u>	<u>\$18,415</u>	<u>\$21,081</u>	<u>\$19.826</u>	<u>\$17,359</u>	<u>7.90%</u>	<u>27.76%</u>	
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$160.844</u>	<u>\$153.889</u>	<u>\$146.651</u>	<u>\$145,745</u>	<u>\$134,278</u>	4.62%	<u>4.52%</u>	
15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	45.84%	50.11%	45.86%	46.45%	48.89%	-1.60%	-8.52%	
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.56	\$1.65	\$1.59	\$1.70	<b>\$</b> 1.67	-1.69%	-5.45%	
17. ₄o	Local Access Lines: Residential	178	169	158	147	137	6.76%	5.33%	
18. 19.	Business	55	52	49	45	41	7.62%	5.77%	
20.	Total Local Access Lines	233	221	207	192	178	6.96%	5.43%	
						118	<u></u>	50	
21.	Total Access Lines:								
22.	Residential	178	169	158	147	137	6.76%	5.33%	
23.	Business	<u>55</u>	52	<u>49</u>	<u>45</u>	<b>41</b>	<u>7.62%</u>	5.77%	
24.	Total Access Lines	233	<u>221</u>	<u>207</u>	<u>192</u>	<u>178</u>	<u>6.96%</u>	<u>5.43%</u>	
25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	16.35%	13.52%	16.01%	15.71%	14.29%	3.42%	20.93%	
	Estimated Return on Common Equity	18.00%	14.90%	20.65%	20.90%	18.38%	-0.52%	20.81%	
27.	Common Equity Ratio	67.00%	65.39%	61.69%	60.78%	61.43%	2.19%	2.46%	
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.65	4.24	7.24	6.45	7.61	-7.17%	33.25%	

29. LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns:Common Equity 13.20%, Overall 10.33%; Equity Ratio: 42.11%; Date of Order: 11-25-86

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 79% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

- [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
- [3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
- [4] ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1998. The data for ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1998.

[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

		(A	mounts in Th	nousands)			Annual				
			12	Months End	ed		Growth	Rate           Current           Year           (h)           3.18%           -20.26%           -21.13%           14.13%           10.89%           0.27%           -1.94%           10.64%           -2.71%           1.94%           N/A           -5.08%           3.26%           -2.21%           2.70%           1.38%           1.59%			
Lin		December	December		December	December	Four				
No.	Item	December 2000 (b)         December 1999 (c)         December 1998 (d)         December 1997 (e)         December 1996 (f)           age         \$1,068,769 (f)         \$1,035,846 (f)         \$955,410 (f)         \$871,804 (e)         \$805,617 (f)           age         27,714 (f)         35,137 (f)         42,476 (f)         49,446 (f)         64,674 (f)           ue         27,714 (f)         35,137 (f)         42,476 (f)         49,446 (f)         64,674 (f)           ue         1,268,249 (f)         1,264,784 (f)         1,197,243 (f)         1,104,413 (f)         1,105,701           ation         343,992 (f)         310,910 (g)         291,352 (g)         290,581 (g)         284,607 (g)           ation         343,992 (g)         310,910 (g)         291,352 (g)         290,581 (g)         284,607 (g)           ation         343,992 (g)         310,910 (g)         291,352 (g)         290,581 (g)         284,607 (g)           ation         343,992 (g)         310,910 (g)         291,352 (g)         290,581 (g)         284,607 (g)           ation         35,395 (g)         5295,535 (g)         5277,272 (g)         \$191,935 (g)         \$1,852,897           ation         35,39% (g)         36,19% (g)         38,67% (g)         41,43% (g)         44,93%	Year	Year							
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)				
1.	Operating Revenue:					• •		• •			
2.	Basic Local Service	\$1,068,769	\$1,035,846	\$955,410	\$871,804	\$805,617	7.32%	3.18%			
3.	Network Access	115,247	144,537	158,061	159,274	163,678	-8.40%	-20.26%			
4.	Long Distance Message						-19.09%				
5.	Miscellaneous						-5.71%				
6.	Uncollectibles						-5.32%				
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>1,268,249</u>	<u>1,264,784</u>	1,197,243	1,104,413	1,105,701	3.49%	0.27%			
8.	Operating Expenses	448,878	457,763	463,029	457,536	496,846	-2.51%	-1.94%			
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	343,992	310,910	291,352	290,581	284,607	4.85%	10.64%			
10.	Total Operating Taxes	195.095	200,530	166,120	164.263	125.641	11.63%	-2.71%			
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	987,965	969,203	920,501		907,094	2.16%	1.94%			
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	(247)	<u>46</u>	<u>(530)</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>70</u>	N/A	N/A			
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$280,531</u>	<u>\$295,535</u>	<u>\$277,272</u>	\$191.935	<u>\$198.537</u>	9.03%	<u>-5.08%</u>			
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$1,931,005</u>	<u>\$1,869,982</u>	<u>\$1.863.734</u>	<u>\$1.864,967</u>	<u>\$1,852,897</u>	<u>1.04%</u>	<u>3.26%</u>			
15. 16.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue						-5.79% -2.47%				
17.	Local Access Lines:										
18.	Residential	1,690	1,667	1,600	1,524	1,449	3.92%				
19.	Business	705	<u>694</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>657</u>	<u>598</u>	4.20%				
20.	Total Local Access Lines	2,395	<u>2,361</u>	<u>2,286</u>	<u>2,181</u>	2.047	<u>4.00%</u>	<u>1.44%</u>			
21.	Total Access Lines:										
22.	Residential	1,690	1,667	1,600	1,524	1,449	3.92%	1.38%			
23.	Business	<u>714</u>	<u>698</u>	690	663	604	<b>4.27%</b>	2.29%			
24.	Total Access Lines	<u>2.404</u>	<u>2,365</u>	<u>2,290</u>	<u>2,187</u>	2,053	<u>4.02%</u>	<u>1.65%</u>			
25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	1 <b>7.13%</b>	18.37%	17.19%	11.95%	12.46%	8.28%	-6.75%			
<b>26</b> .	Estimated Return on Common Equity	25.61%	27.75%	25.24%	16.15%	17.54%	9.92%	-7.71%			
<b>27</b> .	Common Equity Ratio	55.01%	55.12%	57.55%	57.38%	55.69%	-0.31%	-0.20%			

29. LAST RAT

LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Com

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.00%, Overall 12.51%; Equity Ratio: 54.80%; Date of Order: 11-9-84

Notes: [1] North Carolina Intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 73% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

- [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
- [3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

[4] BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.

[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

### CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

Lin	-	December	12 December	Months End December	ed December	Deserbes		
No	-	2000	1999	1998	1997	December 1996	Four Year	
111	(8)	(b)	(C)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
			•••	.,				.,
1. 2.	Operating Revenue: Basic Local Service	\$414 137	\$202.001	\$360,990	\$338,306	6200 556	7 350	4 000
2. 3.	Network Access	\$411,137 110,536	\$392,091 86,775	\$360,990 89,606	88,775	\$309,556 91,084	7.35% 4.96%	
3. 4.	Long Distance Message	18,286	24,172	24,436	32,804	39,116	-17.31%	
5.	Miscellaneous	36,815	32,335	34,582	45,277	51,545	-8.07%	
6.	Uncollectibles	(5,806)		<u>(5.716)</u>	(6,667)	<u>(5,613)</u>	0.85%	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	570,968	528,708	503,898	498,495	485,688	4.13%	
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8.	Operating Expenses	247,280	281,128	259,881	250,852	256,783	-0.94%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	143,427	134,968	129,667	123,663	117,404	5.13%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>76,060</u>	<u>47,966</u>	<u>50.037</u>	<u>52,515</u>	48,115	12.13%	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>466,767</u>	464,062	439,585	427,030	422,302	<u>2.53%</u>	0.58%
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$104.201</u>	<u>\$64.646</u>	<u>\$64.313</u>	<u>\$71.465</u>	<u>\$63.386</u>	<u>13.23%</u>	<u>61.19%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$635.956</u>	<u>\$623.474</u>	<u>\$642.707</u>	<u>\$661.395</u>	<u>\$674.875</u>	<u>-1.47%</u>	<u>2.00%</u>
		40.049	50.470	<b>54 570</b>	50.000	F0 070/	4 0 0 0 0	40 55%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	43.31%	53.17%	51.57%	50.32%	52.87%	-4.86%	-10.55%
15.	Net Ptt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	<b>\$1</b> .11	\$1.18	\$1.28	\$1.33	\$1.39	-5.38%	-5.55%
16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	917	881	844	813	792	3.73%	4.09%
18.	Business	309	<b>29</b> 7	284	<u>259</u>	230	7. <b>66%</b>	4.04%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	<u>1,226</u>	<u>1,178</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>1,072</u>	1,022	<u>4.65%</u>	<u>4.07%</u>
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	917	881	844	813	792	3.73%	4.09%
22.	Business	310	<u>298</u>	<u>285</u>	<u>260</u>	231	<u>7.63%</u>	4.03%
23.	Total Access Lines	1.227	<u>1.179</u>	<u>1.129</u>	<u>1.073</u>	1.023	<u>4.65%</u>	<u>4.07%</u>
24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	17.81%	12.36%	11.69%	12.53%	11.02%	12.75 <b>%</b>	44.09%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	25.05%	15.96%	15.10%	16.59%	13.60%	16.50%	56.95%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	61.20%	62.08%	62.09%	60.75%	62.23%	-0.42%	-1.42%
20.		01.2070	02.00 /0	V2.U3 /0	00.7070	44.23 N	-0.4470	-1.94.70
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	11.12	7.35	7.59	7.65	6.45	14.59%	51.29%

28. LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.25%, Overall 11.82%; Equity Ratio: 48.40%; Date of Order: 3-30-83

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 75% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

- [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
- [3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
- [4] Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.

### CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts in Thousands)

			12 Months Ended					
Line		December	12 December	December	ea December	December	Four	Year (h) % 5.30% % 18.99% % -11.18% % -13.34% % 28.72% % 4.49% % 4.49% % -8.11% % 4.77% % 33.80% % -0.66% % 30.97% % 5.80% % 5.80% % 1.26% % 1.26% % 2.94% % 6.85% % 3.97%
No.		2000	1999	199B	1997	1996	Year	
1.2.8.1	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$103,822	\$98,597	\$88,288	\$83,322	\$77,233	7.68%	5.30%
З,	Network Access	22,930	19,271	19,093	19,320	19,387	4.29%	18.99%
4.	Long Distance Message	7,250	8,163	7,841	9,543	9,188	-5.75%	-11.18%
5.	Miscellaneous	9,691	11,183	12,488	13,219	10,682	-2.40%	-13.34%
6.	Uncollectibles	(1.721)	(1.337)	(1.773)	(1,559)	(1,015)	<u>14.11%</u>	28.72%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	141,972	135,877	125,937	123,845	115,475	5.30%	4.49%
8.	Operating Expenses	71,274	77,567	70,236	70,435	72,780	-0.52%	-8.11%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	24,167	23,066	21,629	21,262	20,823	3.79%	4.77%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	17.588	13,145	14.113	13.035	8,780	18.97%	33,80%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	113,029	113,778	105,978	104,732	102,383	2.50%	
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$28,943</u>	<u>\$22,099</u>	<u>\$19,959</u>	<u>\$19,113</u>	<u>\$13,092</u>	21.94%	<u>30.97%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$220,683</u>	<u>\$208,582</u>	<u>\$210,041</u>	<u>\$201,341</u>	<u>\$194,240</u>	<u>3.24%</u>	<u>5.80%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	50,20%	57.09%	55.77%	56.87%	63.03%	-5.53%	-12.06%
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	<b>\$1.55</b>	\$1.54	\$1.67	\$1.63	\$1.68	-1.95%	1.20%
16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	210	204	196	190	185	3.22%	
18.	Business	<u>78</u>	73	70	<u>63</u>	56	8.64%	
19.	Total Local Access Lines	<u>288</u>	277	<u>266</u>	<u>253</u>	<u>241</u>	<u>4.55%</u>	<u>3.97%</u>
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20.	Total Access Lines:	240	204	400	400	405	2 224	2.049/
21	Residential	210	204	196	190	185	3.22%	
22. 23.	Business Total Access Lines	79 289	73 277	70 266	63 253	57 242	<u>8.50%</u> <u>4.54%</u>	4.33%
24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	18.19%	13.92%	12.84%	12.60%	8.86%	19.70%	30.68%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	18.23%	13.57%	12.39%	12.60%	8.40%	21.37%	34.34%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	90.50%	89.98%	89.13%	88.21%	80.85%	2.86%	0.58%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	15.61	11.96	10.79	12.61	5.92	27.43%	30.52%

<sup>28.</sup> 

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.50%, Overall 12.09%; Equity Ratio: 48.30%; Date of Order: 6-22-83

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 79% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

[4] Central Telephone Company has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for Central Telephone Company included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.

[5] N/A denotes that the information to date has not been made available by the Company.

LAST RATE CASE

### **CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY** SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

			Annual Growth Rate					
Line	•	June	June	Months Ende June	June	June	Four	Current
No.	ltem	2001	2000	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	Year	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:	·- ·				• · · ·		
2.	Basic Local Service	\$5,479	\$4,897	\$4,727	\$4,467	\$4,137	7.28%	11.88%
3.	Network Access	3,037	3,667	3,735	3,490	3,007	0.25%	-17.18%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,337	1,278	1,187	1,150	1,129	4.32%	4.62%
5. 6.	Miscellaneous Uncollectibles	1,035	931	883	834	813 (20)	6.22%	11.17%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	( <u>11)</u> 10.877	(11) 10.762	( <u>19)</u> 10.513	(28) 9,913	(32) 9,054	<u>-23.43%</u> <u>4.69%</u>	0 <u>.00%</u> 1.07%
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8.	Operating Expenses	4,403	4,422	4,099	3,919	3,750	4.09%	-0.43%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3,702	1,639	2,496	2,674	1,994	16.73%	125.87%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>929</u>	1.790	1,289	1.036	1.094	<u>-4.00%</u>	-48.10%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	9,034	7,851	7,884	<u>7.629</u>	6,838	7.21%	<u>15.07%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$1.843</u>	<u>\$2,911</u>	<u>\$2,629</u>	<u>\$2,284</u>	<u>\$2,216</u>	-4.50%	<u>-36.69%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$22,281</u>	<u>\$21,583</u>	<u>\$19,311</u>	<u>\$17,688</u>	<u>\$17,290</u>	<u>6.55%</u>	<u>3.23%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	40,48%	41.09%	38.99%	39.53%	41.42%	-0.57%	-1.48%
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.05	\$2.01	\$1.84	\$1.78	\$1.91	1.78%	1.99%
16. 17.	Local Access Lines: Residential	17	17	16	15	14	4.97%	0.00%
18.	Business	4	4	4	4	3	7.46%	0.00%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	21	<u>21</u>	20	<u>19</u>	١Ž	5.42%	0.00%
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	17	17	16	15	14	4.97%	0.00%
22.	Business	4	4	4	4	3	7.46%	0.00%
23.	Total Access Lines	21	21	20	<u>19</u>	17	<u>5.42%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.23%	14.93%	14.10%	13.12%	13.29%	-11.29%	-44.88%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.19%	18.79%	18.03%	16.96%	17.88%	-17.73%	-56.41%
<b>26</b> .	Common Equity Ratio	65.42%	63.25%	59.95%	56.51%	53.34%	5.24%	3.43%
<b>2</b> 7.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.74	6.98	5.85	4.97	4.90	-6.53%	-46.42%

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LAST RATE CASE Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.70%, Overall 10.11%; Equity Ratio: 44.95%; Date of Order: 2-26-91

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 71% of total North Carolina

revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

### CONCORD TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

							Anr	nual
				Months End		_ <u>_</u>	Growth	Current Year (h) 5 10.99% 5 4.04% 5 5.93% 5 6.50% 5 35.39% 5 35.39% 5 3.49% 5 3.49% 5 3.49% 5 10.68% 5 10.68% 5 10.68% 5 12.55% 5 12.55% 5 2.61% 5 3.41% 5 8.00% 5 3.41% 5 3.41% 5 3.41% 5 3.41%
Líne		December	December	December	December	December	Four	
<u>No.</u>	<b>item</b> (a)	<u>2000</u> (b)	<u>1999</u> (c)	<u>1998</u> (d)	<u>1997</u> (e)	<u>1996</u> (f)	<u>Year</u> (g)	
		<b>、</b> -,	(-)	(-)	()	.,	(0)	()
1.	Operating Revenue:		<b>*</b> ***	BOE 400	<b>\$</b> 20.050	eo., oo.,	45 0 404	40.000
2.	Basic Local Service	\$42,387	\$38,190	\$35,129	\$29,962	\$24,034	15.24% 14.05%	
3.	Network Access	6,907 5.020	6,639	5,836 4,937	5,351 7,113	4,083 8,713	-12.88%	
<b>4</b> .	Long Distance Message Miscellaneous	5,020 7,736	4,739 7,264	6,970	6,274	5,861	7.19%	
5. 6.	Uncollectibles	(241)	(178)	( <u>73)</u>	(165)	(132)	16.24%	
о. 7.	Total Operating Revenue	61.809	56.654	<u>52,799</u>	48,535	42.559	9.78%	
			-					
8.	Operating Expenses	29,087	28,107	27,025	24,581	24,155	4.75%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	15,434	11,532	11,968	6,881	7,700	18.99%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>7,996</u>	7.810	<u>6,544</u>	7,739	5.077	<u>12.03%</u>	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>52,517</u>	<u>47,449</u>	45,537	<u>39,201</u>	<u>36,932</u>	<u>9.20%</u>	10.68%
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$9.292</u>	<u>\$9,205</u>	<u>\$7,262</u>	<u>\$9.334</u>	<u>\$5,627</u>	<u>13.36%</u>	<u>0.95%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$73.143</u>	<u>\$64,987</u>	<u>\$60,644</u>	<u>\$63,801</u>	<u>\$52,363</u>	<u>8.71%</u>	<u>12.55%</u>
		47.06%	49.61%	51.18%	50.65%		-4.58%	E 1404
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	47.00%	49.0170	31.1070	30.0370	30.70%	-4.30%	-3,1470
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.18	\$1.15	<b>\$1</b> .15	\$1.31	\$1.23	-1.03%	2.61%
16.	Local Access Lines:						<u> </u>	
17.	Residential	91	88	84	79	76	4.61%	3 /1 %
18.	Business	27	25	24	23	21	6.48%	
19.	Total Local Access Lines	118	113	108	102	97	5.02%	
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20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	91	88	84	79	76	4.61%	3.41%
22.	Business	27	25	24	23	21	6.48%	
23.	Total Access Lines	118	113	<u>108</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>97</u>	5.02%	4.42%
24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	15.98%	18.12%	15.82%	20.39%	14.91%	1.75%	-11 81%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	19.24%	21.76%	18.21%	22.92%	16.04%	4.65%	-11.58%
<b>26</b> .	Common Equity Ratio	71.44%	75.41%	78.06%	84.96%	88.35%	-5.17%	-5.26%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	11.88	17.89	16.77	42.30	44.17	-27.99%	-33.59%

<sup>28.</sup> 

LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15:50%, Overall 12:11%; Equity Ratio: 58:59%; Date of Order: 6-17-83

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 78% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

- [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

 [3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
 [4] Concord Telephone Company has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1997. The data for Concord Telephone Company included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1997.

### LEXCOM TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA Total Company Utility Operations (Amounts in Thousands)

							Ann	ual
				<u>Ionths Ende</u>				
Line		June	June	June	June	June	Year (9) 9.49% 4.22% -15.05% 7.29% 5.14% 7.40% -3.05% 4.68% 18.02% 3.63% 37.73% 4.71% -9.73% -2.44% 2.11% 0.00% 1.53% 2.11% 0.00% 1.53%	
No.	(a)	2001 (b)	2000 (C)	<u>1999</u> (d)	<u>1998</u> (e)	<u>1997</u> (f)		
	(8)	(6)	(0)	(4)	(e)	()	(9)	(1)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$13,212	\$12,247	\$11,243	\$10,356	\$9,193	9.49%	7.88%
3.	Network Access	3, <del>5</del> 67	3,000	3,011	3,065	3,023		18.90%
4.	Long Distance Message	338	451	392	548	649		
5.	Miscellaneous	3,648	3,699	3,329	3,148	2,753		
6.	Uncollectibles	( <u>165)</u>	(167)	(175)	(134)	(135)		
7.	Total Operating Revenue	20,600	19,230	<u>17,800</u>	16,983	15,483	7.40%	Z.12%
8.	Operating Expenses	7,662	8,213	9,041	8,466	8,672	-3.05%	-6.71%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3,472	3,149	2,741	3,558	2,892	4.68%	10.26%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	5,425	4,670	4.317	2,806	2,796	<u>18.02%</u>	16.17%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	16.559	16.032	16.099	14,830	14,360		
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$4.041</u>	<u>\$3.198</u>	<u>\$1.701</u>	<u>\$2,153</u>	<u>\$1.123</u>	37.73%	<u>26.36%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$37.685	<u>\$37.531</u>	<u>\$34.787</u>	\$32.964	\$31.350	A 7104	0.4104
		<u>9911-090</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>		<u></u>	<del>3.4. ).4</del> *	
	Oper Fue en e M of Total Beurgue	37.19%	42.71%	50,79%	49.85%	56.01%	0.720	10.00%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	37.1976	42.7 170	30.79%	49.03%	30.01%	-9./370	-12.9270
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.83	\$1.95	\$1.95	\$1.94	\$2.02	-2.44%	-6.15%
					0-1			
16.	Local Access Lines:	25	25	24	24	73	2 4 4 0/	0.00%
17. 18.	Residential Bu <del>si</del> ness	25 9	25 10	24 10		23		
10. 19.	Total Local Access Lines	34	35	34	9 33	9 32		
19.				<u>83</u>	Mer and a second		TWAT	- <u></u>
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	25	25	24	24	23	2.11%	0.00%
22.	Business	9	10	10	9	9	0.00%	<u>-10.00%</u>
23.	Total Access Lines	<u>34</u>	35	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>	32	<u>1.53%</u>	<u>-2.86%</u>
24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	13.44%	10.99%	6.14%	8.91%	4.75%	29.70%	22. <b>29%</b>
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	13.76%	11.23%	5.98%	9.15%	3.90%	37.05%	22.53%
<b>26</b> .	Common Equity Ratio	94.57%	93.09%	90.66%	84.11%	77.71%	5.03%	1.59%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	65.37	45.93	29.88	16.63	9.12	63.62%	42.33%

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LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns:Common Equity 16.25%, Overall 12.77%; Equity Ratio: 37.22%; Date of Order: 6-14-82

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis. [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service. [3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

### MEBTEL COMMUNICATIONS SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA **Total Company Utility Operations** (Amounts in Thousands)

								Annual Growth Rate	
Line		12 Months Ended December December December December					Growth Four	Current	
No.		2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	Four Year	Year	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
1.	Operating Revenue:								
2.	Basic Local Service	\$3,288	\$2,754	\$2,313	\$2,096	\$1,873	15.11%	19.39%	
3.	Network Access	4,105	3,717	3,106	3,419	2,631	11. <b>76%</b>	10.44%	
4.	Long Distance Message	454	739	819	608	612	-7.19%	-38.57%	
5.	Miscellaneous	801	866	430	207	171	47.12%	-7.51%	
6.		(38)	29	23	(111)	<u>(60)</u>		-231.03%	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	8,610	<u>8,105</u>	<u>6,691</u>	<u>6,219</u>	5,227	<u>13.29%</u>	<u>6.23%</u>	
8.	Operating Expenses	4,694	4,970	4,943	4,028	3,493	7.67%	-5.55%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	839	800	708	701	752	2.77%	4.88%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>1,074</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>303</u>	<u>544</u>	<u>355</u>	31.88%	<u>33,92%</u>	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>6,607</u>	6,572	<u>5,954</u>	<u>5,273</u>	4,600	<u>9.47%</u>	0.53%	
<b>12</b> .	Operating Income	<u>\$2,003</u>	<u>\$1,533</u>	<u>\$737</u>	<u>\$946</u>	<u>\$627</u>	<u>33.69%</u>	<u>30.66%</u>	
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$8,554</u>	<u>\$8.631</u>	<u>\$7.684</u>	<u>\$6.964</u>	<u>\$6.351</u>	<u>7.73%</u>	<u>-0.89%</u>	
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	54.52%	61.32%	73.88%	64.77%	66.83%	-4.96%	-11.09%	
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$0.99	\$1.06	\$1.15	\$1.12	\$1.22	-5.09%	-6.60%	
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16.	Local Access Lines:								
17.	Residential	9	9	8	7	7	6.48%	0.00%	
18.	Business	3	3	2	2	2	10.67%	0.00%	
19.	Total Local Access Lines	12	12	<u>10</u>	9	9	7.46%	0.00%	
20	Telel Annes Lines								
20. 21.	Total Access Lines: Residential	9	9	8	7	7	6.48%	0.00%	
21.	Business	3	3	2	2	2	10.67%	0.00%	
	Total Access Lines	12	<u>12</u>	10	9	9	7.46%	0.00%	
24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	19.04%	17.95%	10.06%	15.01%	12.54%	11.00%	6.07%	
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	22.37%	55.31%	12.74%	23.94%	18.10%	5.44%	-59.56%	
26.	Common Equity Ratio	60.77%	23.07%	25.06%	49.89%	47.08%	6.59%	163.42%	
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.01	4.98	1.75	7.08	3.84	6.88%	0.60%	

LAST RATE CASE 28.

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 16.50%, Overall 5.92%; Equity Ratio:16.92%; Date of Order: 11-26-79

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

[4] MEBTEL Communications has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 1999. The data for MEBTEL Communications included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 2000.

[5] Significant changes in data for this reporting period are caused by the acquisition of MEBTEL Communications by Madison River Communications, Inc.

[6] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

## NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA Total Company Utility Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

		12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate		
Line No.		June	June	June	June	June	Four Year (g)	Current	
		<u>2001</u> (b)	<u>2000</u> (c)	<u>1999</u> (d)	<u>1998</u> (e)	<u>1997</u> (f)		<u>Year</u> (h)	
		(8)	(0)	(4)	(0)	()	(8)	(1)	
1.	Operating Revenue:	626 <u>064</u>	624 096	\$20 764	\$28,311	\$25,550	9.15%	6.38%	
2. 3.	Basic Local Service Network Access	\$36,261 33,805	\$34,086 30,818	\$30,761 29,596	28,674	\$25,550 27,873	4,94%	9.69%	
з. 4.	Long Distance Message	2,102	2,024	2,008	20,074	2,355	-2.80%	3.85%	
ч. 5.	Miscellaneous	8,114	8,157	7,486	7,444	6,088	7.45%	-0.53%	
6.	Uncollectibles	(978)	(953)	(582)	(683)	(508)	17.79%	2.62%	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	79,304	74,132	69,269	65,831	61,358	6.62%	6.98%	
8,	Operating Expenses	31,900	31,207	30,518	27,952	26,087	5.16%	2.22%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	16,247	13,707	13,526	16,216	10,710	10.98%	18.53%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	13,392	12,680	10,838	9,495	10,553	6.14%	5.62%	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	61,539	57,594	54,882	53,663	47,350	6.77%	6.85%	
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	(182)	(130)	(166)	(276)	43	N/A	40.00%	
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$17.947</u>	<u>\$16.668</u>	<u>\$14.553</u>	<u>\$12.444</u>	<u>\$13,965</u>	<u>6.47%</u>	<u>7.67%</u>	
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$109,501</u>	<u>\$98.017</u>	<u>\$89.854</u>	<u>\$86.316</u>	<u>\$85,923</u>	<u>6.25%</u>	11.72%	
15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	40.22%	42.10%	44.06%	42.46%	42.52%	-1.38%		
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16.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.38	\$1.32	\$1.30	\$1.31	\$1.40	-0.35%	4.43%	
17.	Local Access Lines:								
18.	Residential	88	88	85	81	77	3,39%	0.00%	
19.	Business	48	47	43	39	36	7.46%	2.13%	
20.	Total Local Access Lines	136	135	128	120	113	4.74%	0.74%	
21.	Total Access Lines:								
22.	Residential	88	88	85	81	77	3.39%	0.00%	
23. 24.	Business Total Access Lines	<u>48</u> 136	<u>47</u> <u>135</u>	<u>43</u> 128	<u>39</u> 120	<u>36</u> 113	<u>7.46%</u> <u>4.74%</u>	2.13% 0.74%	
25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	17.71%	18.26%	17.17%	15.66%	17.86%	-0.21%	-3.01%	
2 <b>6</b> .	Estimated Return on Common Equity	18.00%	18.62%	17.62%	16.10%	18.51%	-0.70%	-3.33%	
27.	Common Equity Ratio	97.58%	97.04%	95.87%	95.30%	94.50%	0.81%	0.56%	
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	387.67	252.03	146.34	118.47	112.84	36.14%	53.82%	

29. LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity N/A, Overall N/A; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 6-13-52

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.
[2] Net Plant investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

#### VERIZON SOUTH INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA Merged North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

			Ann Growth					
Line	•	December	December	Months Ende December	December	December	Four	Current
No.		2000	1999	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>	1996	Year	Year
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	( <del>0</del> )	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$133,595	\$123,017	\$117,728	\$111,078	\$103,423	6.61%	8.609
3.	Network Access	59,815	54,976	62,117	57,345	52,637	3.25%	8.809
4.	Long Distance Message	4,758	5,229	6,204	9,526	15,488	-25.55%	-9.019
5.	Miscellaneous	6,631	17,215	18,249	15,993	14,049	-17.11%	-61.489
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(3,436)</u>	<u>(3,206)</u>	<u>(3,743)</u>	(1 <b>,996</b> )	<u>(1.874)</u>	<u>16.36%</u>	7.179
7.	Total Operating Revenue	201.363	<u>197.231</u>	200.555	<u>191,946</u>	<u>183,723</u>	2.32%	2.109
8.	Operating Expenses	111,257	93,150	100,685	90,819	86,905	6.37%	19.449
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	76,742	72,622	69,858	62,991	60,916	5.94%	5.679
0.	Total Operating Taxes	4.435	14.374	9,108	13.594	13.862	-24.79%	-69,159
1.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	192,434	180,146	179,651	167,404	161,683	4.45%	6.829
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	( <del>44</del> )	11 <u>9</u>	<u>60</u>	21	<u>62</u>	N/A	-136.979
13.	Operating income	<u>\$8.973</u>	<u>\$16.966</u>	<u>\$20.844</u>	<u>\$24.521</u>	<u>\$21.978</u>	-20.06%	<u>-47.119</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$326.447</u>	<u>\$331.967</u>	<u>\$340.952</u>	<u>\$351.886</u>	<u>\$355.008</u>	<u>-2.07%</u>	<u>-1.669</u>
5. 6.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	55.25% \$1.62	47.23% \$1.68	50.20% \$1.70	47.31% \$1.83	47.30% \$1.93	3.96% -4.29%	16.99%
ο.	Net Pit, investment per \$ or Revenue	\$1.0Z	\$1.00	\$1.70	<b>4</b> 1.03	¥1.53	-4.2370	-3.007
17.	Local Access Lines:							
8.	Residential	252	244	231	221	210	4.66%	3.289
9	Business	141	141	132	121	109	6.65%	0.009
0.	Total Local Access Lines	393	385	363	342	319	5.35%	2.089
1.	Total Access Lines:							
2.	Residential	252	244	231	221	210	4.66%	3.289
23.	Business	322	251	214	1 <b>96</b>	1 <b>64</b>	18.37%	28.299
4.	Total Access Lines	<u>574</u>	<u>495</u>	<u>445</u>	<b>41</b> 7	374	11.30%	<u>15.969</u>
15.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	2.66%	6.46%	6.74%	8.73%	7.80%	-23.58%	-58.829
6.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	-1.99%	4.36%	4.50%	8.62%	7.84%	N/A	-145.649
7.	Common Equity Ratio	52.45%	55.81%	60.56%	63.23%	62.17%	-4.16%	-6.029
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage							

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LAST RATE CASE

Authorized Returns: Common Equity 13.90%, Overall 11.82%; Equity Ratio: 50.00%; Date of Order: 9-16-86

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 69% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports except for data on Lines 2 - 11 and Lines 17 - 24, Column (f) which are the sum total of figures for GTE South, Inc. and GTE of North Carolina, which were being provided on a separated basis prior to January 1996.

[4] Verizon South Inc., formerly known as GTE South Incorporated, has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for Verizon South Inc. included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.

[5] On June 30, 2000, by amendment of its articles of incorporation, the name of GTE South Incorporated was changed to Verizon South Inc. as a result of the merger between GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation, effective August 1, 2000.

[6] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

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