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Electric Companies

- *Carolina Power & Light Company,
d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.*
- *Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC*
- *Virginia Electric and Power Company,
d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power*

Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies

- *Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.*
- *Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.,
d/b/a PSNC Energy*

■ *Quarter Ending December 31, 2011* ■

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FROM: Donald R. Hoover, Director *DRH*
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The Operations Division hereby presents for your consideration the *Quarterly Review* for the calendar quarter ending December 31, 2011. Such report, which has been prepared by the Operations Division, presents an overview of selected financial and operational information and data for five major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the Commission.

Significant changes have taken place with regard to the annual reporting requirements for the price plan regulated telephone companies which have impacted the conformity and comparability of the financial and operational information provided by such companies for the 12-month reporting period ending December 31, 2011 and beyond. In particular, on June 30, 2011, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, the Commission issued an Order ruling on a petition filed by the North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association, Inc. on March 16, 2011, requesting modification or elimination of certain reporting requirements relating to incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) and/or competing local providers. The June 30, 2011 Order, among other things, revised Commission Rule R1-32 by adding a new Subsection (e1). Such revision allows ILECs, that are price plan regulated under G.S. 62-133.5(a), and any carrier electing regulation under G.S. 62-133.5(h) to satisfy all of their annual reporting obligations by one of the two following ways: (1) by providing a link to their annual filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), if they are publicly traded entities, or (2) by filing copies of their audited financial statements with the Commission, if they are not publicly traded entities. The foregoing would be in lieu of filing annual reports regarding the North Carolina Operations on forms furnished or approved by the Commission. Seven of the

eight ILECs for which the Commission last reported financial information for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2010, have since chosen to meet their annual reporting obligation by providing links to their annual filings with the SEC. As a result of such significant changes in the annual reporting requirements, financial information related to the telecommunications companies is no longer being provided in this report. However, for the following ILECs: (1) BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina; (2) Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink; (3) Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink; (4) Mebtel, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink; (5) Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc.; (6) Verizon South Inc.; (7) Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc.; (8) Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc.; and (9) Windstream North Carolina, LLC the url addresses/links to their 2011 annual filings with the SEC are provided in the report in Part IV.

Should you have questions concerning the report, Freda Hilburn, Bliss Kite, or I will be pleased to be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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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 five major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission): three electric companies and two natural gas local distribution 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 and covers a period of five years. From a general viewpoint, the individual company 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.

Significant changes have taken place with regard to the annual reporting requirements for the price plan regulated telephone companies which have impacted the conformity and comparability of the financial and operational information provided by such companies for the 12-month reporting period ending December 31, 2011 and beyond. Specifically, on June 30, 2011, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, the Commission issued an Order ruling on a petition filed by the North Carolina Telecommunications Industry Association, Inc. on March 16, 2011, requesting modification or elimination of certain reporting requirements relating to incumbent local exchange companies (ILECs) and/or competing local providers. The June 30, 2011 Order, among other things, revised Commission Rule R1-32 by adding a new Subsection (e1). Such revision allows ILECs, that are price plan regulated under G.S. 62-133.5(a), and any carrier electing regulation under G.S. 62-133.5(h) to satisfy all of their annual reporting obligations by one of the two following ways: (1) by providing a link to their annual filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), if they are publicly traded entities, or (2) by filing copies of their audited financial statements with the Commission, if they are not publicly traded entities. The foregoing would be in lieu of filing annual reports regarding the North Carolina Operations on forms furnished or approved by the Commission. Seven of the eight ILECs for which the Commission last reported financial information for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2010, have since chosen to meet their annual reporting obligation by providing links to their annual filings with the SEC. As a result of such significant changes in the annual reporting requirements, financial information related to the telecommunications companies is no longer being provided in this report. However, for the following ILECs: (1) BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina (AT&T North Carolina); (2) Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink (Carolina Telephone); (3) Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink (Central); (4) Mebtel, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink (Mebtel); (5) Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. (Frontier); (6) Verizon South Inc. (Verizon South); (7) Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc. (Concord); (8) Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc. (Lexcom); and (9) Windstream North Carolina, LLC (Windstream NC)

the url addresses/links to their 2011 annual filings with the SEC are provided in the report in Part IV.

With respect to other recent changes related to matters concerning the price plan regulated telephone companies, on June 30, 2009, House Bill 1180 (HB1180) became law as set forth in Session Law 2009-238. Said law, entitled “An Act Establishing the Consumer Choice and Investment Act of 2009,” created a new category of price plan operation whereby any local exchange carrier or competing local provider may choose to adopt by simply “filing notice of its intent to do so with the Commission,” with such election being effective immediately upon filing. Subsection (h) price plans¹ provide for extensive deregulation of an eligible telecommunications company’s “terms, conditions, rates, or availability” relating to its retail services. A local exchange company electing Subsection (h) is required to continue to offer stand-alone basic residential lines to all customers who subscribe to that service at rates that can be increased annually by no more than the percentage increase over the prior year in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index (GDP-PI). While such deregulation is very extensive by historical standards, it is not a complete deregulation of the telecommunications industry.²

Currently, there are eight incumbent local exchange carriers operating under Subsection (h) price plans as a result of their notices of election filed pursuant to G.S. 62-133.5(h): (1) Verizon South³ (notice filed on July 21, 2010 to become effective immediately, in Docket No. P-19, Sub 277M); (2) Frontier (notice filed January 30, 2012 to become effective immediately, in Docket No. P-1488, Sub 1A); (3) Carolina Telephone (notice filed March 8, 2012 to become effective April 1, 2012, in Docket No. P-7, Sub 825M); (4) Central (notice filed March 8, 2012 to become effective April 1, 2012, in Docket No. P-10, Sub 479N); (5) Mebtel (notice filed March 8, 2012 to become effective April 1, 2012, in Docket No. P-35, Sub 96I); (6) Concord (notice filed July 26, 2012 to become effective immediately, in Docket No. P-16, Sub 181L); (7) Lexcom (notice filed July 26, 2012 to become effective immediately, in Docket No. P-31, Sub 145C); and (8) Windstream NC (notice filed July 26, 2012 to become effective immediately, in Docket No. P-118, Sub 86L). As a result of such elections, these eight telecommunications companies are no longer required to provide an annual report to the Commission as directed by Commission Rule R1-32, commencing with the calendar year in which such election becomes effective (Verizon South–2010; Frontier; Carolina Telephone; Central; Mebtel; Concord; Lexcom; and Windstream NC–2012). Alternatively, as required by the Commission’s March 30, 2010 Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 165, these telecommunications companies will provide the Commission, on an annual basis, a link to their financial filings with the SEC.

¹ In general, the Commission refers to the new price plan category which resulted from the passage of HB1180 as “Subsection (h) price plans”.

² See Docket No. P-100, Sub 165 for additional information regarding the implications of the enactment of HB1180 and the implementation of Subsection (h) price plans.

³ Such election relates only to Verizon South’s Knotts Island exchange.

Furthermore, on April 26, 2011, Senate Bill 343 (SB 343) became law as set forth in Session Law 2011-52. Said law, entitled "An Act Establishing the Communications Reform and Investment Act of 2011," created a new category of price plan operation outlined in G.S. 62-133.5(m)⁴ whereby any local exchange company that forgoes receipt of any funding from a state universal service fund or alternative funding mechanism and whose territory is open to competition from competing local providers may choose to adopt a Subsection (m) price plan⁵ by simply "filing notice of its intent to do so with the Commission," with such election being effective immediately upon filing. Subsection (m) price plans provide, among other things, that "the Commission shall not impose any requirements related to the terms, conditions, rates, or availability of any of the local exchange company's retail services."⁶

Currently, AT&T North Carolina⁷ is the only incumbent local exchange carrier operating under a Subsection (m) price plan. On October 14, 2011, in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1013M, AT&T North Carolina filed its notice of election of a Subsection (m) price plan. Prior to such election, AT&T North Carolina was operating under a Subsection (h) price plan.⁸ As set forth by the Commission's November 22, 2011 Order in Docket No. P-100, Sub 165A, AT&T North Carolina will continue to provide the Commission, on an annual basis, a link to its financial filings with the SEC.

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.

⁴ The enabling legislation was initially specified in G.S. 62-133.5(l); however such reference has been renumbered and codified in the General Statutes of North Carolina as G.S. 62-133.5(m). Consequently, on April 27, 2012, the Commission issued an Errata Order to correct the reference of Subsection (l) in prior Commission orders to Subsection (m) for consistency with the codification in the General Statutes.

⁵ In general, the Commission refers to the new price plan category which resulted from the passage of SB 343 as "Subsection (m) price plans".

⁶ Such retail services include stand-alone basic residential lines. See Docket No. P-100, Sub 165A for additional information regarding the implications of the enactment of SB 343 and the implementation of Subsection (m) price plans.

⁷ Effective July 1, 2011, BellSouthTelecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T North Carolina changed its legal classification from a corporation to a LLC and began transacting business as BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T North Carolina.

⁸ On October 5, 2009, in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1013M, AT&T North Carolina filed its notice of election of a Subsection (h) price plan.

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 pretax 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 Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio

The pretax 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. Pretax 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 pretax 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 an historical test period. 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 ratemaking 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 Five Selected Companies For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011 — Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios — And Certain Rate Case Data*

- *Statement of Authorized Returns on Common Equity and Overall Rates of Return Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported By Public Utilities Reports, Volume Nos. 288-297 from May 2011 Through June 2012*

Summary Statement
Of Key Financial Ratios Achieved By
And Authorized For Selected Companies

"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return,
Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011"

"Rate Case Data are from Orders with Various Issue Dates as Indicated in Column (i)"

Line No.	Item (a)	Estimated for 12 Months Ended 12/31/2011				Authorized - Last Rate Case			
		Return On Equity (b)	Overall Rate of Return (c)	Equity Ratio (d)	Debt Ratio (e)	Return On Equity (f)	Overall Rate of Return (g)	Equity Ratio (h)	Date of Last Order (i)
Electric Companies									
1.	Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.	12.15%	9.23%	58.38%	40.99%	12.75%	10.45%	44.00%	08/05/1988
2.	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	8.94%	7.32%	53.43%	46.57%	10.50%	8.11%	53.00%	01/27/2012
3.	Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power	3.68%	4.46%	55.16%	43.24%	10.70%	8.22%	51.00%	12/13/2010
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies									
4.	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	10.87%	8.01%	51.32%	48.68%	10.60%	8.55%	51.00%	10/24/2008
5.	Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., d/b/a PSNC Energy	11.66%	9.12%	55.66%	44.34%	10.60%	8.54%	54.00%	10/24/2008

Summary Statement
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"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return,
Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2011"

NOTES: [1] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Trends" updated on October 4, 2012 follow:

Part I

Line No.	Date (a)	U.S. Treasury Securities			Dealer-Placed 3-Month CP %	Moody's Long-Term Corporate Bond Yield %
		3-Month Bill %	10-Year Note %	30-Year Bond %		
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	October 3, 2012	0.09	1.64	2.82	0.18	3.98
2.	October 2, 2012	0.09	1.64	2.81	0.18	3.97
3.	October 1, 2012	0.09	1.64	2.81	0.19	3.99
4.	September 28, 2012	0.10	1.65	2.82	0.18	4.00
5.	September 27, 2012	0.09	1.66	2.83	0.20	3.99
6.	Month of September 2012	0.11	1.72	2.88	0.52	4.09
7.	Month of August 2012	0.10	1.68	2.77	0.52	4.09

Part II

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

Line No.	Rating (a)	10/5/2012 (b)	Past 12 Months		Monthly Average	
			High (c)	Low (d)	Oct. 2012 (e)	Sep. 2012 (f)
1.	Aa	3.76	4.16	3.58	3.66	3.69
2.	A	4.03	4.48	3.93	3.95	4.02
3.	Baa	4.68	5.13	4.65	4.65	4.81

[2] Most recent data available when this edition of the *Quarterly Review* was prepared. According to "Moody's Credit Trends", updated on October 8, 2012, such long-term bond yield averages are derived from pricing data on a regularly-replenished population of nearly 90 seasoned corporate bonds in the United States market, each with current outstandings over \$100 million. Further, the bonds have maturities as close as possible to 30 years; bonds are dropped from the list if their remaining life falls below 20 years or if their ratings change.

Statement of Authorized Returns
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(Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

Line No.	Company (Jurisdiction) (a)	Authorized Returns		Date Of Order (d)	Volume No. Public Utilities Reports (e)
		Common Equity (b)	Overall (c)		
Electric Companies					
1.	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (MD)	9.86%	[1] 8.06%	03/09/2011	Volume 288
2.	Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company both d/b/a American Electric Power (WV)	10.00%	7.36%	03/30/2011	Volume 288
3.	Otter Tail Power Company (MN)	10.74%	8.61%	04/25/2011	Volume 288
4.	Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company, d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. (IN)	10.40%	7.29%	04/27/2011	Volume 289
5.	CenterPoint Electric Delivery Company, LLC (TX)	10.00%	8.21%	05/12/2011	Volume 289
6.	Northwestern Energy (MT)	10.25%	7.92%	06/28/2011	Volume 290
7.	Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (NH)	9.70%	8.39%	04/26/2011	Volume 290
8.	Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (NY)	9.20%	7.22%	06/17/2011	Volume 290
9.	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (AR)	9.95%	5.93%	06/17/2011	Volume 290
10.	Rocky Mountain Power (UT)	10.00%	7.94%	09/13/2011	Volume 292
11.	The Detroit Edison Company (MI)	10.50%	6.59%	10/20/2011	Volume 292
12.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (WA)	N/A	N/A	12/16/2011	Volume 294
13.	Idaho Power Company (ID)	N/A	7.86%	12/30/2011	Volume 294
14.	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (NC)	10.50%	8.11%	01/27/2012	Volume 295
15.	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (SC)	10.50%	8.10%	02/03/2012	Volume 295
16.	Hawaii Electric Light Company, Inc. (HI)	10.00%	8.31%	02/08/2012	Volume 296
17.	Gulf Power Company (FL)	10.25%	6.39%	04/03/2012	Volume 296
18.	PacifiCorp, d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (WA)	N/A	N/A	03/30/2012	Volume 296
19.	Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (WA)	9.80%	7.80%	05/22/2012	Volume 297
20.	Consumers Energy Company (MI)	10.30%	6.70%	06/07/2012	Volume 297
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies					
21.	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (MD)	9.56%	7.90%	03/09/2011	Volume 288
22.	EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc., d/b/a National Grid NH (NH)	9.67%	8.33%	03/10/2011	Volume 289
23.	Yankee Gas Services Company (CT)	8.83%	7.48%	06/29/2011	Volume 291

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<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Company (Jurisdiction)</u> (a)	<u>Authorized Returns</u>		<u>Date Of Order</u> (d)	<u>Volume No. Public Utilities Reports</u> (e)
		<u>Common Equity</u> (b)	<u>Overall</u> (c)		
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies (continued)					
24.	St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company (WI)	11.75%	10.17%	09/16/2011	Volume 292
25.	Washington Gas Light Company (MD)	9.60%	8.09%	11/14/2011	Volume 292
26.	Energy West Montana (MT)	10.50%	8.70%	11/17/2011	Volume 292
27.	Northern Utilities, Inc., d/b/a Unutil (ME)	9.90%	7.41%	11/29/2011	Volume 294
28.	Ameren Illinois Company, d/b/a Ameren Illinois (IL)	9.06%	8.33%	01/10/2012	Volume 294
29.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (WA)	N/A	N/A	12/16/2011	Volume 294
30.	Bluefield Gas Company (WV)	9.75%	N/A	01/17/2012	Volume 295
31.	Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (WA)	9.80%	7.80%	05/22/2012	Volume 297
32.	SourceGas Distribution LLC (NE)	9.60%	N/A	05/22/2012	Volume 297
Water Companies					
33.	Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. (AZ)	9.50%	8.80%	04/07/2011	Volume 288
34.	West Virginia-American Water Company (WV)	9.75%	7.94%	04/18/2011	Volume 290
35.	Iowa-American Water Company (IA)	10.30%	N/A	02/23/2012	Volume 295

Notes:

- [1] The ROE reflects a 50 basis point reduction to account for the risk-reducing effects of a bill stabilization adjustment mechanism that decouples income from changes in customer usage, including reductions in usage due to energy efficiency and conservation programs.
- [2] N/A denotes that information is not available.

Part III

Overviews of Selected Financial and Operational Data by Utility:

- ***Electric Companies***
 - ***Carolina Power & Light Company,
d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.***
 - ***Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC***
 - ***Virginia Electric and Power Company,
d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power***
- ***Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies***
 - ***Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.***
 - ***Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.,
d/b/a PSNC Energy***

**CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, d/b/a
PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC.**
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2011	December 2010	December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$3,327,396	\$3,605,609	\$3,379,227	\$3,179,055	\$3,154,959	1.34%	-7.72%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	931,920	1,171,346	1,171,481	875,588	936,072	-0.11%	-20.44%
4.	Purchased Power	211,731	201,399	152,489	232,584	202,755	1.09%	5.13%
5.	Maintenance	257,249	271,616	234,345	212,478	232,143	2.60%	-5.29%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>647,895</u>	<u>622,841</u>	<u>589,522</u>	<u>564,997</u>	<u>537,866</u>	<u>4.76%</u>	<u>4.02%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	2,048,795	2,267,202	2,147,837	1,885,647	1,908,836	1.78%	-9.63%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>345,062</u>	<u>324,877</u>	<u>337,235</u>	<u>389,847</u>	<u>401,855</u>	<u>-3.74%</u>	<u>6.21%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,393,857	2,592,079	2,485,072	2,275,494	2,310,691	0.89%	-7.65%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>394,760</u>	<u>461,872</u>	<u>412,155</u>	<u>406,637</u>	<u>381,119</u>	<u>0.88%</u>	<u>-14.53%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>2,788,617</u>	<u>3,053,951</u>	<u>2,897,227</u>	<u>2,682,131</u>	<u>2,691,810</u>	<u>0.89%</u>	<u>-8.69%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$538,779</u>	<u>\$551,658</u>	<u>\$482,000</u>	<u>\$496,924</u>	<u>\$463,149</u>	<u>3.85%</u>	<u>-2.33%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$6,021,586</u>	<u>\$5,473,029</u>	<u>\$5,280,498</u>	<u>\$5,070,132</u>	<u>\$4,756,860</u>	<u>6.07%</u>	<u>10.02%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	61.57%	62.88%	63.56%	59.31%	60.50%	0.44%	-2.08%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.81	\$1.52	\$1.56	\$1.59	\$1.51	4.63%	19.08%
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16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included):							
17.	Residential	1,111,076	1,105,466	1,098,279	1,087,039	1,069,189	0.97%	0.51%
18.	Commercial	193,001	191,830	190,883	189,448	188,823	0.55%	0.61%
19.	Industrial	3,931	3,960	4,027	4,084	3,451	3.31%	-0.73%
20.	Other	<u>1,592</u>	<u>1,728</u>	<u>1,803</u>	<u>1,849</u>	<u>1,946</u>	<u>-4.90%</u>	<u>-7.87%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>1,309,600</u>	<u>1,302,984</u>	<u>1,294,792</u>	<u>1,282,420</u>	<u>1,263,389</u>	<u>0.90%</u>	<u>0.51%</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	15,853	16,679	14,954	14,833	15,011	1.37%	-4.95%
24.	Commercial	12,101	12,378	11,898	12,162	12,222	-0.25%	-2.24%
25.	Industrial	8,392	8,382	8,115	8,847	9,178	-2.21%	0.12%
26.	Other	<u>1,234</u>	<u>1,854</u>	<u>2,327</u>	<u>2,161</u>	<u>2,423</u>	<u>-15.52%</u>	<u>-33.44%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>37,560</u>	<u>39,293</u>	<u>37,284</u>	<u>38,003</u>	<u>38,834</u>	<u>-0.82%</u>	<u>-4.36%</u>
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.23%	10.19%	8.79%	9.00%	7.98%	3.71%	-9.42%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.15%	13.78%	11.60%	11.65%	10.06%	4.83%	-11.83%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	58.38%	58.12%	55.50%	53.44%	49.29%	4.32%	0.45%
31.	Debt Ratio	40.99%	41.22%	43.80%	45.78%	49.88%	-4.79%	-0.56%
32.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	6.12	7.09	5.62	4.86	3.93	11.71%	-13.68%
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33.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.75%, Overall 10.45%; Equity Ratio: 44.00%; Date of Order: 8-5-88 (Docket No. E-2, Sub 537)						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 73% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2011	December 2010	December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$4,483,671	\$4,443,445	\$3,857,612	\$4,097,014	\$3,967,883	3.10%	0.91%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	1,118,297	1,173,373	989,667	1,104,301	935,343	4.57%	-4.89%
4.	Purchased Power	204,368	169,375	130,139	189,643	115,117	15.43%	20.66%
5.	Maintenance	438,634	414,099	390,984	398,669	351,391	5.70%	5.92%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	901,399	901,705	715,006	737,484	678,584	7.36%	-0.03%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	2,662,698	2,658,552	2,225,796	2,430,097	2,080,435	6.36%	0.16%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	540,371	513,629	469,989	514,358	719,257	-6.80%	5.21%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	3,203,069	3,172,181	2,695,785	2,944,455	2,799,692	3.42%	0.97%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	573,316	570,920	512,569	497,719	488,908	4.08%	0.42%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	3,776,385	3,743,101	3,208,354	3,442,174	3,288,600	3.52%	0.89%
12.	Operating Income	\$707,286	\$700,344	\$649,258	\$654,840	\$679,293	1.02%	0.99%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$12,049,429	\$11,435,778	\$11,212,164	\$9,460,089	\$8,791,284	8.20%	5.37%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	59.39%	59.83%	57.70%	59.31%	52.43%	3.17%	-0.74%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.69	\$2.57	\$2.91	\$2.31	\$2.22	4.92%	4.67%
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included):							
17.	Residential	1,590,044	1,585,673	1,578,510	1,570,565	1,487,623	1.68%	0.28%
18.	Commercial	250,959	249,574	248,534	255,563	240,139	1.11%	0.55%
19.	Industrial	5,134	5,344	5,502	5,575	5,432	-1.40%	-3.93%
20.	Other	10,926	10,758	10,744	10,705	10,292	1.51%	1.58%
21.	Total Number of Customers	1,857,063	1,851,349	1,843,290	1,842,408	1,743,486	1.59%	0.31%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	21,626	22,848	20,827	20,793	20,328	1.56%	-5.35%
24.	Commercial	21,896	22,110	21,310	21,488	21,160	0.86%	-0.97%
25.	Industrial	12,199	12,179	11,461	13,441	14,121	-3.59%	0.16%
26.	Other	616	1,162	1,066	3,042	1,755	-23.03%	-46.99%
27.	Total Sales	56,337	58,299	54,664	58,764	57,364	-0.45%	-3.37%
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.32%	7.88%	7.45%	7.80%	8.48%	-3.61%	-7.11%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.94%	9.97%	9.24%	9.79%	10.75%	-4.50%	-10.33%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	53.43%	52.86%	52.30%	52.17%	54.37%	-0.44%	1.08%
31.	Debt Ratio	46.57%	47.14%	47.70%	47.83%	45.63%	0.51%	-1.21%
32.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.13	4.35	3.99	4.04	4.40	-1.57%	-5.06%
33.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. E-7, Sub 989)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 10.50%, Overall 8.11%; Equity Ratio: 53.00%; Date of Order: 1-27-12						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 70% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.
[4] The estimated ROE impacts of the BPM net revenues under the sharing arrangement approved in Docket No. E-7, Sub 751 are as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2011 - N/A; 2010 - N/A; 2009 - N/A; 2008 - N/A; and 2007 - 0.38%.
Such impacts are not included in the estimated ROEs presented on Line 29 above. Pursuant to the Commission's final Order in Docket No. E-7, Sub 828, effective January 1, 2008, 90% of the North Carolina retail BPM Net Revenues earned after December 31, 2007, are now included in the North Carolina retail cost of service for ratemaking and reporting purposes.
[5] Columns (b) through (e) reflect that, pursuant to the Commission's December 20, 2007 Order in Docket No. E-7, Sub 828, all North Carolina jurisdictional reporting and accounting for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Nantahala Area is consolidated with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

**VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, d/b/a
DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)**

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2011 (b)	December 2010 (c)	December 2009 (d)	December 2008 (e)	December 2007 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$313,529	\$347,816	\$330,408	\$303,776	\$321,616	-0.63%	-9.86%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	40,027	89,501	104,145	48,255	88,112	-17.90%	-55.28%
4.	Purchased Power	82,980	77,043	60,260	104,493	89,019	-1.74%	7.71%
5.	Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>71,788</u>	<u>80,383</u>	<u>74,223</u>	<u>67,764</u>	<u>70,713</u>	<u>0.38%</u>	<u>-10.69%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	194,795	246,927	238,628	220,512	247,844	-5.84%	-21.11%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>48,995</u>	<u>35,270</u>	<u>34,328</u>	<u>32,150</u>	<u>29,459</u>	<u>13.56%</u>	<u>38.91%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	243,790	282,197	272,956	252,662	277,303	-3.17%	-13.61%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>38,321</u>	<u>33,846</u>	<u>24,252</u>	<u>27,060</u>	<u>22,656</u>	<u>14.04%</u>	<u>13.22%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>282,111</u>	<u>316,043</u>	<u>297,208</u>	<u>279,722</u>	<u>299,959</u>	<u>-1.52%</u>	<u>-10.74%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$31,418</u>	<u>\$31,773</u>	<u>\$33,200</u>	<u>\$24,054</u>	<u>\$21,657</u>	<u>9.75%</u>	<u>-1.12%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$815,578</u>	<u>\$677,649</u>	<u>\$641,493</u>	<u>\$619,108</u>	<u>\$614,951</u>	<u>7.31%</u>	<u>20.35%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	62.13%	70.99%	72.22%	72.59%	77.06%	-5.24%	-12.48%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.60	\$1.95	\$1.94	\$2.04	\$1.91	8.02%	33.33%
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16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included):							
17.	Residential	100,807	101,135	100,792	100,629	100,239	0.14%	-0.32%
18.	Commercial	15,398	15,438	15,488	15,515	15,478	-0.13%	-0.25%
19.	Industrial	52	54	59	60	64	-5.06%	-3.70%
20.	Other	<u>2,252</u>	<u>2,255</u>	<u>2,264</u>	<u>2,280</u>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>-0.23%</u>	<u>-0.13%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>118,509</u>	<u>118,880</u>	<u>118,603</u>	<u>118,484</u>	<u>118,054</u>	<u>0.10%</u>	<u>-0.31%</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	1,625	1,717	1,579	1,546	1,579	0.72%	-5.36%
24.	Commercial	794	825	809	804	810	-0.50%	-3.76%
25.	Industrial	1,618	1,640	1,497	1,715	1,724	-1.57%	-1.34%
26.	Other	<u>140</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>-1.38%</u>	<u>-5.41%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>4,177</u>	<u>4,330</u>	<u>4,029</u>	<u>4,211</u>	<u>4,261</u>	<u>-0.50%</u>	<u>-3.53%</u>
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	4.46%	6.15%	6.48%	4.89%	4.38%	0.45%	-27.48%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	3.68%	6.62%	7.19%	4.31%	3.17%	3.80%	-44.41%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	55.16%	53.46%	51.08%	49.85%	53.02%	0.99%	3.18%
31.	Debt Ratio	43.24%	44.81%	47.03%	46.84%	40.87%	1.42%	-3.50%
32.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	2.91	3.37	2.77	2.54	2.34	5.60%	-13.65%
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33.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. E-22, Sub 459)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity - 10.70%, Overall - 8.22%; Equity Ratio: 51%; Date of Order: 12-13-10						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 4% 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.

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

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2011	December 2010	December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$424,085	\$516,537	\$529,056	\$579,775	\$505,869	-4.31%	-17.90%
3.	Commercial	246,253	301,731	323,489	345,269	285,287	-3.61%	-18.39%
4.	Industrial	24,123	33,924	42,310	109,932	101,276	-30.14%	-28.89%
5.	Public Authorities	594	908	426	319	395	10.74%	-34.58%
6.	Other	<u>87,763</u>	<u>81,064</u>	<u>76,554</u>	<u>86,448</u>	<u>87,620</u>	<u>0.04%</u>	<u>8.26%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>782,818</u>	<u>934,164</u>	<u>971,835</u>	<u>1,121,743</u>	<u>980,447</u>	<u>-5.47%</u>	<u>-16.20%</u>
8.	Cost of Gas	<u>388,316</u>	<u>552,862</u>	<u>584,453</u>	<u>742,219</u>	<u>643,148</u>	<u>-11.85%</u>	<u>-29.76%</u>
9.	Margin	394,502	381,302	387,382	379,524	337,299	3.99%	3.46%
10.	O & M Expenses	161,829	157,928	150,084	150,053	149,804	1.95%	2.47%
11.	Other Deductions	<u>130,831</u>	<u>123,645</u>	<u>132,511</u>	<u>122,463</u>	<u>101,997</u>	<u>6.42%</u>	<u>5.81%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$101,842</u>	<u>\$99,729</u>	<u>\$104,787</u>	<u>\$107,008</u>	<u>\$85,498</u>	<u>4.47%</u>	<u>2.12%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$1,750,571</u>	<u>\$1,639,867</u>	<u>\$1,569,242</u>	<u>\$1,567,919</u>	<u>\$1,457,759</u>	<u>4.68%</u>	<u>6.75%</u>
14.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	41.02%	41.42%	38.74%	39.54%	44.41%	-1.97%	-0.97%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$4.44	\$4.30	\$4.05	\$4.13	\$4.32	0.69%	3.26%
16.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
17.	Residential	33,639	41,261	36,994	36,739	33,108	0.40%	-18.47%
18.	Commercial	25,797	29,528	27,726	25,477	23,042	2.86%	-12.64%
19.	Industrial	3,228	4,071	4,930	9,391	10,489	-25.52%	-20.71%
20.	Public Authorities	61	80	33	23	30	19.41%	-23.75%
21.	Other	<u>155,996</u>	<u>134,281</u>	<u>97,146</u>	<u>91,975</u>	<u>89,783</u>	<u>14.81%</u>	<u>16.17%</u>
22.	Total DTs	<u>218,721</u>	<u>209,221</u>	<u>166,829</u>	<u>163,605</u>	<u>156,452</u>	<u>8.74%</u>	<u>4.54%</u>
23.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
24.	Residential	608,886	603,495	596,647	597,127	589,939	0.79%	0.89%
25.	Commercial	64,718	64,265	64,191	64,652	63,751	0.38%	0.70%
26.	Industrial	1,090	1,108	1,108	1,169	1,724	-10.83%	-1.62%
27.	Public Authorities	1,576	1,577	1,368	441	571	28.89%	-0.06%
28.	Other	<u>573</u>	<u>573</u>	<u>559</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>553</u>	<u>0.89%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
29.	Total Number of Customers	<u>676,843</u>	<u>671,018</u>	<u>663,873</u>	<u>663,924</u>	<u>656,538</u>	<u>0.76%</u>	<u>0.87%</u>
30.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.01%	8.20%	8.60%	8.56%	7.30%	2.35%	-2.32%
31.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	10.87%	10.68%	12.58%	11.73%	8.15%	7.47%	1.78%
32.	Common Equity Ratio	51.32%	51.02%	46.23%	46.24%	47.97%	1.70%	0.59%
33.	Debt Ratio	48.68%	48.98%	53.77%	53.76%	52.03%	-1.65%	-0.61%
34.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.79	4.28	4.49	3.89	2.90	13.37%	11.92%
35.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 10.60%, Overall 8.55%; Equity Ratio: 51.00%; Date of Order: 10-24-08						
	(Docket No. G-9, Sub 550)							

Notes:

- [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 70% 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] The increase from December 2008 to December 2009 in the public authorities data was primarily due to the fact that Piedmont discovered in December 2009 that certain public authorities customers acquired in the acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation were erroneously classified as residential customers in its books and records. Beginning with its December 31, 2009 NCUC GS-1 Report, Piedmont began appropriately classifying such customers as public authorities.

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

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2011	December 2010	December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$293,480	\$352,153	\$343,270	\$413,089	\$352,881	-4.50%	-16.66%
3.	Commercial	115,454	136,621	136,638	181,510	151,960	-6.64%	-15.49%
4.	Industrial	17,104	22,237	22,409	46,971	38,992	-18.62%	-23.08%
5.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	2	6	3	6	5	-20.47%	-66.67%
7.	Other	<u>26,963</u>	<u>26,819</u>	<u>26,001</u>	<u>28,700</u>	<u>33,476</u>	<u>-5.27%</u>	<u>0.54%</u>
8.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>453,003</u>	<u>537,836</u>	<u>528,321</u>	<u>670,276</u>	<u>577,314</u>	<u>-5.88%</u>	<u>-15.77%</u>
9.	Cost of Gas	<u>226,553</u>	<u>314,269</u>	<u>308,783</u>	<u>457,365</u>	<u>377,921</u>	<u>-12.01%</u>	<u>-27.91%</u>
10.	Margin	226,450	223,567	219,538	212,911	199,393	3.23%	1.29%
11.	O & M Expenses	83,747	85,045	83,042	87,285	83,880	-0.04%	-1.53%
12.	Other Deductions	<u>76,898</u>	<u>74,706</u>	<u>73,890</u>	<u>66,854</u>	<u>61,308</u>	<u>5.83%</u>	<u>2.93%</u>
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$65,805</u>	<u>\$63,816</u>	<u>\$62,606</u>	<u>\$58,772</u>	<u>\$54,205</u>	<u>4.97%</u>	<u>3.12%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$829,145</u>	<u>\$786,978</u>	<u>\$778,192</u>	<u>\$776,582</u>	<u>\$729,978</u>	<u>3.24%</u>	<u>5.36%</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	36.98%	38.04%	37.83%	41.00%	42.07%	-3.17%	-2.79%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.66	\$3.52	\$3.54	\$3.65	\$3.66	0.00%	3.98%
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
18.	Residential	24,895	30,297	26,609	25,477	23,530	1.42%	-17.83%
19.	Commercial	12,916	14,891	13,385	13,186	12,396	1.03%	-13.26%
20.	Industrial	2,603	3,175	2,985	4,162	4,051	-10.47%	-18.02%
21.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
22.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	<u>29,776</u>	<u>29,355</u>	<u>27,581</u>	<u>28,806</u>	<u>29,353</u>	<u>0.36%</u>	<u>1.43%</u>
24.	Total DTs	<u>70,190</u>	<u>77,718</u>	<u>70,560</u>	<u>71,631</u>	<u>69,330</u>	<u>0.31%</u>	<u>-9.69%</u>
25.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
26.	Residential	445,276	440,749	432,326	427,312	417,047	1.65%	1.03%
27.	Commercial	41,499	40,564	39,986	39,902	39,575	1.19%	2.30%
28.	Industrial	175	168	172	192	213	-4.79%	4.17%
29.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	0	2	2	2	2	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	<u>465</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>438</u>	<u>1.51%</u>	<u>-0.21%</u>
32.	Total Number of Customers	<u>487,415</u>	<u>481,949</u>	<u>472,950</u>	<u>467,862</u>	<u>457,275</u>	<u>1.61%</u>	<u>1.13%</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.12%	9.14%	8.57%	7.90%	7.82%	3.92%	-0.22%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.66%	11.39%	12.12%	10.13%	9.16%	6.22%	2.37%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	55.66%	54.94%	51.38%	49.52%	47.86%	3.85%	1.31%
36.	Debt Ratio	44.34%	45.06%	48.62%	50.48%	52.14%	-3.97%	-1.60%
37.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.00	4.49	5.26	3.77	3.03	13.34%	11.36%
38.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 10.60%, Overall 8.54%; Equity Ratio: 54.00%; Date of Order: 10-24-08						
	(Docket No. G-5, Sub 495)							

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

Part IV

*Telecommunications Companies
Annual Report Filings*

Telecommunications Companies 2011 Annual Report Filings

A. The following companies provided the Commission with links to their 2011 Annual Report filings, as submitted to the SEC:

- *Bellsouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T North Carolina* –

<http://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/732717/000073271712000025/0000732717-12-000025-index.htm>

- *Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink; Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink; and Mebtel, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink* –

<http://sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/18926/000104746912001666/a2207599z10-k.htm>

- *Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc.* –

<http://investor.frontier.com/sec.cfm?DocType=&DocTypeExclude=&SortOrder=FilingDate%20Descending&Year=2012&PageNum=6&FormatFilter=&CIK=>

- *Verizon South Inc.*¹ –

<http://www22.verizon.com/investor/annualreports.htm>

- *Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc.; Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc.; and Windstream North Carolina, LLC* –

<http://abea-43pvyw.client.shareholder.com/secfiling.cfm?filingID=1282266-12-10&CIK=1282266>

B. The following company filed a copy of its 2011 audited financial statements with the Commission:

- *North State Telephone Company, d/b/a North State Communications*

C. The following company filed its 2011 Annual Report with the Commission on forms approved by the Commission:

- *Citizens Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium*²

¹ The Knotts Island Exchange is the only service territory in North Carolina for Verizon South Inc.

² Such report has been filed as confidential and proprietary information.

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