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In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval, Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4929.11 of Tariffs to Recover Conservation Expenses and Decoupling **Revenues** Pursuant to Automatic Adjustment Mechanisms and for Such Accounting Authority as May be Required to Defer Such Expenses and Revenues for Future Recovery through Such Adjustment Mechanisms.

Case No. 05-1444-GA-UNC

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# DIRECT TESTIMONY OF **PAUL L. CHERNICK Resource Insight, Inc.**

# **ON BEHALF OF** THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

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Exhibit PLC-1:	Professional	Qualifications	of Paul Chernick
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# IDENTIFICATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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#### Q1: Mr. Chernick, please state your name, occupation and business address.

4 A1: I am Paul L. Chernick. I am the president of Resource Insight, Inc., 5 Water
5 Street, Arlington, Massachusetts.

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# 7 Q2: Summarize your professional education and experience.

A2: I received an SB degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in June 1974
from the Civil Engineering Department, and an SM degree from the Massachusetts
Institute of Technology in February 1978 in technology and policy. I have been
elected to membership in the civil engineering honorary society Chi Epsilon, and the
engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi, and to associate membership in the research
honorary society Sigma Xi.

14I was a utility analyst for the Massachusetts Attorney General for more than three15years, and was involved in numerous aspects of utility rate design, costing, load16forecasting, and the evaluation of power supply options. Since 1981, I have been17a consultant in utility regulation and planning, first as a research associate at18Analysis and Inference, after 1986 as president of PLC, Inc., and in my current19position at Resource Insight. In these capacities, I have advised a variety of

20 clients on utility matters.

- 21 My work has considered, among other things, the cost-effectiveness of
- 22 prospective new generation plants and transmission lines, retrospective review of
- 23 generation-planning decisions, ratemaking for plant under construction,
- 24 ratemaking for excess and/or uneconomical plant entering service, conservation

1		program design, cost recovery for utility efficiency programs, the valuation of
2		environmental externalities from energy production and use, allocation of costs of
3		service between rate classes and jurisdictions, design of retail and wholesale rates,
4		and performance-based ratemaking and cost recovery in restructured gas and
5		electric industries. My professional qualifications are further summarized in
6		Exhibit PLC-1.
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8	Q3:	Have you testified previously in utility proceedings?
9	A3:	Yes. I have testified more than two hundred times on utility issues before various
10		regulatory, legislative, and judicial bodies in the United States and Canada.
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12	Q4:	Have you previously testified before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio?
12 13	<b>Q4:</b> A4:	Have you previously testified before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio? Yes. In Cases No. 91-635-EL-FOR, 92-312-EL-FOR, 92-1172-EL-ECP, I
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1	Q5:	Have you been involved in other utility-related activities in Ohio?
2	A5:	Yes. In June 2006, I completed a report (with others) for the Office of the Ohio
3		Consumers' Counsel, "Integrated Portfolio Management in a Restructured Supply
4		Market." I also made the following presentations to seminars and training
5		programs sponsored by the Ohio Office of Energy Efficiency:
6 7 8		• "The Economic and Environmental Benefits of Gas IRP: FERC 636 and Beyond" for "Gas Utility Integrated Resource Planning," April 1994;
10 11 12 13		• "DSM Cost Recovery and Rate Impacts" and "Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for Effective DSM Collaborative Processes," August 1993.
14 15	06.	What is your experience with gas DSM?
15	Q0:	what is your experience with gas DSM:
16	A6:	I was involved in the following:
17	Proje	ects and Cases:
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25		• Projects related to the Boston Gas Company in the late 1980s and early 1990s, including testimony advocating that Boston Gas initiate a DSM program, on behalf of the Boston Housing Authority (June 1988); testimony on behalf of Boston Gas on its avoided costs and cost-effectiveness in March and December 1989; and assistance in development of Boston Gas avoided costs in subsequent proceedings.
26 27 28 29 30		• Testimony before the Ontario Energy Board on behalf of the Green Energy Coalition in cases related to recovery of DSM costs, lost revenue, and incentives for Consumers Gas and Union Gas in 1995–2000.
31 32 33		• Development of gas avoided costs for utilities in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island, in 1999 and 2001.
34 35 36 37		• Development of gas avoided costs for Upstate and Downstate New York, for New York State Energy Research and Development Authority in 2006.

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1 2 3	•	Estimation of potential lost revenues and discussion of alternative recovery mechanisms for Con Edison's gas DSM programs on behalf of NYSERDA (2006).
4 5 6	٠	Washington Gas Light's avoided costs for DSM on behalf of the Maryland Office of People's Counsel (Maryland PSC 8720); May 1996).
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8	•	Review of the Elizabethtown Gas Company's 1992 DSM Plan on
9		behalf of the New Jersey Department of Public Advocate.
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11	Presentations	:
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13	•	Demand-Side Management and the Global Environment
14		Conference; "Least Cost Planning and Gas Utilities," Conservation
15		Law Foundation Utility Energy Efficiency Advocacy Workshop;
16		Boston, February 28, 1991.
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18	•	District of Columbia Natural Gas Seminar on "Conservation in the
19 20		Future of Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies," May 23, 1989.
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22	•	Massachusetts Natural Gas Council, on "Conservation and Load
23		Management for Natural Gas Utilities," April 3, 1989.
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25	<b>Publications:</b>	
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27	•	"Is Least-Cost Planning for Gas Utilities the Same as Least-Cost
28		Planning for Electric Utilities?" in Proceedings of the NARUC
29		Second Annual Conference on Least-Cost Planning, September 10-
30		13, 1989.
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32	•	"Conservation and Cost-Benefit Issues Involved in Least-Cost
33		Planning for Gas Utilities," in Least Cost Planning and Gas
34		Utilities: Balancing Theories with Realities, Seminar proceedings
35		from the District of Columbia Natural Gas Seminar, May 23, 1989.
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# 1 II. INTRODUCTION

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3	Q7:	On whose behalf are you testifying?
4	A7:	My testimony is sponsored by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel
5		("OCC").
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7	Q8:	What is the purpose of your direct testimony?
8	A8:	The OCC has asked me to address issues raised by the January 12, 2007
9		Stipulation filed in this case.
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11	Q9:	Have you reviewed the January 12 Stipulation filed in this proceeding?
12	A9:	Yes, I have reviewed the January 12 Stipulation. That stipulation discards the
13		energy-efficiency portfolio proposed by Vectren, OPAE, and OCC, through the
14		April 7, 2006 Stipulation. The April Stipulation would have instituted much more
15		comprehensive energy-efficiency portfolio of programs for commercial and
16		residential customers. The January Stipulation replaces these programs with a \$2
17		million single energy efficiency program directed solely to low-income
18		customers.
19		I have also reviewed the Commission's Opinion and Order of September 13, 2006
20		and the Commission's November 8, 2006 Entry on Rehearing, as well as other
21		case materials, including testimony filed in the first phase of this proceeding.
22		

1	Q10:	How is the January 12 Stipulation related to the September 13 Opinion and
2		Order in this docket?
3	A10:	By its own terms, the January 12 Stipulation attempts to convert the conclusions
4		of the Commission's September 13 Opinion and Order into a stipulation. The
5		Stipulation states that it:
6 7		• is "intended to preserve the result of the Commission's original order in this proceeding."
9 10 11 12 13		• will "retain the result of the Commission's September Order and November Entry on Rehearing. Any unintended ambiguity, actual or perceived, in this document should be interpreted to have a meaning consistent with terms and conditions approved in the September Order."
14 15		Clearly, the January 12 Stipulation is inextricably linked to the conclusions
16		of the Commission in its September 13 Opinion and Order and its
17		November Entry on Rehearing.
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19	Q11:	What is your understanding of the change in the approach to energy
20		efficiency in the January 12 Stipulation, compared to that of the April
21		Stipulation?
22	A11:	Since the January 12 Stipulation is based upon the decision reached by the
23		Commission in the Opinion and Order, the change in focus is apparently due to
24		the Commission's view that the energy-efficiency portfolio in the April
25		Stipulation has not been shown to be economically beneficial. In particular, in the
26		Commission's Order of September 13, 2006, this issue was addressed:

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7		In the last rate proceeding, signed April 13, 2005, we rejected OCC's proposal for a much higher level of funding stating that OCC's efforts to develop DSM programs were laudable, but under close scrutiny OCC's proposal would cause nonparticipants in the conservation program to pay higher rates to subsidize the program and that, to consider the adoption of the program, we would need to find net-economic benefits Order at 12
8 9 10 11 12		[I]t would be unfair to impose the program on VEDO ratepayers where there is no credible basis that, in isolation, the DSM program would result in the economic benefits referenced by OCC. Order at 13
13		These statements in the order appear to reflect the views of the Commission Staff,
14		and in particular Staff Witness Steve Puican. The Staff was not a signatory party
15		to the April Stipulation, and filed direct and surrebuttal testimony against the
16		adoption of the April Stipulation (Direct and Surrebuttal Testimony of Steve
17		Puican). I will therefore comment on the assertions in that testimony, since that
18		seems to be the ultimate basis for the January 12, 2007 Stipulation.
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20	Q12:	Please summarize your conclusions.
21	A12:	The natural gas energy efficiency programs contained in the April Stipulation
22		were cost effective and should have been approved in their entirety. The cost
23		effectiveness tests that are applied to evaluate electric DSM programs are
24		appropriate for evaluating gas DSM programs. Finally, gas DSM programs
25		provide system benefits for all customers.
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#### 1 III. ENERGY-EFFICIENCY PROGRAM COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

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# Q13: How would you determine the net economic benefits of energy-efficiency programs?

A13: Like any other activity, energy efficiency efforts should be evaluated by
comparing their benefits to their costs. Various utilities and regulators use
variations on this basic total-cost concept. If the total cost of a program is less
than the total benefits, or the total cost with the program is less than the total cost
without the program, the program is cost-effective.

10In some jurisdictions, the test is called the Total Resource Cost Test, in others the11Societal Test. Some jurisdictions include only the expected direct dollar costs12borne by the utility and its customers.<sup>1</sup> Since the costs to the utility generally13flow through to the customers in their bills, these direct-cost tests essentially

14 measure the effect of the energy-efficiency program on total bills.

15 Other jurisdictions include the effects of the program on other factors important to

16 the utility's customers, to the remainder of the jurisdiction, and sometimes a

17 broader public, such as the costs of other utility services (e.g., the marginal cost of

18 other fuels and water), environmental externalities, reliability, improved service,

19 and risk. These broader-cost tests add to the direct consumer costs quantifiable

20 indirect costs and various measures of the quality of the service.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In some states, energy-efficiency services are delivered by entities other than the utility, in which case the program administrator's costs are also included.

1	Q14:	Should all costs to customers be treated equivalently in evaluating energy-
2		efficiency programs?
3	A14:	Yes. A dollar spent by the utility on an energy-efficiency program, a dollar of
4		fuel or storage capacity charges or purchased power or O&M or capital recovery
5		for T&D, and a dollar spent by a customer for energy efficiency all ultimately
6		come from the pockets of the customers. The simplest objective of resource
7		planning is to minimize those costs.
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9	Q15:	Does it matter whether the costs avoided are related to capital investments,
10		expenses, or purchases?
11	A15:	No. The nature of the costs is not critical to the cost-effectiveness of DSM; I have
12		never seen such distinctions made in any reference work or in any other
13		jurisdiction.
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15	Q16:	Are some types of avoided costs important and other unimportant?
16	A16:	No. The belief that only the costs of avoiding "expensive generating facilities"
17		should be treated as benefits of energy-efficiency programs is erroneous when one
18		looks at the rationale for electric DSM historically.
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20	Q17:	What was the rationale for electric DSM in the 1980s?
21	A17:	The high costs of power supply in the 1980s certainly caught the attention of
22		utilities, regulators and customers. In some states, those high costs were driven,
23		at least in part, by the costs of new nuclear units, but by the time the plants were
24		completed and in rates, they were no longer avoidable. Avoiding the completed,

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1 or nearly completed, power plants was not the purpose of energy-efficiency

2 programs.

In the states that were most active in energy-efficiency in the 1980s—California, New York, and the New England states—high fuel prices were also an important part of the high costs of power. In many costs, utilities and regions had more than enough capacity, including committed resources, and no new power plant investment was expected to be avoidable for many years. Much of the benefit of energy efficiency was reducing fuel use at what were then considered to be high prices.<sup>2</sup>

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# 11 Q18: Did the same support exist for gas DSM2

12 A18: Yes. By the late 1980s, regulators in at least California, Massachusetts, Vermont

13 and the District of Columbia had ordered natural-gas utilities to pursue energy-

14 efficiency investment.

15 Following the same historic logic, the Contraission should support gas DSM

16 programs that help in reducing utility dependency on purchasing gas to meet their

17 customer service obligations and that pass a Total Resource Cost Test.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other benefits typically included reducing purchases capacity and energy from existing plants, the opportunity to sell into the market capacity and energy from existing plants, and reducing investment in T&D.

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#### Q19: How do the fuel prices in the 1980s compare to current fuel prices?

A19: In the late 1980s, average annual natural gas wellhead prices were less than
\$2/MMBtu, and crude oil was \$15-\$20/barrel. Today, futures prices for gas at
Henry Hub exceed \$7/MMBtu through 2012 while crude oil is running about
\$50/barrel. In terms of fuel prices and fuel security, energy efficiency is much
more important today than it was in the 1980s.

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8 Q20: Have those jurisdictions that promoted energy efficiency in the 1980s and 9 have now restructured abandoned DSM programs as utilities ceased to be 10 responsible for building generating facilities, expensive or otherwise?

11 A20: No. As they restructured the utility industry, such states as Massachusetts,

12 Connecticut, New York and New Jersey created new mechanisms for funding

13 energy efficiency through charges on customer bills. Even though the electric

14 utilities in those states now relate to generation services much as gas utilities

relate to gas commodity—purchasing commodity for some customers and flowing

16 the costs through, while delivering commodity from third parties to other

17 customers—they have increased their commitment to DSM, rather than decreased

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1	Q21:	Are you aware of any jurisdictions that undertook electric DSM primarily to
2		reduce emissions?
3	A21:	No. Some jurisdictions with operating DSM programs introduced the valuation of
4		environmental externalities in the late 1980s and reflected those costs in their
5		total-cost tests. I do not know of any situations in which externalities resulted in
6		significant expansion of DSM programs.
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8	Q22:	Global warming has been identified as one of the motivations for regulators
9		when DSM was first introduced as a concept in the early 1980s. Is global
10		warming as much a concern today as it was in the early 1980s?
11	A22:	Global warming has become a much larger issue since the early 1980s. DSM has
12		long been recognized as providing environmental benefits by reducing emissions,
13		including those contributing to global warming.
14		
15	Q23:	Is it true that cost-effective energy-efficiency programs may result in higher
16		rates?
17	A23:	Yes. Whether rates rise overall depends on many factors, some of which I discuss
18		in Section V (page 16).
19		
20	Q24:	If rates rise, does that mean that the energy-efficiency program is not cost-
21		effective?
22	A24:	Not at all. Cost-effectiveness deals with the total dollars that customers are
23		paying for their energy services, not with the rate per kilowatt-hour or per
24		dekatherm. Consumers write checks for bills, not for rates.
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1	Q25:	If rates rise, would customers who do not participate in the program pay
2		higher bills?
3	A25:	Not necessarily. Energy-efficiency programs often transform markets, so that
4		more efficient equipment and designs become standard practice, so even non-
5		participants in the program can wind up with lower bills.
6		Energy-efficiency programs also confer health, environmental-quality, and
7		quality-of-life benefits that are no less real for being external to the economic
8		transaction that is captured in rates and bills.
9		In addition, the non-participants in one program may be participants in other
10		programs, and non-participants in the first year may be participants in later years.
11		Over time, portfolios of energy-efficiency programs should be designed to offer
12		direct benefits to as many customers as feasible.
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14	Q26:	Based on the information available to you, do the programs proposed in the
15		April Stipulation pass the Total Resource Cost Test?
16	A26:	Yes. OCC estimated at the time of the negotiations for the April 2006 stipulation
17		in this case, the following nominally levelized societal costs per therm saved for
18		Vectren's proposed non-low-income programs:
19		• \$0.35/therm saved for furnace-rebate program
20		• \$0.58/therm saved for residential-new+construction program
21		Vectren's consultants estimated the real-levelized avoided costs for its Indiana gas
22		companies at about \$0.885/therm for heating load and \$0.81/therm for non-

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1		heating load over periods of 15 to 30 years. <sup>3</sup> In the nominally levelized terms of
2		the cost estimate, the avoided costs would be about \$1.20/therm for heating load
3		and \$1.10/therm for non-heating load, over the twenty-year life of the measures.
4		The programs of the April Stipulation are highly cost-effective with those avoided
5		costs.
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7	Q27:	Have you reviewed Vectren's estimate of avoided costs?
8	A27:	Yes. The derivation of the avoided costs is contained in Appendix D to the
9		Vectren DSM Action Plan. The estimate is based on Vectren's Indiana gas costs
10		for 2005/06, differentiated between customers with space heating and those
11		without. That initial price is reduced over the next few years in proportion to the
12		falling Henry Hub forwards, and then in proportion to the Energy Information
13		Administration's forecast of gas delivered to residential customers in the East
14		North Central region. <sup>4</sup>
15	0.20.	
16	Q28:	Is that a reasonable approach?
17	A28:	The general approach is reasonable, but Veetren's computation appears to
18		understate the benefits for customers. Most importantly, the starting point is
19		Vectren's average cost of gas, including pipeline and storage capacity charges.
20		The average cost of gas included some market-price gas and some fixed-price gas

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "Vectren DSM Action Plan: Final Report," prepared for Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana by Forefront Economics and H. Gil Peach & Associates, December 9, 2005, provided as Document Request #4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> These avoided cost values are consistent with Vectren's response to OCC Document Request #2b (Ohio Avoided Costs1).doc.

1		at much lower prices. The cost of gas avoided by a reduction in load would be the
2		higher market price.
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3 4	IV.	NATURAL-GAS-UTILITY AVOIDED COSTS
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6	Q29:	What costs are avoided by gas DSM?
7	A29:	Gas DSM can avoid both supply costs and utility costs.
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9	Q30:	What supply costs are avoided by gas DSM?
10	A30:	Gas supply planning is complicated, especially when the utility and several other
11		suppliers are serving customers in the same service territory. The utility, or any
12		other supplier, may:
13 14 15 16		• purchase gas at the wellhead or at production-area hubs, under long-, intermediate-, and short-term contracts (which may cover deliveries every day of the year or <b>as</b> little as 60 days), and from the spot market;
17 18 19 20 21		• purchase pipeline delivery capacity from each gas purchase point to the citygates, under long-, intermediate- and short-term contracts;
22 23		• swap gas at one location for gas at <b>an</b> other location;
24 25 26		• purchase gas at delivery points closer to the citygates, from generators, brokers and other users, either long- or short-term;
27 28 29		• purchase underground storage capacity (paying annual capacity charges, inventory charges, injection and withdrawal fees);
30 31 32 33		• purchase pipeline capacity from each gas purchase point to the storage facilities (usually off-peak or year-round), and from the storage facilities to the citygates (usually only in the peak months);
34 35		• build local gas storage, as LNG (liquefying gas off-peak and expanding it on-peak) or compressed gas;

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1 2 3		• build local propane facilities to inject supplemental supplies under design-peak conditions. <sup>5</sup>
4 5		Depending on its exact mix of gas supplies, a reduction in load due to energy
6		efficiency will allow the utility to avoid various categories of these costs. If the
7		utility does not fully use its commodity and capacity entitlements, it can sell the
8		excess to other users at market rates.
9		Not only will the utility (and direct marketers) purchase less gas, the reduction in
10		demand will generally reduce the unit market price of gas, further reducing the
11		cost to customers, as I discuss in Section V, below.
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13	Q31:	What local utility costs are avoided by gas DSM?
14	A31:	In addition to the avoided local storage and supplemental supply costs, energy
15		efficiency can reduce some operating costs, such as energy used for compression,
16		and local transmission and distribution investments.
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18	V.	ENERGY-EFFICIENCY SYSTEM BENEFITS
19	Q32:	Do customers who do not participate in DSM programs receive any benefit
20		from the reduction in usage?
21	A32:	Yes. In fact, natural-gas DSM benefits non-participating customers in at least
22		three ways, as follows:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Gas utilities must have supplemental supplies---propane, local storage, and/or additional pipeline capacity---to allow delivery of sufficient gas in extreme weather conditions.

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1 2 3		• Vectren has a range of gas resources. Reductions in gas usage may allow Vectren to cut back its use of the most expensive resources, reducing average gas prices to customers.
4 5 6 7		• Reduced usage is likely to allow Vectren to avoid some local transmission-and-distribution costs.
8 9 10 11 12		• Reduced demand for natural gas by firm customers may free up pipeline capacity and local distribution capacity, allowing Vectren to deliver more gas to interruptible and dual-fuel customers, earning revenues that reduce delivery costs to firm customers.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19		• Reduced demand for natural gas will tend to reduce wholesale market prices in production areas and in delivery areas, benefiting Vectren customers and gas customers throughout Ohio and beyond. Since the market price of electricity is driven largely by the cost of gas burned in power plants, electric customers in Ohio and elsewhere will also benefit.
20 21	Q33:	What is the price effect of gas conservation?
22	A33:	First, the simplest analysis of demand and supply curve from an elementary
23		economics textbook makes the point that shifting the demand curve for a product
24		to the left reduces the quantity and price at which the demand and supply curves
25		cross. As demonstrated by the spikes in gas prices in cold weather, the supply
26		curve for natural gas is quite steep, so a change in the market-clearing quantity
27		would be expected to result in a large change in the market price. If the change in
28		demand is very small, the change in price may not be striking, but it should occur.
29		Second, a large number of electric and gas utilities nationwide, and in Canada, do
30		have large-scale DSM programs. Ohio is already getting the benefits of reduced
31		gas prices from DSM in California, Ontaric, the Northeast, and elsewhere;
32		implementing the programs from the April Stipulation would move Vectren
33		toward contributing to reducing gas prices further.

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1		Third, Ohio's gas usage is large enough that a serious conservation effort could
2		have an observable effect on Ohio gas prices. A recent study by the New York
3		Energy Research and Development Administration estimated that a gas DSM
4		program capturing just 5% of economic efficiency potential (reducing end-user
5		gas consumption by just 1.5%) by 2016 could reduce total retail gas prices by
6		about 0.3%. <sup>6</sup> While that does not look like a large price reduction, the present-
7		value savings to New York gas consumers would be over \$500 million. Since
8		Ohio's gas usage is comparable to New York State's usage, a similar effort in
9		Ohio is likely to have a similarly significant benefit for all gas consumers,
10		including non-participants.
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12	VI.	ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN RESOURCE PLANNING
13 14	Q34:	What is the role of energy efficiency in gas-resource planning?
15	A34:	Energy efficiency is one of the few resources available to gas utilities to reduce
16		and stabilize customer bills over the long term. Unlike electric utilities, gas
17		utilities cannot generally build or contract for new supply resources in their
18		service territories to supply below-market energy to their customers. Gas utilities
19		have a limited range of supply options, other than purchases at market prices.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> "Natural Gas Efficiency Resource Development Potential in New York" (with Phillip Mosenthal, R. Neal Elliott, Dan York, Chris Neme, and Kevin Petak. Albany, N.Y.; New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. October 31, 2006. For comparison, **a** study of a much larger efficiency effort (with reductions of about 6% in both gas and electric load) across eight Midwest states (with several times the gas usage of Ohio or New York) estimated a 13% reduction in wholesale gas prices. ("Examining the Potential for Energy Efficiency To Help Address the Natural Gas Crisis in the Midwest," Kushler, M., et al., January 2005, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Report U051.) These estimates are consistent, when adjusted for the different scope and scale.

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#### EXPERT TESTIMONY

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1. MEFSC 78-12/MDPU 19494, Phase I; Boston Edison 1978 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General; June 12 1978.

Appliance penetration projections, price elasticity, econometric commercial forecast, peak demand forecast. Joint testimony with Susan C. Geller.

 MEFSC 78-17; Northeast Utilities 1978 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General; September 29 1978.

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Specification of economic/demographic and industrial models, appliance efficiency, commercial model structure and estimation.

3. MEFSC 78-33; Eastern Utilities Associates 1978 forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General; November 27 1978.

Household size, appliance efficiency, appliance penetration, price elasticity, commercial forecast, industrial trending, peak demand forecast.

4. MDPU 19494; Phase II; Boston Edison Company Construction Program; Massachusetts Attorney General; April 1 1979.

Review of numerous aspects of the 1978 demand forecasts of nine New England electric utilities, constituting 92% of projected regional demand growth, and of the NEPOOL demand forecast. Joint testimony with S.C. Geller.

5. MDPU 19494; Phase II; Boston Edison Company Construction Program; Massachusetts Attorney General; April 1 1979.

Reliability, capacity planning, capability responsibility allocation, customer generation, co-generation rates, reserve margins, operating reserve allocation. Joint testimony with S. Finger.

6. ASLB, NRC 50-471; Pilgrim Unit 2, Boston Edison Company; Commonwealth of Massachusetts; June 29 1979.

Review of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and NEPOOL demand forecast models; cost-effectiveness of oil displacement; nuclear economics. Joint testimony with S.C. Geller.

7. MDPU 19845; Boston Edison Time-of-Use Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; December 4 1979.

Critique of utility marginal cost study and proposed rates; principles of marginal cost principles, cost derivation, and rate design; options for reconciling costs and revenues. Joint testimony with S.C. Geller. Testimony eventually withdrawn due to delay in case.

8. MDPU 20055; Petition of Eastern Utilities Associates, New Bedford G & E., and Fitchburg G & E. to purchase additional shares of Seabrook Nuclear Plant; Massa-chusetts Attorney General; January 23 1980.

Review of demand forecasts of three utilities purchasing Seabrook shares; Seabrook power costs, including construction cost, completion date, capacity factor, O&M expenses, interim replacements, reserves and uncertainties; alternative energy sources, including conservation, cogeneration, rate reform, solar, wood and coal conversion.

**9. MDPU** 20248; Petition of MMWEC to Purchase Additional Share of Seabrook Nuclear Plant; Massachusetts Attorney General; June 2 1980.

Nuclear power costs; update and extension of MDPU 20055 testimony.

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**10. MDPU** 200; Massachusetts Electric Company Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; June 16 1980.

Rate design; declining blocks, promotional rates, alternative energy, demand charges, demand ratchets; conservation: master metering, storage heating, efficiency standards, restricting resistance heating.

11. MEFSC 79-33; Eastern Utilities Associates 1979 Forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General; July 16 1980.

Customer projections, consistency issues, appliance efficiency, new appliance types, commercial specifications, industrial data manipulation and trending, sales and resale.

 MDPU 243; Eastern Edison Company Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; August 19 1980.

Rate design: declining blocks, promotional rates, alternative energy, master metering.

 Texas PUC 3298; Gulf States Utilities Rate Case; East Texas Legal Services; August 25 1980.

Inter-class revenue allocations, including production plant in-service, O&M, CWIP, nuclear fuel in progress, amortization of canceled plant residential rate design; interruptible rates; off-peak rates. Joint testimony with M. B. Meyer.

14. MEFSC 79-1; Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company Forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General; November 5 1980.

Cost comparison methodology; nuclear cost estimates; cost of conservation, cogeneration, and solar.

**15. MDPU** 472; Recovery of Residential Conservation Service Expenses; Massachusetts Attorney General; December 12 1980.

Conservation as an energy source; advantages of per-kWh allocation over percustomer-month allocation.

16. MDPU 535; Regulations to Carry Out Section 210 of PURPA; Massachusetts. Attorney General; January 26 1981 and February 13 1981. Filing requirements, certification, qualifying facility (QF) status, extent of coverage, review of contracts; energy rates; capacity rates; extra benefits of QFs in specific areas; wheeling; standardization of fees and charges.

17. MEFSC 80-17; Northeast Utilities 1980 Forecast; Massachusetts Attorney General; March 12 1981 (not presented).

Specification process, employment, electric heating promotion and penetration, commercial sales model, industrial model specification, documentation of price forecasts and wholesale forecast.

**18. MDPU** 558; Western Massachusetts Electric Company Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; May 1981.

Rate design including declining blocks, marginal cost conservation impacts, and promotional rates. Conservation, including terms and conditions limiting renewable, cogeneration, small power production; scope of current conservation program; efficient insulation levels; additional conservation opportunities.

19. MDPU 1048; Boston Edison Plant Performance Standards; Massachusetts Attorney General; May 7 1982.

Critique of company approach, data, and statistical analysis; description of comparative and absolute approaches to standard-setting; proposals for standards and reporting requirements.

**20.** DCPSC FC785; Potomac Electric Power Rate Case; DC People's Counsel; July 29 1982.

Inter-class revenue allocations, including generation, transmission, and distribution plant classification; fuel and O&M classification; distribution and service allocators. Marginal cost estimation, including losses.

21. NHPUC DE1-312; Public Service of New Hampshire-Supply and Demand; Conservation Law Foundation, et al.; October 8 1982.

Conservation program design, ratemaking, and effectiveness. Cost of power from Seabrook nuclear plant, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&M, replacements, insurance, and decommissioning.

22. Massachusetts Division of Insurance; Hearing to Fix and Establish 1983 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General; October 1982.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates, surplus flow, tax flows, tax rates, and risk premium.

23. Illinois Commerce Commission 82-0026; Commonwealth Edison Rate Case; Illinois Attorney General; October 15 1982.

Review of Cost-Benefit Analysis for nuclear plant. Nuclear cost parameters (construction cost, )&M, capital additions, useful like, capacity factor), risks, discount rates, evaluation techniques.

24. New Mexico PSC 1794; Public Service of New Mexico Application for Certification; New Mexico Attorney General; May 10 1983.

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Review of Cost-Benefit Analysis for transmission line. Review of electricity price forecast, nuclear capacity factors, load forecast. Critique of company ratemaking proposals; development of alternative ratemaking proposal.

**25.** Connecticut Public Utility Control Authority 830301; United Illuminating Rate Case; Connecticut Consumers Counsel; June 17 1983.

Cost of Seabrook fuelear power plants, including construction cost and duration, capacity factor, O&A, capital additions, insurance and decommissioning.

26. MDPU 1509; Boster Edison Plant Performance Standards; Massachusetts Attorney General; July 15 1985.

Critique of company approach and statistical analysis; regression model of nuclear capacity factor; propersults for standards and for standard-setting methodologies.

27. Massachusetts Division of Insurance; Hearing to Fix and Establish 1984 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General; October 1983.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, interest rates.

28. Connecticut Public Utility Control Authority 83-07-15; Connecticut Light and Power Rate Case; Alloy Foundry; October 3 1983.

Industrial rate design. Marginal and embedded costs; classification of generation, transmission, and distribution expenses; demand versus energy charges.

29. MEFSC 83-24; New England Electric System Forecast of Electric Resources and Requirements; Massachusetts Attorney General; November 14 1983, Rebuttal, February 2 1984.

Need for transmisstin line. Status of supply plan, especially Seabrook 2. Review of interconnection requirements. Analysis of cost-effectiveness for power transfer, line losses, generation assumptions.

**30.** Michigan PSC U-1775; Detroit Edison Fuel Cost Recovery Plan; Public Interest Research Group in Michigan; February 21 1984.

Review of proposed performance target for new nuclear power plant. Formulation of alternative proposals

31. MDPU 84-25; Western Massachusetts Electric Company Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; April 6 1984.

Need for Millstone 3. Cost of completing and operating unit, cost-effectiveness compared to alternatives, and its effect on rates. Equity and incentive problems created by CWIP. Design of Millstone 3 phase-in proposals to protect ratepayers: limitation of base-rate treatment to fuel savings benefit of unit.

**32.** MDPU 84-49 and 84 50; Fitchburg Gas & Electric Financing Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; April 13 1984.

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Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear units. Probability of completing Seabrook 2. Recommendations regarding FG&E and MDPU actions with respect to Seabrook.

33. Michigan PSC U-7755; Consumers Power Fuel Cost Recovery Plan; Public Interest Research Group in Michigan; April 16 1984.

Review of proposed performance targets for two existing and two new nuclear power plants. Formulation of alternative policy.

34. FERC ER81-749-000 and ER82-325-000; Montaup Electric Rate Cases; Massachusetts Attorney General; April 27 1984.

Prudence of Montaup and Boston Edison in decisions regarding Pilgrim 2 construction: Montaup's decision to participate, the Utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, Montaup's failure to question Edison's decisions, and the utilities' delay in canceling the unit.

35. Maine PUC 84-113; Seabrook 1 Investigation; Maine Public Advocate; September 13 1984.

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook Unit 1. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives. Rate effects. Recommendations regarding utility and FUC actions with respect to Seabrook.

36. MDPU 84-145; Fitchburg Gas and Electric Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; November 6 1984.

Prudence of Fitchburg and Public Service of New Hampshire in decision regarding Seabrook 2 construction: FGE's decision to participate, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, FGE's failure to question PSNH's decisions, and utilities' delay in falting construction and canceling the unit. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

37. Pennsylvania PUC R-842651; Pennsylvania Power and Light Rate Case; Pennsylvania Consumer Advocate; November 1984.

Need for Susquehanna 2. Cost of operating unit, power output, cost-effectiveness compared to alternatives, and its effect on rates. Design of phase-in and excess capacity proposals to protect ratepayers: limitation of base-rate treatment to fuel savings benefit of unit.

**38.** NHPUC 84-200; Beabrook Unit 1 Investigation; New Hampshire Public Advocate; November 15 1984.

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Cost of completing and operating Seabrook Unit 1. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives. Rate and financial effects.

**39. Massachusetts Division of Insurance;** Hearing to Fix and Establish 1985 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General; November 1984.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology and implementation.

**40. MDPU** 84-152; Seabrook Unit 1 Investigation; Massachusetts Attorney General; December 12 1984.

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook. Probability of completing Seabrook 1. Seabrook capacity factors.

**41.** Maine PUC 84-120; Central Maine Power Rate Case; Maine PUC Staff; December 11 1984.

Prudence of Central Maine Power and Boston Edison in decisions regarding Pilgrim 2 construction: CMP's decision to participate, the utilities' failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, CMP's failure to question Edison's decisions, and the utilities' delay in canceling the unit. Prudence of CMP in the planning and investment in Sears Island nuclear and coal plants. Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

42. Maine PUC 84-113; Seabrook 2 Investigation; Maine PUC Staff; December 14 1984.

Prudence of Maine utilities and Public Service of New Hampshire in decisions regarding Seabrook 2 construction: decisions to participate and to increase ownership share, the utilities failure to review their earlier analyses and assumptions, failure to question PSNH's decisions, and the utilities' delay in halting construction and canceling the unit Review of literature, cost and schedule estimate histories, cost-benefit analyses, and financial feasibility.

**43. MDPU** 1627; Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company Financing Case; Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy Resources; January 14 1985.

Cost of completing and operating Seabrook nuclear unit 1. Cost of conservation and other alternatives to completing Seabrook. Comparison of Seabrook to alternatives.

44. Vermont PSB 4936; Millstone 3; Costs and In-Service Date; Vermont Department of Public Service; January 21 1985.

Construction schedule and cost of completing Millstone Unit 3.

**45. MDPU** 84-276; **R**ules Governing Rates for Utility Purchases of Power from Qualifying Facilities; Massachusetts Attorney General; March 25 1985, and October 18 1985.

Institutional and technological advantages of Qualifying Facilities. Potential for QF development. Goals of QF rate design. Parity with other power sources. Security requirements. Projecting avoided costs. Capacity credits. Pricing options. Line loss corrections.

46. MDPU 85-121; Investigation of the Reading Municipal Light Department; Wilmington (MA) Chamber of Commerce; November 12 1985.

Calculation on return on investment for municipal utility. Treatment of depreciation and debt for ratemaking. Geographical discrimination in street-lighting rates. Relative size of voluntary payments to Reading and other towns. Surplus and disinvestment. Revenue allocation.

47. Massachusetts Division of Insurance; Hearing to Fix and Establish 1986 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; November 1985.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, modeling of investment balances, income, and return to shareholders.

48. New Mexico PSC 1833, Phase II; El Paso Electric Rate Case; New Mexico Attorney General; December 23 1985.

Nuclear decommissioning fund design. Internal and external funds; risk and return; fund accumulation, recommendations. Interim performance standard for Palo Verde nuclear plant.

49. Pennsylvania PUC R-850152; Philadelphia Electric Rate Case; Utility Users Committee and University of Pennsylvania; January 14 1986.

Limerick 1 rate effects. Capacity benefits, fuel savings, operating costs, capacity factors, and net benefits to ratepayers. Design of phase-in proposals.

50. MDPU 85-270; Western Massachusetts Electric Rate Case; Massachusetts Attorney General; March 19 1986.

Prudence of Northeast Utilities in generation planning related to Millstone 3 construction: decisions to start and continue construction, failure to reduce ownership share, failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

51. Pennsylvania PUC R-850290; Philadelphia Electric Auxiliary Service Rates; Albert Einstein Medical Center, University of Pennsylvania and AMTRAK; March 24 1986.

Review of utility proposals for supplementary and backup rates for small power producers and cogenerators. Load diversity, cost of peaking capacity, value of generation, price signals, and incentives. Formulation of alternative supplementary rate. 52. New Mexico PSC 2004; Public Service of New Mexico, Palo Verde Issues; New Mexico Attorney General; May 7 1986.

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Recommendations for Power Plant Performance Standards for Palo Verde nuclear units 1, 2, and 3.

**53.** Illinois Commerce Commission 86-0325; Iowa-Illinois Gas and Electric Co. Rate Investigation; Illinois Office of Public Counsel; August 13 1986.

Determination of excess capacity based on reliability and economic concerns. Identification of specific units associated with excess capacity. Required reserve margins.

54. New Mexico PSC 2009; El Paso Electric Rate Moderation Program; New Mexico Attorney General; August 18 1986. (Not presented).

Prudence of EPE in generation planning related to Palo Verde nuclear construction, including failure to reduce ownership share and failure to pursue alternatives. Review of industry literature, cost and schedule histories, and retrospective cost-benefit analyses.

Recommendation for rate-base treatment; proposal of power plant performance standards.

55. City of Boston, Public Improvements Commission; Transfer of Boston Edison District Heating Steam System to Boston Thermal Corporation; Boston Housing Authority; December 18 1986.

History and economics of steam system; possible motives of Boston Edison in seeking sale; problems facing Boston Thermal; information and assurances required prior to Commission approval of transfer.

56. Massachusetts Division of Insurance; Hearing to Fix and Establish 1987 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; December 1986 and January 1987.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, derivation of cash flows, installment income, income tax status, and return to shareholders.

**57. MDPU** 87-19; Petition for Adjudication of Development Facilitation Program; Hull (MA) Municipal Light Plant; January 21 1987.

Estimation of potential load growth; cost of generation, transmission, and distribution additions. Determination of hook-up charges. Development of residential load estimation procedure reflecting appliance ownership, dwelling size.

**58.** New Mexico PSC 2004; Public Service of New Mexico Nuclear Decommissioning Fund; New Mexico Attorney General; February 19 1987.

Decommissioning cost and likely operating life of nuclear plants. Review of utility funding proposal. Development of alternative proposal. Ratemaking treatment.

**59. MDPU** 86-280; Western Massachusetts Electric Rate Case; Massachusetts Energy Office; March 9 1987.

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Marginal cost rate design issues. Superiority of long-run marginal cost over short-run marginal cost as basis for rate design. Relationship of consumer reaction, utility planning process, and regulatory structure to rate design approach. Implementation of short-run and long-run rate designs. Demand versus energy charges, economic development rates, spot pricing.

60. Massachusetts Division of Insurance 87-9; 1987 Workers' Compensation Rate Filing; State Rating Bureau; May 1987.

Profit margin calculations, including methodology, implementation, surplus requirements, investment income, and effects of 1986 Tax Reform Act.

61. Texas PUC 6184; Economic Viability of South Texas Nuclear Plant #2; Committee for Consumer Rate Relief; August 17 1987.

STNP operating parameter projections; capacity factor, O&M, capital additions, decommissioning, useful life. STNP 2 cost and schedule projections. Potential for conservation.

62. Minnesota PUC ER-015/GR-87-223; Minnesota Power Rate Case; Minnesota Department of Public Service; August 17 1987.

Excess capacity on MP system; historical, current, and projected. Review of MP planning prudence prior to and during excess; efforts to sell capacity. Cost of excess capacity. Recommendations for ratemaking treatment.

63. Massachusetts Division of Insurance 87-27; 1988 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; September 2 1987. Rebuttal October 8 1987.

Underwriting profit margins. Effect of 1986 Tax Reform Act. Biases in calculation of average margins.

64. MDPU 88-19; Power Sales Contract from Riverside Steam and Electric to Western Massachusetts Electric; Riverside Steam and Electric; November 4 1987.

Comparison of risk from QF contract and utility avoided cost sources. Risk of oil dependence. Discounting cash flows to reflect risk.

65. Massachusetts Division of Insurance 87-53; 1987 Workers' Compensation Rate Refiling; State Rating Bureau; December 14 1987.

Profit margin calculations, including updating of data, compliance with Commissioner's order, treatment of surplus and risk, interest rate calculation, and investment tax rate calculation. **66.** Massachusetts Division of Insurance; 1987 and 1988 Automobile Insurance Remand Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; February 5 1988.

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Underwriting profit margins. Provisions for income taxes on finance charges. Relationships between allowed and achieved margins, between statewide and nationwide data, and between profit allowances and cost projections.

67. MDPU 86-36; Investigation into the Pricing and Ratemaking Treatment to be Afforded New Electric Generating Facilities which are not Qualifying Facilities; Conservation Law Foundation; May 2 1988.

Cost recovery for utility conservation programs. Compensating for lost revenues. Utility incentive structures.

68. MDPU 88-123; Petition of Riverside Steam & Electric Company; Riverside Steam and Electric Company; May 18 1988, and November 8 1988.

Estimation of avoided costs of Western Massachusetts Electric Company. Nuclear capacity factor projections and effects on avoided costs. Avoided cost of energy interchange and power plant life extensions. Differences between median and expected oil prices. Salvage value of cogeneration facility. Off-system energy purchase projections. Reconciliation of avoided cost projection.

69. MDPU 88-67; Boston Gas Company; Boston Housing Authority; June 17 1988.

Estimation of annual avoidable costs, 1988 to 2005, and levelized avoided costs. Determination of cost recovery and carrying costs for conservation investments. Standards for assessing conservation cost-effectiveness. Evaluation of cost-effectiveness of utility funding of proposed natural gas conservation measures.

70. Rhode Island PUC Docket 1900; Providence Water Supply Board Tariff Filing; Conservation Law Foundation, Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and League of Women Voters of Rhode Island; June 24 1988.

Estimation of avoidable water supply costs. Determination of costs of water conservation. Conservation cost-benefit analysis.

71. Massachusetts Division of Insurance 88-22; 1989 Automobile Insurance Rates; Massachusetts Attorney General and State Rating Bureau; Profit Issues, August 12 1988, supplemented August 19 1988; Losses and Expenses, September 16 1988.

Underwriting profit margins. Effects of 1986 Tax Reform Act. Taxation of common stocks. Lag in tax payments. Modeling risk and return over time. Treatment of finance charges. Comparison of projected and achieved investment returns.

72. Vermont PSB 5270, Module 6; Investigation into Least-Cost Investments, Energy Efficiency, Conservation, and the Management of Demand for Energy; Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, and Vermont Public Interest Research Group; September 26 1988.

Cost recovery for utility conservation programs. Compensation of utilities for revenue losses and timing differences. Incentive for utility participation.

73. Vermont House of Representatives, Natural Resources Committee; House Act 130; "Economic Analysis of Vermont Yankee Retirement"; Vermont Public Interest Research Group; February 21 1989.

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Projection of capacity factors, operating and maintenance expense, capital additions, overhead, replacement power costs, and net costs of Vermont Yankee.

74. MDPU 88-67, Phase II; Boston Gas Company Conservation Program and Rate Design; Boston Gas Company; March 6 1989.

Estimation of avoided gas cost; treatment of non-price factors; estimation of externalities; identification of cost-effective conservation.

75. Vermont PSB 5270; Status Conference on Conservation and Load Management Policy Settlement; Central Vermont Public Service, Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group, and Vermont Department of Public Service; May 1 1989.

Cost-benefit test for utility conservation programs. Role of externalities. Cost recovery concepts and mechanisms. Resource allocations, cost allocations, and equity considerations. Guidelines for conservation preapproval mechanisms. Incentive mechanisms and recovery of lost revenues.

76. Boston Housing Authority Court 05099; Gallivan Boulevard Task Force vs. Boston Housing Authority, et al.; Boston Housing Authority; June 16 1989.

Effect of master-metering on consumption of natural gas and electricity. Legislative and regulatory mandates regarding conservation.

77. MDPU 89-100; Boston Edison Rate Case; Massachusetts Energy Office; June 30 1989.

Prudence of BECo's decision of spend \$400 million from 1986–88 on returning the Pilgrim nuclear power plant to service. Projections of nuclear capacity factors, O&M, capital additions, and overhead. Review of decommissioning cost, tax effect of abandonment, replacement power cost, and plant useful life estimates. Requirements for prudence and used-and-useful analyses.

78. MDPU 88-123; Petition of Riverside Steam and Electric Company; Riverside Steam and Electric; July 24 1989. Rebuttal, October 3 1989.

Reasonableness of Northeast Utilities' 1987 avoided cost estimates. Projections of nuclear capacity factors, economy purchases, and power plant operating life. Treatment of avoidable energy and capacity costs and of off-system sales. Expected versus reference fuel prices.

**79. MDPU** 89-72; Statewide Towing Association, Police-Ordered Towing Rates; Massachusetts Automobile Rating Bureau; September 13 1989.

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Review of study supporting proposed increase in towing rates. Critique of study sample and methodology. Comparison to competitive rates. Supply of towing services. Effects of joint products and joint sales on profitability of police-ordered towing. Joint testimony with I. Goodman.

80. Vermont PSB 5330; Application of Vermont Utilities for Approval of a Firm Power and Energy Contract with Hydro-Quebec; Conservation Law Foundation, Vermont Natural Resources Council, Vermont Public Interest Research Group; December 19 1989. Surrebuttal February 6 1990.

Analysis of a proposed 450-MW, 20 year purchase of Hydro-Quebec power by twenty-four Vermont utilities. Comparison to efficiency investment in Vermont, including potential for efficiency savings. Analysis of Vermont electric energy supply. Identification of possible improvements to proposed contract.

Critique of conservation potential analysis. Planning risk of large supply additions. Valuation of environmental externalities.

**81. MDPU** 89-239; Inclusion of Externalities in Energy Supply Planning, Acquisition and Dispatch for Massachusetts Utilities; December 1989; April 1990; May 1990.

Critique of Division of Energy Resources report on externalities. Methodology for evaluating external costs. Proposed values for environmental and economic externalities of fuel supply and use.

82. California PUC; Incorporation of Environmental Externalities in Utility Planning and Pricing; Coalition of Energy Efficient and Renewable Technologies; February 21 1990.

Approaches for valuing externalities for inclusion in setting power purchase rates. Effect of uncertainty on assessing externality values.

83. Illinois Commerce Commission Docket 90-0038; Proceeding to Adopt a Least Cost Electric Energy Plan for Commonwealth Edison Company; City of Chicago; May 25 1990. Joint rebuttal testimony with David Birr, August 14 1990.

Problems in Commonwealth Edison's approach to demand-side management. Potential for cost-effective conservation. Valuing externalities in least-cost planning.

84. Maryland PSC 8278; Adequacy of Baltimore Gas & Electric's Integrated Resource Plan; Maryland Office of People's Counsel; September 18 1990.

Rationale for demand-side management, and BG&E's problems in approach to DSM planning. Potential for cost-effective conservation. Valuation of environmental externalities. Recommendations for short-term DSM program priorities.

85. Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission; Integrated Resource Planning Docket; Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor; November 1 1990.

Integrated resource planning process and methodology, including externalities and screening tools. Incentives, screening, and evaluation of demand-side management. Potential of resource bidding in Indiana.

86. MDPU 89-141, 90-73, 90-141, 90-194, and 90-270; Preliminary Review of Utility Treatment of Environmental Externalities in October QF Filings; Boston Gas Company; November 5 1990.

Generic and specific problems in Massachusetts utilities' RFPs with regard to externality valuation requirements. Recommendations for corrections.

87. MEFSC 90-12/90-12A; Adequacy of Boston Edison Proposal to Build Combined-Cycle Plant; Conservation Law Foundation; December 14 1990.

Problems in Boston Edison's treatment of demand-side management, supply option analysis, and resource planning. Recommendations of mitigation options.

88. Maine PUC 90-286; Adequacy of Conservation Program of Bangor Hydro Electric; Penobscot River Coalition; February 19 1991.

Role of utility-sponsored DSM in least-cost planning. Bangor Hydro's potential for cost-effective conservation. Problems with Bangor Hydro's assumptions about customer investment in energy efficiency measures.

**89.** Virginia State Corporation Commission PUE900070; Order Establishing Commission Investigation; Southern Environmental Law Center; March 6 1991.

Role of utilities in promoting energy efficiency. Least-cost planning objectives of and resource acquisition guidelines for DSM. Ratemaking considerations for DSM investments.

**90. MDPU** 90-261-A; Economics and Role of Fuel-Switching in the DSM Program of the Massachusetts Electric Company; Boston Gas Company; April 17 1991.

Role of fuel-switching in utility DSM programs and specifically in Massachusetts Electric's. Establishing comparable avoided costs and comparison of electric and gas system costs. Updated externality values.

91. Private arbitration; Massachusetts Refusetech Contractual Request for Adjustment to Service Fee; Massachusetts Refusetech; May 13 1991.

NEPCo rates for power purchases from the NESWC plant. Fuel price and avoided cost projections vs. realities.

**92.** Vermont PSB 5491; Cost-Effectiveness of Central Vermont's Commitment to Hydro Quebec Purchases; Conservation Law Foundation; July 19 1991.

Changes in load forecasts and resale markets since approval of HQ purchases. Effect of HQ purchase on DSM.

**93.** South Carolina PSC 91-216-E; Cost Recovery of Duke Power's DSM Expenditures; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; September 13 1991. Surrebuttal October 2 1991.

Problems with conservation plans of Duke Power, including load building, cream skimming, and inappropriate rate designs.

94. Maryland PSC 8241, Phase II; Review of Baltimore Gas & Electric's Avoided Costs; Maryland Office of People's Counsel; September 19 1991.

Development of direct avoided costs for DSM. Problems with BG&E's avoided costs and DSM screening. Incorporation of environmental externalities.

**95.** Bucksport Planning Board; AES/Harriman Cove Shoreland Zoning Application; Conservation Law Foundation and Natural Resources Council of Maine; October 1 1991.

New England's power surplus. Costs of bringing AES/Harriman Cove on line to back out existing generation. Alternatives to AES.

**96. MDPU** 91-131; Update of Externalities Values Adopted in Docket 89-239; Boston Gas Company; October 4 1991. Rebuttal, December 13 1991.

Updates on pollutant externality values. Addition of values for chlorofluorocarbons, air toxics, thermal pollution, and oil import premium. Review of state regulatory actions regarding externalities.

**97.** Florida PSC 910759; Petition of Florida Power Corporation for Determination of Need for Proposed Electrical Power Plant and Related Facilities; Floridians for Responsible Utility Growth; October 21 1991.

Florida Power's obligation to pursue integrated resource planning and failure to establish need for proposed facility. Methods to increase scope and scale of demand-side investment.

**98.** Florida PSC 910833-EI; Petition of Tampa Electric Company for a Determination of Need for Proposed Electrical Power Plant and Related Facilities; Floridians for Responsible Utility Growth; October 31 1991.

Tampa Electric's obligation to pursue integrated resource planning and failure to establish need for proposed facility. Methods to increase scope and scale of demand-side investment.

**99.** Pennsylvania PUC I-900005, R-901880; Investigation into Demand Side Management by Electric Utilities; Pennsylvania Energy Office; January 10 1992.

Appropriate cost recovery mechanism for Pennsylvania utilities. Purpose and scope of direct cost recovery, lost revenue recovery, and incentives.

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100. South Carolina PSC 91-606-E; Petition of South Carolina Electric and Gas for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for a Coal-Fired Plant; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; January 20 1992.

Justification of plant certification under integrated resource planning. Failures in SCE&G's DSM planning and company potential for demand-side savings.

101. MDPU 92-92; Adequacy of Boston Edison's Street-Lighting Options; Town of Lexington; June 22 1992.

Efficiency and quality of street-lighting options. Boston Edison's treatment of highquality street lighting. Corrected rate proposal for the Daylux lamp. Ownership of public street lighting.

**102.** South Carolina PSC 92-208-E; Integrated Resource Plan of Duke Power Company; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; August 4 1992.

Problems with Duke Power's DSM screening process, estimation of avoided cost, DSM program design, and integration of demand-side and supply-side planning.

**103.** North Carolina Utilities Commission E-100, Sub 64; Integrated Resource Planning Docket; Southern Environmental Law Center; September 29 1992.

General principles of integrated resource planning, DSM screening, and program design. Review of the IRPs of Duke Power Company, Carolina Power & Light Company, and North Carolina Power.

104. Ontario Environmental Assessment Board Ontario Hydro Demand/Supply Plan Hearings; Environmental Externalities Valuation and Ontario Hydro's Resource Planning (3 vols.); October 1992.

Valuation of environmental externalities from fossil fuel combustion and the nuclear fuel cycle. Application to Ontario Hydro's supply and demand planning.

**105.** Texas PUC 110000; Application of Houston Lighting and Power Company for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the DuPont Project; Destec Energy, Inc.; September 28 1992.

Valuation of environmental externalities from fossil fuel combustion and the application to the evaluation of proposed cogeneration facility.

**106.** Maine Board of Environmental Protection; In the Matter of the Basin Mills Hydroelectric Project Application; Conservation Intervenors; November 16 1992.

Economic and environmental effects of generation by proposed hydro-electric project.

107. Maryland PSC 8473; Review of the Power Sales Agreement of Baltimore Gas and Electric with AES Northside; Maryland Office of People's Counsel; November 16 1992.

Non-price scoring and unquantified benefits; DSM potential as alternative; environmental costs; cost and benefit estimates.

108. North Carolina Utilities Commission E-100, Sub 64; Analysis and Investigation of Least Cost Integrated Resource Planning in North Carolina; Southern Environmental Law Center; November 18 1992.

Demand-side management cost recovery and incentive mechanisms.

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**109.** South Carolina PSC 92-209-E; In Re Carolina Power & Light Company; South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs; November 24 1992.

DSM planning: objectives, process, cost-effectiveness test, comprehensiveness, lost opportunities. Deficiencies in CP&L's portfolio. Need for economic evaluation of load building.

110 Florida Department of Environmental Regulation hearings on the Power Plant Siting Act; Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation, December 1992.

Externality valuation and application in power-plant siting. DSM potential, costbenefit test, and program designs.

111. Maryland PSC 8487; Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Electric Rate Case; January 13 1993. Rebuttal Testimony: February 4 1993.

Class allocation of production plant and O&M; transmission, distribution, and general plant; administrative and general expenses. Marginal cost and rate design.

112. Maryland PSC 8179; for Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Potomac Edison Purchase Agreement with AES Warrior Run; Maryland Office of People's Counsel; January 29 1993.

Economic analysis of proposed coal-fired cogeneration facility.

113. Michigan PSC U-10102; Detroit Edison Rate Case; Michigan United ConservationA. Clubs; February 17 1993.

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