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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

A. My name is F. Ross Pultz.

Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TESTIMONY IN THESE *PROCEEDINGS?*

8 *A*. On February 4, 1994, I filed direct testimony in Yes. Case No. 93-576-TP-CSS, herein referred to as "initial 9 10 direct testimony". On May 5, 1994, I also filed testimony 11 labeled "Direct Testimony" in Case No. 93-487-TP-ALT and "Supplemental Direct Testimony" in Case No. 93-576-TP-CSS, 12 herein referred to as "supplemental testimony". In the 13 14 latter testimony I also incorporated by reference my 15 initial direct testimony into Case No. 93-487-TP-ALT.

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17 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS TESTIMONY?

18 I am presenting testimony to rebut certain positions of А. 19 Ameritech Ohio witness Roger G. Ibbotson in Case Nos. 20 93-487-TP-ALT and 93-576-TP-CSS. Unless otherwise 21 indicated, references here are to Dr. Ibbotson's prefiled 22 testimony, rather than his cross examination. I am also 23 presenting rebuttal testimony to certain aspects of the 24 testimony of Staff witness Stephen R. Chaney in Case No. 25 93-487-TP-ALT.

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REBUITTAL OF DR. IBBOTSON

(A) TWO STAGE DCF

DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON DR. IBBOTSON'S TWO-STAGE DCF? **Q**. 5

A. Although, in principle, the use of a two-stage DCF 6 Yes. 7 can improve the accuracy of cost of equity estimates 8 compared to a one-stage DCF, this will only occur if the 9 growth estimate used for the second stage of the DCF is reasonable. The second stage of the two-stage DCF used by 10 Dr. Ibbotson (discussed on pages 19-26 of Ameritech Ohio 11 Ex. 32.0, Puco Case No. 93-487-TP-ALT [Dr. Ibbotson's Alt. 12 Reg. restimony]) has two kinds of difficulties that make .13 14 it an inappropriate estimate. First, by using an economy-wide growth estimate, that being the nominal 15 growth in the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Dr. Ibbotson 16 17 makes no attempt to capture company-specific factors; and 18 second, the projection for the nominal growth in the GDP 19 used for the second-stage growth in his DCF is 20 unrealistically high.

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In his testimony Dr. Ibbotson indicated that after five years Ameritech will grow as fast as the midwest region and the U.S. economy. Dr. Ibbotson has given no support 25 for his belief that Ameritech in its increasingly competitive environment will grow as fast as the economy.

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Yet even if Ameritech's growth will track the economy, Dr.
 Ibbotson's analysis begs the question, crucial for the
 DCF, of how Ameritech will do on a per-share basis.

The company's overall growth could match the nation, but if additional shares are issued, the per share growth used in the DCF would be significantly lower, or if the company reacquires stock, the per share performance could exceed that of the economy. Dr. Ibbotson has neither explicitly nor implicitly considered these possibilities.

12 Dr. Ibbotson's two stage DCF uses the current dividend and 13 price, the IBES earnings growth for the first five years, 14 and then the nominal GDP growth in later years. This 15 approach cannot distinguish between companies that pay out 16 most of their earnings as dividends and have slow per 17 share growth, perhaps raising substantial amounts of 18 equity from stock issuances, and companies that reinvest 19 most of their profits in the business, perhaps even repurchasing stock, in the second stage of the DCF. 20 21 According to the DCF, these difference should produce 22 material differences in per share growth and resulting 23 differences in estimates of the cost of equity.

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If Ameritech has a different payout ratio than average, and as a result, different resulting growth through

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1 retained earnings, applying an economy-wide growth rate in 2 the second stage will incorrectly estimate growth during 3 that stage and produce an erroneous DCF result. As a 4 result there is significant company-specific information 5 suppressed by Dr. Ibbotson's use of a economy-wide measure for the second stage of his DCF. There is no way to 6 7 determine whether this growth rate will apply to Ameritech 8 on a per share basis even if Ameritech were to grow as 9 fast as the economy as a whole. (If Dr. Ibbotson were 10 obtaining an economy-wide average cost of equity for and 11 he captured companies with a full range of dividend 12 strategies as part of some academic study, the use of the 13 economy-wide GDP as an estimate of second stage growth might be more acceptable. However, this does not make this 14 15 approach proper for determining the cost of equity for a single company, with a potentially unique dividend policy.) 16

18 In fact, Value Line data and projections suggest that 19 Ameritech does pay more profits as dividends and reinvest 20 less in the business than the typical company, and will be 21 doing so in the future. This is shown by a comparison of 22 the <u>Value Line</u> estimate of the percent of all dividends to 23 net profits for Ameritech, from the April 15, 1994 issue, 24 and Value Line's "Industrial Composite," in the August 19, 25 1994 <u>Value Line</u> Selection and Opinion. Ameritech values 26 are 1992 70%, 1993 69%, 1994 69%, 1995 67%, and projected

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1 1997-99 70%. The comparable Industrial Composite numbers 2 are 1992 59%, 1993 48%, 1994 44%, 1995 44%, and projected 1997-99 43%. There is a greater than 20% difference 3 4 between the 69% average of Ameritech values and the 48% 5 average of Industrial Composite values. The Industrial 6 Composite consists of approximately 810 industrial, retail 7 and transportation companies out of approximately 1700 8 companies covered by Value Line. It is not economy-wide, 9 and some dividends included in the Value Line calculation 10 are on preferred stock, but the difference in payouts is 11 large enough to indicate that Ameritech can be expected to 12 pay out more and retain less of its profits than the 13 typical company. This fact alone would suggest that 14 Ameritech's per share growth will be less than that of the 15 economy as a whole. The higher dividend yield on Ameritech 16 stock, listed as 5.2% on the indicated document compared 17 to the Industrial Composite of 2.8%, is in line with this 18 point.

For the second stage of his DCF, Dr. Ibbotson has used a nominal growth in the GDP obtained by projecting 1926-1993 factors into the future. To obtain his 7.8% nominal growth in the GDP, he has combined the 3.1% 1926-1993 real growth in the GDP with a 4.7% expected inflation rate. This expected inflation rate is obtained by subtracting 1926-1993 average realized real returns on 20-year U.S.

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treasury bonds, 2.31%, from current yields to maturity on
 20-year U.S. treasury bonds, 7.02%. Neither Dr.
 Ibbotson's 3.1% estimate for real GDP growth, nor his 4.7%
 estimate for inflation, is realistic.

The historical average rate of growth for 68 years of data 6 7 from 1926-1993 is not necessarily helpful for predicting 8 the future. Even if risk premia were relatively stable 9 over time, there is no reason to believe that the economy 10 will grow at a rate equal to growth in the past. The fact 11 that some underlying sources of economic growth such as 12 population and labor force growth are now projected to be 13 lower, suggests that future growth will also be lower. 14 (Schedule FRP-1R shows that the U.S. population, which 15 grew at a compound annual rate of 1.18% over the period 16 1926-1992, is projected to grow .088% annually to 2005 and 17 0.70% annually to 2050 (it should be recalled that we are 18 now closer to 2050 than to 1926). The Schedule also shows 19 that the civilian labor force, which grew at an annual 20 rate of 1.56% over the 1926-1992 period, is projected to 21 . grow at an annual rate of 1.33% to 2005. The fact that 22 the recent annual rate of GDP growth has been lower than 23 over the 1926-1993 period also suggests that past growth 24 rates cannot be automatically projected into the future 25 and that future growth may be slower than over the 26 1926-1993 period. (Schedule FRP-1R shows that real annual

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growth in GDP has been 2.90% since 1960, 2.48% since 1970,
 and 2.23% since 1980.) These facts suggest that future
 growth in real GDP will be materially lower than the 3.1%
 used by Dr. Ibbotson.

Dr. Ibbotson's 4.7% estimate of expected inflation also has several difficulties. The way it is derived is unrealistically mechanistic, and the results are biased upward.

11 Since early 1994 there has been a substantial increase in 12 interest rates, attributed in the financial press to 13 attempts by the Federal Reserve to reduce the threat of 14 future inflation. Applying Dr. Ibbotson's approach by 15 subtracting historical realized real returns from current 16 yields to maturity produces higher expected inflation due 17 to the <u>higher</u> interest rates. The fact that tight money 18 aimed at fighting inflation can, under Dr. Ibbotson's 19 mechanistic approach, lead to a higher estimate of expected 20 inflation, casts doubt on this method of measuring expected 21 inflation.

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As will be explained later in my testimony, the use of
 1926-1993-based results to estimate future expected
 returns does not properly reflect the current environment,
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1 are now materially higher than the 2.3% used by Dr. 2 Ibbotson. Since this is the quantity that is subtracted 3 from recent long-term interest rates to obtain Dr. 4 Ibbotson's estimate of expected inflation, an increase in the estimate of expected real returns on long-term 5 6 government securities lowers the estimate of expected 7 inflation that is combined with estimates of real GDP 8 growth to obtain estimated growth in the economy. Had Dr. 9 Ibbotson properly emphasized recent data he would have 10 used an expected real return higher than his 2.3%, would have obtained a lower expected rate of inflation, and 11 12 would have obtained a lower growth rate for the second 13 stage of his DCF.

The above discussion shows that the methodology used by Dr. Ibbotson to develop the second stage of his two-stage 17 DCF is flawed, and the 7.8% growth result is high.

19 I have performed alternate two-stage DCFs on Schedules 20 FRP-2R and FRP-3R. (The first schedule uses the data set 21 forth in my initial direct testimony; the second schedule 22 uses data from my supplemental testimony.) In these 23 schedules I have performed two-stage DCFs using Value 24 Line's current and projected dividends for the first stage 25 and a projected BxR for the second stage of my DCF. 26 Projected BxR is a useful estimate of growth during the

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1 second stage of a two-stage DCF for the same reason it is 2 useful in a one-stage DCF. It is an estimate of sustain-3 able growth. The approach incorporates Value Line's 4 published estimates of dividend payments for the next five 5 years and an estimate of sustainable growth after the five 6 year period. (See pages 21-22 and 31-32 of my initial 7 direct testimony for more on the BxR.) These results, 9.46% 8 on Schedule FRP-2R and 11.63% on Schedule FRP-3R, are 9 substantially lower than Dr. Ibbotson's results and are in 10 line with or lower than the ranges for the cost of equity 11 I recommended using single stage DCFs and the same data.

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(B) QUARTERLY DIVIDEND DCF

15 Q. IS DR. IBBOTSON'S QUARTERLY DIVIDEND DCF NECESSARY FOR 16 UTILITY RATEMAKING?

17 *A*. An approach such as Dr. Ibbotson's quarterly dividend No. 18 version of the DCF (discussed on pages 27-29 of Dr. 19 Ibbotson's Alt Reg testimony) is not necessary for use in 20 setting a fair rate of return. It is true that dividends 21 are normally paid quarterly rather than annually. 22 Incorporation in the DCF of the fact that dividends are 23 paid at the end of the quarter rather than at the end of 24 the year means investors receive their return sooner and 25 realize a higher return than produced by a DCF that 26 assumes that the dividends are received at the end of the

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year. This does not mean, however, that the quarterly DCF
 must be used in ratemaking in order to provide the utility
 with an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return.

The quarterly version of the DCF is not necessary because 5 6 the utility will be able to obtain the same increase in return from reinvesting profits during the year that the 7 quarterly DCF assumes investors can. A fuller understand-8 9 ing of the issues involved shows that the apparently higher results obtained by the quarterly DCF are in ways 10 11 analogous to the difference between nominal and realized 12 returns. A bank that pays 6% interest compounded 13 quarterly is not providing a lower return than one paying 14 6.1% per year but without compounding. The 6% a year 15 compounded quarterly produces an annual return of over 16 6.136%. The bank at 6% is really paying more than the other investment at 6.1%. The bank could lower its 17 18 announced interest rate to around 5.9653% and still 19 produce returns equal to the 6.1% a year without 20 compounding.

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A utility for which a return is set will not have to wait until the end of the year to receive its profits, but will be able to earn its profits throughout the year. During the year, the utility can invest in assets that will earn additional (compound) profits, can reduce debt and save on

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interest expenses, or can reacquire stock. The utility's actual earned rate of return will be higher than the authorized rate of return, by the same logic that the investors' return in the quarterly dividend model is higher than in the yearly model, i.e., returns occur during the year rather than at the end of the year.

8 Schedule FRP-4R shows how this works in a very simplified 9 example. Assume that a utility is expected to pay \$4 in 10 dividends during the upcoming year and has a price equal 11 to the book value of \$100 for a yield during the year of 12 4% (d(1)=4) and has growth of 8% (g=.08). The annual DCF 13 result for this company is 12%. (While this schedule 14 shows only the first year for the company, each future 15 year can be assumed to work the same way but with values 16 8% higher each year.) Scenario 1, at the top of the 17 schedule, shows that the effect of paying dividends 18 quarterly produces an effective annual return of 12.1783%. 19 Scenario 2, in the middle of the schedule, shows that if 20 the utility can reinvest its profits that were not paid 21 out as dividends in earlier quarters in the business, and 22 earn the 12% authorized return on this investment and if 23 the stock price rises as book value per share rises, then 24 stockholders will receive an effective return of 12.5509%, 25 well above the authorized return of 12%. Scenario 3 at 26 the bottom of the schedule shows that if the authorized

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return is approximately 11.65814%, a value substantially lower than the 12% produced by the annual DCF model, investors will receive the effective return produced in the quarterly dividend model in Scenario 1 above, that is 12.1783%. This 11.65814% is actually the same nominal return that if compounded quarterly produced an effective annual return of 12.1783%.

9 While the real world is more complicated than any of these simplified scenarios, in this model the utility did earn 10 11 at least its "authorized" return on its average equity 12 during the year. There is enough of a difference between the nominal return that is authorized and the effective 13 14 return realized in these examples to offset such factors 15 as somewhat lower returns on reinvested funds or a date certain rate base below the average investment. 16 (This 17 last factor is relevant because date certain rate base 18 will not necessarily equal average investment.) In 19 addition, if one wants to complicate matters as to the 20 difference between average investment and date certain 21 investment, there are many other aspects of the test year 22 that must also be re-examined, e.g., which increases in 23 expenses and revenues that occur during the test year are 24 annualized.

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1 The 0.1% adjustment that Dr. Ibbotson has made for the 2 quarterly payment of dividends is relatively small in 3 comparison to the difference between the general level of 4 our recommendations, and isn't much more than "noise" or 5 rounding error in some calculations. While it might seem 6 plausible to ignore the effect because it is small, it 7 always raises the results, so it is not random.

9 I believe that a fair rate of return can be obtained using 10 the annual DCF. To avoid setting rates that provide the 11 utility with a return that is more than its cost of equity, 12 results obtained through quarterly versions of the DCF 13 must be adjusted downward. This adjustment will roughly 14 offset or more than offset any higher result produced by 15 the quarterly application rather than the annual appli-16 cation of the DCF.

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(C) <u>RISK PREMIUM PERIOD</u>

THE PERIOD 1926-1993?

20Q.DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS ON DR. IBBOTSON'S USE OF A RISK21PREMIUM BASED UPON DIFFERENCES IN AVERAGE RETURNS OVER

A. Yes. Dr. Ibbotson's risk premium, like his expected real
return on long-term government bonds used in determining
the expected inflation rate, is derived from average
differences in returns over the period 1926-1993. (Pages

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36 and 43 of Dr. Ibbotson's Alt Reg testimony.) The risk premia used by Dr. Ibbotson weight each year's data equally, i.e. data from a year in the 1920's has as much weight as data from a year in the the 1990's.

I believe that economic conditions in the world, and in particular the financial markets, have changed substantially since the earlier years covered in Dr. Ibbotson's analysis. Differences in risk and required return between different types of assets are now not the same as they were during the early part of Dr. Ibbotson's study.

13 Some of the changes include: the passage of the Securities 14 Exchange Act of 1934 and other legal changes that have . 15 increased the amount of financial disclosure and the 16 protection of stockholders from risks associated with 17 securities fraud; drastic increases in the flow of finan-18 cial information and the amount and speed of financial 19 analysis that equally drastically increased the amount of 20 investment information available to most investors; 21 changes in tax rates and tax laws that have affected the 22 relative after-tax returns on different kinds of assets; 23 the globalization of capital markets and increased 24 international flow of capital that have reduced the 25 ability of U.S. monetary authorities to control interest 26 rates; the development of mutual funds (and no-load mutual

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1 funds) that have dramatically lowered the cost of holding 2 diversified portfolios; the deregulation of brokerage 3 rates that have lowered the cost of many securities 4 transactions; and so forth. These changes did not happen in a single year but are cumulative and are so substantial 5 that it is hard to believe that market conditions and risk 6 7 premia from the beginning of Dr. Ibbotson's study period 8 have as much value in estimating today's risk premia as 9 more recent data, if the earlier data have any value at 10 all.

In the 1994 edition of Dr. Ibbotson's yearbook "Stocks, 12 Bonds, Bills and Inflation, 1994 Yearbook," showing results 13 14 for the period 1926-1993, there is evidence suggesting that the risk of stocks has decreased since the early years of 15 16 the study, and that the risk of bonds has risen. This 17 would mean that risk premia based upon realized returns from earlier years are unrepresentative of current condi-18 tions. Attachment D presents graphical evidence of these 19 changes from the Ibbotson study. The study states (page 20 21 98):

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The stock market was tremendously volatile in the first few years studied, which were marked by the 1920's boom, the crash of 1929-1932, and the great Depression years. The market settled after World War II and provided much more stable returns in the postwar period. In the 1970s and 1980s, stock volatility increased, but not to the extreme levels of the 1920s and 1930s, with the exception of October 1987. In the 1990s to date, volatility has been moderate.

Bonds present a mirror image. Long-term government bonds were extremely stable in the 1920s and remained so through the crisis years of the 1930s, providing shelter from the storms of the stock markets. Starting in the late 1960s and early 1970s, however, bond volatility soared; in the 1973-1974 stock market decline, bonds did not provide the shelter they once did. Bond pessimism (i.e. high yields) peaked in 1981 and subsequent returns were sharply positive. While the astronomical interest rates of the 1979-1981 period have passed, the volatility of the bond market remains high.

8 I have prepared two schedules to show the effects of 9 eliminating or reducing the importance of old data. 10 Schedule FRP-5R shows what happens to a number of risk 11 premia as old data is eliminated and only more recent 12 data, from increasingly short periods, is included in the 13 average. Schedule FRP-6R shows what happens to the same 14 risk premia as old data is weighted less.

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In Schedule FRP-6R I have presented average results using 16 different decay rates for old data. The results graphi-17 cally shown at the extreme left of the graph and numeri-18 cally shown at the top of the table are based on the 19 assumption that all years of data are weighted equally. 20 Other results are obtained using increasing rates of 21 dropoff in weighting for old data. For example the 1% 22 result assumes that data each year older has 1% less 23 weight than data for the next year, and in the 5% result 24 each year's result has 5% lower weighting than the 25 succeeding year. While at this point I have not determined 26

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1 that any one of these results is more meaningful than any
2 other result, these results do show certain key facts about
3 the underlying data.

5 The stocks, less t-bill equity risk premium, 8.4% when all 6 years are weighted equally, falls as low as 7.0% with an 7 8% decay rate, before recovering to 7.8% with a very high 8 16% decay rate. With a conservative 2% decay rate that 9 also produces a 7.8% risk premium, 1970 data has a weight 10 around 63% of 1993's weight, 1950 has 42% as much weight, 11 and 1930 has 28%.

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13 The stock, less long-term government income returns that 14 Dr. Ibbotson has used as the basis for his CAPM, is 6.9% 15 when all years are weighted equally but also falls off as 16 older years get less weight. Results fall as low as 5.2% 17 before recovering very slightly to 5.5%. A two percent 18 decay rate on old data produces an average of 6.3%. These 19 results show that deemphasizing old data results in 20 noticeably lower risk premia. (The 6.9% used here differs 21 slightly from the 7.2% used by Dr. Ibbotson because I 22 followed the pattern of Mr. Ibbotson's book and used 23 geometric differences ((1+A)/(1+B))-1 rather than the 24 arithmetic difference (A-B) which Dr. Ibbotson used in his 25 testimony. The nature of the resultant analysis is the 26 same.)

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The stocks, less total return on long-term government bonds series, shows a much more dramatic drop in risk premia. The 7.1% obtained by weighting all years equally continues to drop dramatically as the old data's weight falls and goes down to 6.3% at the 2% decay rate and 1.7% at the 16% decay rate.

8 The stocks less t-bill risk premium I presented in a CAPM, 9 and the stocks less long-bond income return premium used 10 by Dr. Ibbotson in his CAPM both show a noticeable decline 11 as old data is given decreasing weight. The stocks less 12 long bond returns and the long bond return less-inflation 13 results show even more dramatic influences from reducing 14 the weight of older data.

16 The long-term government bond less inflation results that 17 Dr. Ibbotson uses to determine his expected inflation rate 18 shows an equally dramatic rise. The 2.3% obtained by 19 weighting all years equally rises to 2.7% using a 2.0% 20 decay rate and 8.4% using a 16% decay rates. (This value 21 enters Dr. Ibbotson's calculations because he subtracts 22 the 2.3% result here from 7.0% long term bond interest to 23 obtain the expected inflation used in the second stage of 24 his two stage DCF. The growth in this second stage is the 25 combination of real growth in the GDP and expected 26 inflation. Simply using the result for the 2% decay rate,

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1 2.7%, rather than the 2.3% associated with a zero decay 2 rate, lowers expected inflation and expected nominal 3 growth in the GDP by 0.4%. Since this is the growth rate 4 used in the second stage of Dr. Ibbotson's two stage DCF, 5 using an expected real return based upon a 2% decay rate 6 for old data lowers the second stage of growth in the DCF 7 by 0.4%. Using a 3% decay rate lowers the second stage 8 growth by 0.7%.)

10 Like reducing the weight of earlier years, using a shorter 11 review period (eliminating earlier data) produces similar 12 results. Schedule FRP-5R shows the results that are 13 obtained if different years are used as the starting point 14 for an analysis such as Dr. Ibbotson's. The results are 15 basically the same: exclusion of the early years of Dr. 16 Ibbotson's study reduces various risk premia and increases 17 long-term government and t-bill real returns noticeably. 18 Inclusion of only recent years produces widely varying **19** results that are sometimes as high or higher than results 20 for the entire period.

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Stocks less t-bill premia, 8.4% using all years, drop to
4.4% using only data since 1987. Stocks less long-term
government total returns premia, 7.1% using all years,
drop as to as low as 2.4% using only data since 1969.
Stocks less long-term bond income return, 6.9% using all

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1 years, drops as low as 3.6%, using only data since 1966. 2 Real returns on t-bills 0.6% using all years, rises to 3 over 1% using almost every period since 1951 and to as 4 high as 3% using 1981. Real returns on long-term U.S. 5 government bonds, 2.3% using all years of data, falls as 6 early years of data is dropped, getting as low as 1.0% using 1941 as the starting point, and then rises to over 7 ten percent if only recent data is included. 8

10 These results show, that the world has changed and that 11 risk premia and expected returns derived from including 12 all the data from Dr. Ibbotson's study and weighting it 13 equally will give too much weight to data from times when 14 conditions that affect the relative risk and required 15 return on investments were dramatically different from 16 today's conditions. Reducing or eliminating the weight of 17 such old data produces lower measures of the risk premia. 18 The measures of risk premia that Dr. Ibbotson has used 19 are, therefore, not representative of today's conditions.

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(D) ISSUANCE EXPENSES

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23 Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON DR. IBBOTSON'S APPLICATION OF 24 AN ISSUANCE EXPENSE ADJUSTMENT TO AMERITECH'S ENTIRE 25 EQUITY?

26 A. Dr. Ibbotson has incorrectly applied his 4% issuance
 27 expense adjustment to Ameritech's entire equity as a

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flotation cost adjustment (pages 47-50 of Dr. Ibbotson's Alt. Reg. testimony). The proper adjustment applies just to equity that is obtained through external fundings. To demonstrate this I have prepared Schedule FRP-7R.

This schedule has three scenarios showing different 6 7 treatments of issuance (or flotation) expenses. In 8 Scenario A, there are no issuance expenses, and no adjust-9 ment to reflect them. In Scenario B, there are issuance 10 expenses and an adjustment for issuance expenses is made 11 to the entire amount of equity, as Dr. Ibbotson recommends. 12 In Scenario, C an adjustment for issuance expenses is made 13 just for externally raised funds, as the Staff and I recommend. Aside from these differences, other features 14 15 are the same in the three scenarios. I have used the 16 assumptions in the answer to question 59 on page 48 of Dr. 17 Ibbotson's Alt. Reg. testimony in the Alt Reg case, that 18 \$10,000,000 is raised with a flotation cost of 4 percent 19 and an expected return of 12 percent. In addition I have 20 assumed that each year the company earns the indicated 21 return on its year-beginning equity and that 60% of 22 profits are paid out as dividends and 40% reinvested in 23 the business.

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In both Scenarios B and C, Dr. Ibbotson is correct that, during the first year when only \$9,600,000 (after issuance

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1 expenses) is invested in the business, investors will need 2 to earn 12.5 percent on the investment after issuance 3 expenses in order to earn 12 percent on their entire 4 \$10,000,000 investment. However, this does not mean that 5 in later years the company will need to earn 12.5 percent on the reinvested profits. An examination of the three 6 7 scenarios shows that applying an adjustment only to 8 externally raised funds provides the appropriate return 9 and that applying the adjustment to the entire equity 10 provides an excess return.

In Scenario A it is assumed that there are no issuance expenses, so that if the company earns 12 percent on its year-beginning balance of equity, it earns as much as investors' expectations. During the twentieth year the company will earn \$2,924,500, pay \$1,754,700 in dividends and reinvest \$1,169,800.

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19 In Scenario B it is assumed that an adjustment for issuance 20 expenses is made to the return on the company's entire 21 equity and that the company always earns 12.5 percent on 22 its entire year beginning common equity. In this scenario, 23 during the twentieth year the company earns \$3,932,300, 24 pays \$1,819,400 in dividends and reinvests \$1,212,900. 25 This is significantly more than the earnings that would 26 have occurred if the company had had no issuance expenses 27 and no adjustment for issuance expenses.

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1 In Scenario C it is assumed that the original investment, 2 \$9,600,000 after issuance expenses, earns 12.5 percent to 3 reflect an adjustment for issuance expenses, and that any 4 reinvested profits earn 12 percent. In this scenario, 5 during the twentieth year the company will earn a total of \$2,924,500, pay dividends of \$1,754,700, and reinvest 6 7 \$1,169,800 in the business. These are the same amounts as 8 in scenario A where there were no issuance expenses.

10 The fact that profits, dividends and retained earnings in 11 each year are the same under Scenario C (where the adjust-12 ment for issuance expenses applies only to externally raised funds), as the profits, dividends and retained 13 14 earnings in Scenario A (where there are no issuance 15 expenses and no adjustment for issuance expenses) 16 demonstrates that the proper adjustment for issuance 17 expenses should apply only to externally raised funds. The fact that profits, dividends and retained earnings are 18 19 larger in Scenario B (where the adjustment is made to 20 total equity) than the results in Scenarios A and C, 21 demonstrates that the kind of adjustment suggested by Dr. 22 Ibbotson provides the company with an opportunity to earn 23 more than its cost of capital.

While this example uses specific assumptions and shows results for only the first twenty years, the basic result

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does not depend upon these facts but holds in general. I
 have examined results running as long as 200 years, using
 different payout ratios and different levels of cost and
 issuance expenses.

6 More importantly, the logic of the situation shows that an 7 adjustment need only apply to the externally raised 8 If there were no adjustment for issuance expenses, funds. 9 the actual shortfall in earnings would be only the return 10 on the amount of issuance expenses, 12% of \$400,000 (or 11 \$48,000) in my example. If this shortfall is made up by 12 an adjustment for issuance expenses in the first year and 13 each year after that, there is no reason for this amount 14 to grow as earnings are reinvested in the business. An 15 adequate adjustment can be made by raising the return from 16 12% to 12.5% and applying it to the \$9,600,000 raised 17 The half percent in additional after issuance expenses. 18 return applied to \$9,600,000 provides the \$48,000 19 adjustment that is needed. No additional adjustment to 20 retained earnings is needed.

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22 III. <u>REBUTTAL OF STAFF</u>

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24 Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE STAFF'S REJECTION OF 25 AMERITECH-SPECIFIC DCF ANALYSIS?

26 A. The Staff's rejection of Ameritech-specific DCF analysis
27 in light of the updated analysis in the Staff testimony
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1 (page 7 of the Prepared Testimony of Stephen R. Chaney 2 [Chaney's testimony]) is not well founded. An examination 3 of the individual Ameritech values in the Staff testimony 4 indicates that more of these values are reasonable than 5 the equivalent value for the entire group of companies. 6 The same finding is obtained by comparing Ameritech-7 specific results with the results presented in the recently 8 released Staff Report for East Ohio Gas and River Gas in 9 Case No. 93-2006-GA-AIR. In that case Staff based its recommendation upon a company-specific DCF for Consolidated 10 11 Natural Gas, the parent of East Ohio Gas and River Gas. 12 (Mr. Chaney signed off on the 93-2006-GA-AIR Staff Report 13 rate of return section.)

15Rejecting an Ameritech-specific DCF analysis based on a16claim that many individual results seem unreasonable is17not appropriate. There are as many problems with the18results of the group of companies the Staff actually used19in Ameritech's case. Further, staff was able to perform a20company-specific DCF analysis in the East Ohio Gas case21where there were as many or more problems with the data.

23Table 1 below compares the current Staff's24Ameritech-specific results with the Staff's current DCF25results for the its telecommunications company group, and26with results for Consolidated Natural Gas (the parent of

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East Ohio Gas) from the East Ohio Gas Staff Report.
Results between 10% and 15% are marked by an "x" to their
right. Ameritech has seven such values, the Staff's
industry group has only four and East Ohio Gas has only
four.

TABLE 1

COMPARISON OF AMERITECH DCF RESULTS TO TELCO INDUSTRY & EAST OHIO GAS

10			TELEPHONE	EAST
		AMERITECH	INDUSTRY	OHIO
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	5BXR	0.10312 x	0.07243	0.011
12	VLDG	0.15224	0.09823	0.0971
	VLEG	0.17449	0.15042	0.1345 x
13	IBES	0.11088 x	0.12036 x	0.1406 x
	ZACKS	0.10879 x	0.12685 x	0.1375 x
14	VLBXR '98	0.10851 x	0.12425 x	0.0826
	5D	0.10952 x	0.09695	0.0707
15	10D			
	5E	0.08661	0.05638	0.0307
16	10E			
	VL BOX EARN	0.13077 x	0.13232 x	0.1302 x
17	VL BOX DIV	0.13601 x	0.08795	0.0781
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18	AVERAGE	0.12209	0.10662	0.0913

Mr. Chaney makes much of the fact that the most recently available <u>Value Line</u> results showed significant increases in growth. I agree that this is a serious concern. However, the Staff could have still performed an Ameritech-specific analysis deemphasizing the <u>Value Line</u> results. The average of Ameritech-specific results from

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1 Table 1 is 12.21%. When the unreasonably high 17.45% 2 <u>Value Line</u> earnings growth projection, VLEG, and the low 3 8.66%, 5 year historical earnings growth, 5E, are excluded, 4 the average becomes 12.00%. Additional exclusion of the 5 15.22% Value Line Dividend growth projection, VLDG, makes 6 the average Ameritech-specific result 11.54% While all of 7 these results are higher than the 10.66% average of results 8 listed on Table 1 for the staff's telephone industry, they 9 are also below the midpoint of the Staff's range for the 10 cost of equity.

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12 Q. HAS THE STAFF ADEQUATELY JUSTIFIED THE SCREENING CRITERIA 13 USED IN SELECTION OF THE GROUP OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS 14 COMPANIES USED IN ITS COST OF EQUITY DETERMINATION?

15 *A*. An examination of the selection criteria listed on No. 16 page 8, lines 17-25 of Chaney's testimony shows that the 17 Staff would allow a company to be in the Staff's group 18 when only a small part of its operations were in the local 19 telephone business if that company met other criteria 20 related to size, bond rating, and the local service 21 revenues, total telephone revenues and toll revenues. 22 Companies such as Cincinnati Bell Telephone and ALLTEL 23 pass Staff's screening criteria but are not representative 24 of telephone operations because they generate a significant 25 share of their revenues from activities that are not tele-

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1		phone operations. While such companies may pass the	
2		Staff's screening this does not make them comparable as	
3		local telephone companies.	
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5	Q.	DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?	
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the Rebuttal Testimony of F. Ross Pultz, have been served by first class mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered to the following parties of record this 7th day of September, 1994.

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U.S POPULATION, LABOR FORCE AND GDP STATISTICS

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GROWTH RATES FROM PAST YEARS TO 1992

	RESIDENT			REAL GDP				·
	POPULATION	TOTAL	CIVILIAN	(\$billion)		LABOR	FORCE	
YEAR	(Thousands)	ABOR FORCE	LABOR FORCE	(\$1987)	POPULATION	TOTAL	<u>CIVILIAN</u>	GDP-REAL
1920	106,461 (1)	41,720 (2)	41,340 (2)		-1.22%	1.58%	1.57%	
1926	117,397 (2)	45,885 (2)	45,629 (2)		1.18%	1.57%	1.56%	
1930	123,077 (1)			\$748.9 (3)	1.18%	•		3.08%
1940	132,457 (1)	56,180 (2)	55,640 (2)	906.0 (1)	1.27%	1.60%	1.60%	3.31%
1950	152,271 (1)	63,377 (1)	62,208 (1)	1,418,5 (1)	1.24%	1.70%	1.71%	3.01%
1960	179,979 (1)	71,489 (1)	69,626 (1)	1,970.8 (1)	1.10%	1.85%	1.90%	2.90%
1970	203,984 (1)	84,889 (1)	82,771 (1)	2,873.9 (1)	1.02%	1.90%	1.96%	2.48%
1980	227,225 (1)	108,544 (1)	106,940 (1)	3,776.3 (1)	0.97%	1.42%	1.44%	2.23%
1990	249,391 (1)	126,424 (1)	124,787 (1)	4,877.5 (1)	1.13%	0.84%	0.88%	0.46%
1991	252,160 (1)	126,867 (1)	125,303 (1)	4,821.0 (1)	1.16%	1.33%	1.34%	2.11%
1992	255,082 (1)	128,548 (1)	126,982 (1)	4,922.6 (1)				
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	PROJECTIO	<u>DNS</u>			GROWTH RATE	S FROM	1992 TO F	UTURE YEARS
2000	273,646 (1)		142,900 (1)	·.	0.88%		1,49%	
2000	285,173 (1)		150,700 (1)		0.86%		1.33%	
			100,700 (1)		0.85%			
2010	296,907 (1)				0.00 /8			

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SOURCES: (1) Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1993

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333,088 (1)

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(2) Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970

(3) National Income and Product Accounts of the United States

TWO STAGE DCF - FROM SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY

ASSUMPTIONS

1) Price is average price (12 months ending December 1994)

2) Dividend Streams

- 1994 and 1997 are from VALUE LINE
- 1995 and 1996 grow from 1994 value at 1994-97 compound growth rate
- Post 1997 grow at projected b x r rate

1994 - 1997 = 9.834% 1998 - 2093 = 3.5%

3) Resultant DCF

Using Lotus 1-2-3 @IRR function, finds return at which price equals present value of dividend stream. Trial calculations indicate that longer dividend streams raise result by approximately .01%.

Price = \$39.23 Resultant DCF = 9.	9.46%	%
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Year	Dividend	Year	Dividend	Year	Dividend
1994	\$2.00	2028	\$7.70	2062	\$24.80
1995	2.20	2029	7.97	2063	25.66
1996	2.41	2030	8.25	2064	26.56
1997	2.65	2031	8.54	2065	27.49
1998	2.74	2032	8.83	2066	28.45
1999	2.84	2033	9,14	2067	29.45
2000	2.94	2034	9.46	2068	30.48
2001	3.04	2035	9.79	2069	31.55
2002	3.15	2036	10.14	2070	32.65
2003	3.26	2037	10.49	2071	33.79
2004	3.37	2038	10.86	2072	34.98
2005	3.49	2039	11.24	2073	36.20
2006	3.61	2040	11.63	2074	37.47
2007	3.74	2041	12.04	2075	38.78
2008	3.87	2042	12.46	2076	40.14
2009	4.00	2043	12.90	2077	41.54
2010	4.14	2044	13.35	2078	42.99
2011	4.29	2045	13.82	2079	44.50
2012	4.44	2046	14.30	2080	46.06
2013	4.60	2047	14.80	2081	47.67
2014	4.76	2048	15.32	2082	49.34
2015	4,92	2049	15.85	2083	51.06
2016	5.09	2050	16.41	2084	52.85
2017	5.27	2051	16.98	2085	54.70
2018	5.46	2052	17.58	2086	56.62
2019	5,65	2053	18.19	2087	58.60
2020	5.85	2054	18.83	2088	60.65
2021	6.05	2055	19.49	2089	62.77
2022	6.26	2056	20.17	2090	64.97
2023	6.48	2057	20.88	2091	67.24
2024	6.71	2058	21.61	2092	69.60
2025	6.94	2059	22.36	2093	72.03
2026	7.19	2060	23.15		
2027	7.44	2061	23.96		

TWO STAGE DCF - FROM SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY

ASSUMPTIONS

1) Price is average price (12 months ending March 1994)

2) Dividend Streams

- 1994, 1995 and 1998 are from VALUE LINE
- 1996 and 1997 grow from 1995 value at 1995-98 compound growth rate
- Post 1998 grow at projected b x r rate

1995 - 1998 = 8.827% 1999 - 2093 = 6.0%

3) Resultant DCF

Using Lotus 1-2-3 @IRR function, finds return at which price equals present value of dividend stream. Trial calculations indicate that longer dividend streams raise result by approximately .01%.

Price = \$39.97	Resultant DCF = 11.63%

Year	Dividend	Year	Dividend	Year	Dividend
1994	\$1.94	2028	\$16.66	2062	\$120.77
1995	2.25	2029	17.66	2063	128.02
1996	2.45	2030	18.71	2064	135.70
1997	2.66	2031	19.84	2065	143.84
1998	2.90	2032	21.03	2066	152.47
1999	3.07	2033	22.29	2067	161.62
2000	3.26	2034	23.63	2068	171.32
2001	3.45	2035	25.04	2069	181.60
2002	3.66	2036	26.55	2070	192.50
2003	3.88	2037	28.14	2071	204.05
2004	4.11	2038	29.83	2072	216.29
2005	4.36	2039	31.62	2073	229.27
2006	4.62	2040	33.52	2074	243.02
2007	4.90	2041	35.53	2075	257,60
2008	5,19	2042	37.66	2076	273.06
2009	5.51	2043	39.92	2077	289.44
2010	5.84	2044	42.31	2078	306.81
2011	6.19	2045	44.85	2079	325.22
2012	6.56	2046	47.54	2080	344.73
2013	6.95	2047	50.39	2081	365.41
2014	7.37	2048	53.42	2082	387.34
2015	7.81	2049	56.62	2083	410.58
2016	8.28	2050	60.02	2084	435.21
2017	8.77	2051	63.62	2085	461.33
2018	9.30	2052	67.44	2086	489.01
2019	9.86	2053	71.49	2087	518.35
2020	10.45	2054	75.78	2088	549.45
2021	11.08	2055	80.32	2089	582.41
2022	11.74	2056	85.14	2090	617.36
2023	12.45	2057	90.25	2091	654.40
2024	13.19	2058	95.66	2092	693.66
2025	13.98	2059	101.40	2093	735.28
2026	14.82	2060	107.49		
2027	15.71	2061	113.94		
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SIMPLE QUARTERLY DCF IMPACTS I.

NOMINAL AUTHORIZED RETURN

	12.00% ANNUAL 3.00% QUARTERLY			ANNUAL 12.18% QUARTERLY 2.91%			
	BEGINNING EQUITY	QUARTERLY EARNINGS	QUARTERLY DIVIDEND	ENDING EQUITY	CASH FLOW		
1st Qtr. 2nd Qtr. 3rd Qtr.	\$100.00 100.00 100.00	\$3.00 3.00 3.00	\$1.00 1.00 1.00	\$102.00 104.00 106.00	-\$100.00 \$1.00 1.00 1.00	(Stock Purchased)	
End Of Yea		3.00	1.00	108.00	109.00	(Stock Sold)	
	AVERAGE INVESTMENT \$100.00	EARI	TAL <u>NINGS</u> 2.00	TOTAL <u>DIVIDENDS</u> \$4.00			

12.00% RETURN ON AVERAGE INVESTMENT

II. EFFECTIVE RETURN ON 12%

NOMINAL AUTHORIZED RETURN

12.00% ANNUAL 3.00% QUARTERLY

	BEGINNING EQUITY	QUARTERLY EARNINGS	QUARTERLY DIVIDEND	ENDING EQUITY	CASH FLOW	
1st Qtr.	\$100.00	\$3.00	\$1.00	\$102.00	-\$100.00 (Stock Purchased) 1.00)
2nd Qtr. 3rd Qtr. End Of Yes	102.00 104.06 ar 106.18	3.06 3.12 3.18	1.00 1.00 1.00	104.06 106.18 108.37	1.00 1.00 109.37 (Stock Sold)	
End Of Yea	ar 106.18	3.18	1.00	108.37	109.37 (Stock Sold)	

AVERAGE **INVESTMENT** \$103.06

TOTAL EARNINGS \$12.37

TOTAL DIVIDENDS \$4.00

12.00% RETURN ON AVERAGE INVESTMENT

III. EFFECTIVE RETURN NECESSARY FOR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

NOMINAL AUTHORIZED RETURN

11.66% ANNUAL 2.91% QUARTERLY

EFFECTIVE REALIZED RETURN

EFFECTIVE REALIZED RETURN

EFFECTIVE REALIZED RETURN

12.55%

3.00%

ANNUAL

QUARTERLY

ANNUAL	12.18%
QUARTERLY	2.91%

	BEGINNING EQUITY	QUARTERLY EARNINGS	QUARTERLY DIVIDEND	ENDING EQUITY	CASH FLOW -\$100.00 (Stock Purchased))
1st Qtr.	\$100.00	\$2.91	\$1.00	\$101.91	1.00	
2nd Qtr.	101.91	2.97	1.00	103.89	1.00	
3rd Qtr.	103.89	3.03	1.00	105.91	1.00	
End Of Ye	ar 105.91	3.09	1.00	108.00	109.00 (Stock Sold)	



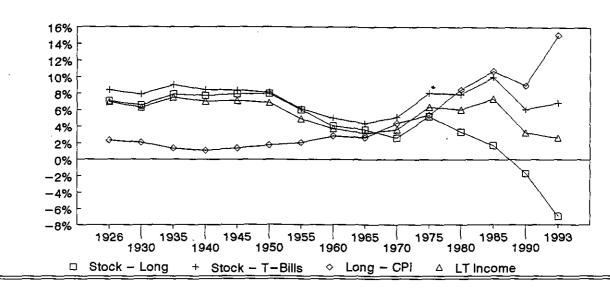
TOTAL EARNINGS \$12.00

TOTAL DIVIDENDS

\$4.00

11.66% RETURN ON AVERAGE INVESTMENT

Risk Premium

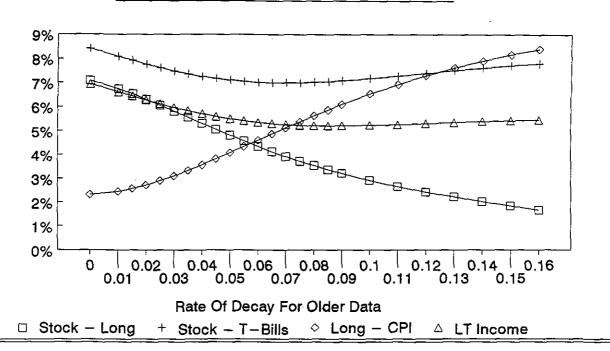


AVERAGE DIFFERENCES IN REALIZED RETURNS USING DIFFERENT BEGINNING DATES FOR AVERAGE

Beginning	Stock -	Stock -	Long -	LT	Beginning	Stock -	Stock -	Long –	LT
Year	Long	<u>T-Bills</u>	<u>CPI</u>	Income	Year	Long	<u>T-Bills</u>	<u>CPI</u>	Income
1926	7.08%	8.41%	2.31%	6.94%	1961	4.56%	5.21%	2.56%	3.97%
1927	7.13%	8.42%	2.20%	6.93%	1962	3.90%	4.62%	2.63%	3.40%
1928	6.84%	8.04%	2.07%	6.53%	1963	4.49%	5.13%	2.53%	3.91%
1929	6.28%	7.57%	2.08%	6.03%	1964	3.93%	4.66%	2.63%	3.43%
1930	6.55%	7.88%	2.07%	6.30%	1965	3.64%	4.39%	2.64%	3.14%
1931	7.11%	8.43%	1.92%	6.84%	1966	3.35%	4.25%	2.78%	2.97%
1932	7.87%	9.27%	1.87%	7.68%	1967	3.96%	4.94%	2.87%	3.60%
1933	8.35%	9.58%	1.41%	7.99%	1968	2.71%	4.40%	3.44%	3.02%
1934	7.59%	8.84%	1.44%	7.30%	1969	2.37%	4.35%	3.76%	2.93%
1935	7.89%	9.02%	1.33%	7.50%	1970	2.62%	5.12%	4.36%	3.62%
1936	7.33%	8.36%	1.32%	6.88%	1971	3.04%	5.44%	4.28%	3.89%
1937	7.02%	7.91%	1.24%	6.47%	1972	3.14%	5.26%	4.04%	3.73%
1938	7. 78%	8.68%	1.31%	7.24%	1973	2.69%	4.82%	4.12%	3.31%
1939	7.48%	8.28%	1.18%	6.86%	1974	3.51%	6.07%	4.79%	4.47%
1940	7.73%	8.44%	1.08%	7.04%	1975	5.25%	8.07%	5.41%	6.37%
1941	8.16%	8.78%	1.00%	7.40%	1976	4.12%	6.86%	5.59%	5.22%
1942	8.55%	9.17%	1.18%	7.79%	1977	4.00%	6.22%	5.25%	4.65%
1943	8.39%	8.96%	1.31%	7.61%	1978	4.66%	7.34%	6.02%	5.78%
1944	8.09%	8.63%	1.36%	7.30%	1979	4.45%	7.87%	7.04%	6.25%
1945	7.92%	8.41%	1.37%	7.10%	1980	3.34%	7.91%	8.46%	6.07%
1946	7.60%	7.84%	1.22%	6.56%	1981	0.69%	7.05%	10.23%	4.96%
1947	7.94%	8.18%	1.58%	6.91%	1982	1.30%	9.06%	11.63%	6.60%
1948	7.92%	8.25%	1.85%	6.98%	1983	2.64%	8.99%	9.49%	6.57%
1949	8.05%	8.33%	1.87%	7.07%	1984	0.74%	8.63%	10.74%	6.13%
1950	7.97%	8.12%	1.72%	6.86%	1985	1.70%	9,95%	10.70%	7.36%
1951	7.42%	7.61%	1.89%	6.35%	1986	1.80%	8.36%	8.76%	5.93%
1952	6.91%	7.26%	2.15%	6.00%	1987	2.76%	7.90%	6.71%	5.53%
1953	6.66%	7.04%	2.20%	5.77%	1988	1.86%	9.25%	8.97%	6.86%
1954	6.94%	7.28%	2.18%	6.01%	1989	0.92%	9.14%	9.75%	6.80%
1955	6.03%	6.15%	2.04%	4.92%	1990	-1.68%	6.09%	8.98%	3.29%
1956	5.31%	5.53%	2.14%	4.31%	1991	0.70%	11.51%	11.95%	7.88%
1957	5.11%	5.58%	2.42%	4.33%	1992	-3.66%	5.45%	10.04%	1.51%
1958	5.72%	6.10%	2.36%	4.83%	1993	-6.98%	6.89%	15.08%	2.63%
1959	4.38%	5.10%	2 65%	3.86%					
1960	4.08%	5.00%	2.84%	3.75%	Average	4.79%	7.29%	4.12%	5.62%

SOURCE: Calculated from values in "Stocks, Boards, Bills, and Inflation, 1994 Yearbook" - Ibbotson Associates

Risk Premium



AVERAGE DIFFERENCES IN REALIZED RETURNS WEIGHTING OLDER DATA LESS HEAVILY

Weighted Averages

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0.000 7.08% 8.41% 2.31% 6.94% 1.000 1.000	1.000
0.010 6.74% 8.09% 2.44% 6.62% 0.794 0.649	0.531
0.015 6.54% 7.93% 2.56% 6.45% 0.706 0.522	0.386
0.020 6.32% 7.77% 2.71% 6.29% 0.628 0.419	0.280
0.025 6.08% 7.62% 2.89% 6.13% 0.559 0.337	0.203
0.030 5.83% 7.49% 3.10% 5.98% 0.496 0.270	0.147
0.035 5.58% - 7.36% 3.32% 5.84% 0.441 0.216	0.106
0.040 5.32% 7.26% 3.57% 5.72% 0.391 0.173	0.076
0.045 5.07% 7.17% 3.82% 5.61% 0.347 0.138	0.055
0.050 4.82% 7.10% 4.08% 5.51% 0.307 0.110	0.039
0.055 4.58% 7.05% 4.35% 5.43% 0.272 0.088	0.028
0.060 4.35% 7.02% 4.61% 5.36% 0.241 0.070	0.020
0.065 4.13% 7.00% 4.88% 5.31% 0.213 0.056	0.014
0.070 3.92% 7.00% 5.14% 5.27% 0.188 0.044	0.010
0.075 3.73% 7.01% 5.39% 5.25% 0.166 0.035	0.007
0.080 3.54% 7.03% 5.64% 5.23% 0.147 0.028	0.005
0.085 3.37% 7.05% 5.88% 5.22% 0.130 0.022	0.004
0.090 3.21% 7.09% 6.11% 5.22% 0.114 0.017	0.003
0.100 2.91% 7.18% 6.54% 5.24% 0.089 0.011	0.001
0.110 2.65% 7.29% 6.94% 5.27% 0.069 0.007	0.001
0.120 2.42% 7.40% 7.29% 5.31% 0.053 0.004	0.000
0.130 2.21% 7.51% 7.62% 5.35% 0.041 0.003	0.000
0.140 2.02% 7.61% 7.91% 5.40% 0.031 0.002	0.000
0.150 1.84% 7.71% 8.17% 5.43% 0.024 0.001	0.000
0.160 1.67% 7.80% 8.40% 5.46% 0.018 0.001	0.000

SOURCE: Calculated from values in "Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation, 1994 Yearbook" - Ibbotson Associates

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	23.2543	22.1892	21.1729	20,2032	19.2778	18.3949	17.5524	16.7484	15.9813	15.2494	14.5509	13.8845	13.2485	12.6417	12.0627	11.5102	10.9830	10.4800	10.0000	Beginning Equity	N	
	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	ROE) ISSU	S
30346	2.7905	2.8627	2.5407	2.4244	2.3133	2.2074	2.1063	2.0098	1.9178	1.8299	1.7461	1.6661	1.5898	1.5170	1.4475	1.3812	1.3180	1.2576	1.2000	Earned	NO ISSUANCE EXPENSES	SCENARIO A
4 7547	1.6743	1.5976	1.5244	1.4548	1.3880	1.3244	1.2638	1.2059	1.1507	1.0980	1.0477	0.9997	0.9539	0.9102	0.8685	0.8287	0.7908	0.7546	0.7200	Div	(PENSE	À
1 1698	1,1162	1.0651	1,0163	0,9698	0.9253	0.8830	0.8425	0,8039	0.7671	0,7320	0,6984	0.6665	0.6359	0.6068	0,5790	0.5525	0.5272	0.5030	0.4800	Retained Earnings	S	
24 2587	23.1035	22.0034	20,9556	19.9577	19.0073	18.1022	17.2402	16.4193	15.6374	14.8928	14.1836	13.5082	12.8649	12.2523	11.6689	11.1132	10.5840	10.0800	9.6000	Beginning Equity	ISSUANC	
12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	ROE	E ADJU	S
3 0323	2.8879	2.7504	2.6194	2.4947	2,3759	2,2628	2.1550	2,0524	1,9547	1,8616	1,7729	1,6885	1.6081	1.5315	1.4586	1,3891	1.3230	1.2600	1.2000	Earned	STMEN	SCENARIO
1,8194	1.7328	1,6503	1,5717	1,4968	1,4256	1,3577	1,2930	1,2314	1,1728	1.1170	1,0638	1,0131	0,9549	0,9189	0.8752	0,8335	0,7938	0,7560	0,7200	Dividends Paid	OF ALL	SCENARIO B
1.2129	1.1552	1.1002	1.0478	0.9979	0.9504	0,9051	0.8620	0.8210	0.7819	0.7446	0.7092	0.6754	0.6432	0.6126	0.5834	0.5557	0.5292	0.5040	0.4800	Retained Earnings		
9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9,6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9,6000	9,6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9.6000	9,6000	9.6000	9.6000	Equity by External Funds	SSI	8 4 6 A
14.3705	13.2543	12.1892	11.1729	10.2032	9.2778	8.3949	7.5524	6,7484	5.9813	5.2494	4.5509	3.8845	3.2485	2.6417	2.0627	1.5102	0.9830	0,4800	0.0000	y Source Retained Earnings	UANCE A	
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12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	Return òn Equity External Retained Funds Earnings	NT ON E	SCENARIO C
2,9245	2.7905	2.8827	2.5407	2.4244	2,3133	2.2074	2.1063	2.0098	1.9178	1.8299	1.7461	1.6661	1.5898	1.5170	1.4475	1.3812	1.3180	1.2576	1.2000	Total Earnings	XTERNAL	õ
1,7547	1.6743	1,5976	1.5244	1.4546	1.3880	1,3244	1,2638	1.2059	1.1507	1.0980	1.0477	0.9997	0,9539	0.9102	0.8685	0.8287	0,7908	0.7546	0.7200	Dividends Paid	ISSUANCE ADJUSTMENT ON EXTERNAL FUNDS ONLY	
1.1698	1.1162	1.0651	1.0163	0.9698	0.9253	0.8830	0.8425	0.8039	0.7671	0.7320	0.6984	0.6665	0.6359	0.6068	0.5790	0.5525	0.5272	0.5030	0.4800	Retained Earnings	NILY	

ASSUMPTIONS: \$10 invested, 4% issuance expense, 12% cost of equity, 60% of profits paid out as dividends

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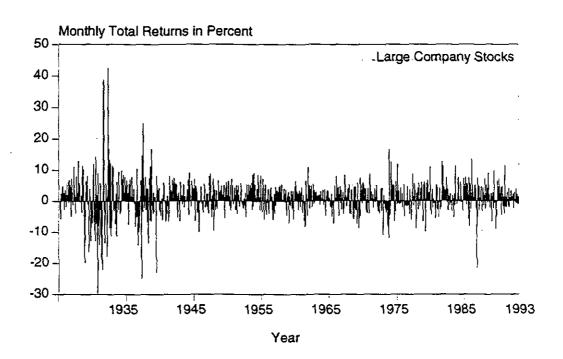
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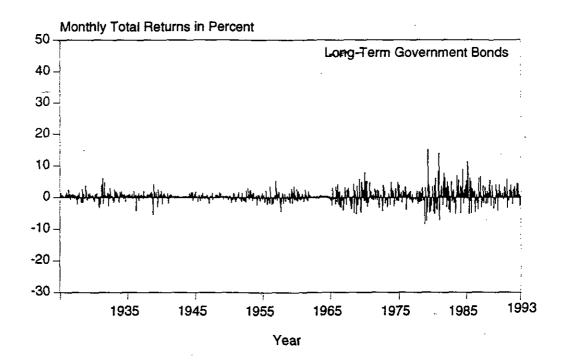
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Month-by-Month Returns on Stocks and Bonds

From 1926 to 1993





Statistical Analysis of Returns

Exhibit 49

Rolling 60-Month Standard Deviation

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Sman Company Stocks Large Company Stocks Long-Term Government Bonds Intermediate-Term Government Bonds Treasury Bills

> From January 1926–December 1930 to January 1989–December 1993

