

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)
lumbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Authority)
to Amend its Filed Tariffs to Increase the) Case No. 21-637-GA-AIR
Rates and Charges for Gas Services and)
Related Matters.)

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)
lumbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of) Case No. 21-638-GA-ALT
an Alternative Form of Regulation.)

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)
lumbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of)
a Demand Side Management Program) Case No. 21-639-GA-UNC
for its Residential and Commercial Cus-)
tomers.)

In the Matter of the Application of Co-)
lumbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for Approval to) Case No. 21-640-GA-AAM
Change Accounting Methods.)

**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
RUSSELL A. FEINGOLD
ON BEHALF OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.**

- ☐ Management policies, practices, and organization
- ☐ Operating income
- ☐ Rate base
- ☒ Allocations
- ☐ Rate of return
- ☒ Rates and tariffs
- ☐ Other

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**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY
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I. INTRODUCTION

Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Russell A. Feingold. My business address is 2525 Lindenwood Drive, Wexford, Pennsylvania 15090.

Q. By whom are you employed?

A. I am employed by Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC ("Black & Veatch") as a Vice President and a senior member of its Rates & Regulatory Practice.

Q. Please describe the firm of Black & Veatch.

A. Black & Veatch Corporation (the parent company of Black & Veatch) has provided comprehensive engineering and management services to utility, industrial, and government entities since 1915. Black & Veatch delivers management consulting solutions in the energy and water sectors. Our services include broad-based strategic, regulatory, financial, and information systems consulting. In the energy sector, Black & Veatch delivers a variety of services for companies involved in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity and natural gas. From an industry-wide perspective, Black & Veatch has extensive experience in all aspects of the North American natural gas industry, including utility costing and pricing, gas supply and transportation planning, competitive market analysis, and regulatory practices and policies, gained through management and operating responsibilities at gas distribution, pipeline, and other energy-related companies, and through a wide variety of client assignments. Black & Veatch has assisted numerous gas and electric distribution companies located in the U.S. and Canada.

Q. Please describe your educational background.

A. I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Science Degree in Financial Management from Polytechnic Institute of New York University.

Q. Have you previously testified before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") or any other regulatory authority?

A. Yes. I have testified before this Commission on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") in Case Nos. 91-195-GA-AIR and 08-0072-GA-AIR and Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio in Case No. 18-0298-GA-AIR on the

1 subjects of cost of service studies, class revenue apportionment, and rate
2 design, including Straight Fixed-Variable ("SFV") rate design. I have also
3 presented expert testimony before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commis-
4 sion ("FERC"), the National Energy Board of Canada, and numerous other
5 state and provincial regulatory commissions. My expert testimony has
6 dealt with the costing and pricing of energy-related products and services
7 for gas and electric distribution and gas pipeline companies.

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9 In addition to traditional utility costing and rate design concepts and issues,
10 my testimony addressed revenue decoupling concepts and other innova-
11 tive ratemaking approaches, gas transportation rates, gas supply planning
12 issues and activities, market-based rates, Performance-Based Regulation
13 ("PBR") concepts and plans, competitive market analysis, gas merchant ser-
14 vice issues, strategic business alliances, market power assessment, merger
15 and acquisition analyses, multi-jurisdictional utility cost allocation issues,
16 inter-affiliate cost separation and transfer pricing issues, seasonal rates, co-
17 generation rates, and pipeline ratemaking issues related to the importation
18 of gas into the United States.

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20 **Q. What has been the nature of your work in the utility consulting field?**

21 A. I have over forty-six years of experience in the utility industry, the last forty-
22 three years of which have been in the field of utility management and eco-
23 nomic consulting. Specializing in the gas industry, I have advised and as-
24 sisted utility management, industry trade and research organizations, and
25 large energy users in matters pertaining to costing and pricing, competitive
26 market analysis, regulatory planning and policy development, gas supply
27 planning issues, strategic business planning, merger and acquisition analy-
28 sis, corporate restructuring, new product and service development, load re-
29 search studies, and market planning. In addition to expert testimony in util-
30 ity regulatory proceedings, I have spoken widely on issues and activities
31 dealing with the pricing and marketing of gas utility services. Further back-
32 ground information summarizing my work experience, presentation of ex-
33 pert testimony, and other industry-related activities is included as Attach-
34 ment RAF-1.

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36 **Q. Please summarize your specific experience in conducting class cost of**
37 **service studies and designing rates for gas and electric utilities.**

38 A. Over my utility consulting career, I have conducted numerous class cost of
39 service studies for gas and electric utilities to provide guidelines for use in
40 evaluating the utilities' class revenue levels and rate structures. In addition

1 to these cost studies, which are based on a utility's embedded or historical
2 costs, I have conducted long-run and short-run marginal cost, avoided cost,
3 and unbundled service and cost studies. Finally, I have reviewed, evalu-
4 ated, designed, and implemented rate structures and other innovative pric-
5 ing approaches for numerous gas and electric utilities operating in North
6 America and abroad.

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8 **Q. What is the purpose of your prepared direct testimony in this**
9 **proceeding?**

10 A. The purpose of my prepared direct testimony is to sponsor, present and
11 explain the Cost of Service Study ("COSS"), class revenue, and rate design
12 proposals submitted by Columbia in this rate proceeding. My testimony
13 specifically addresses: (1) the structure, content, and results of Columbia's
14 COSS, its underlying cost allocation methods, and how its results are used
15 for ratemaking purposes; (2) its proposed class revenue apportionment;
16 and (3) its proposed rate design and the resulting rates by rate class and rate
17 schedule. I am also sponsoring Columbia's revenue schedules and monthly
18 bill comparisons by rate class.

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20 **Q. Would you please identify the attachments and schedules you are**
21 **sponsoring in this proceeding?**

22 A. I am sponsoring the following attachments and schedules:

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- 24 • Attachment RAF-1 – Educational Background, Work Experience and
25 Regulatory Experience
- 26 • Attachment RAF-2 – Proposed Class Revenue Apportionment and
27 Rate Design Development
- 28 • Attachment RAF-3 – Monthly Fixed Charge Comparison and Deri-
29 vation by Rate Class
- 30 • Schedule C-11.1 - Revenue Statistics – Total Company
- 31 • Schedule C-11.2 - Revenue Statistics – Jurisdictional
- 32 • Schedule C-11.3 - Sales Statistics – Total Company
- 33 • Schedule C-11.4 - Sales Statistics – Jurisdictional
- 34 • Schedule E-3.1 - Customer Charge/Minimum Bill Rationale
- 35 • Schedule E-3.2 - Cost of Service Study
- 36 • Schedule E-4 - Class and Revenue Summary
- 37 • Schedule E-4.1 - Annualized Test Year Revenue at Proposed and
38 Current Rates
- 39 • Schedule E-5 - Typical Bill Comparisons

1 **Q. What is the source of the information contained in the schedules you are**
2 **sponsoring?**

3 A. The source of the information generally is the books and operating budgets
4 of Columbia. When data comes from another source, I will note that in my
5 testimony if not made clear in the referenced schedules of the Application.
6

7 **II. COLUMBIA'S REVENUE AND SALES STATISTICS**
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9 **Q. Please describe Schedule C-11.1.**

10 A. Schedule C-11.1, Pages 1 of 4 and 2 of 4, show by revenue class for the most
11 recent five calendar years and test year, sales revenue, transportation
12 revenue, average number of customers, customers served at end of year,
13 average revenue per customer sales, and average revenue per customer
14 transportation. Schedule C-11.1, Pages 3 of 4 and 4 of 4, show by revenue
15 class for the next five calendar years, projected sales revenue, projected
16 transportation revenue, projected average number of customers, projected
17 number of customers served at end of year, projected average revenue per
18 customer sales, and projected average revenue per transportation customer.
19 The source of this data was Columbia's records and approved budget.
20

21 **Q. Please describe Schedule C-11.2.**

22 A. Schedule C-11.2 would normally show the information shown on Schedule
23 C-11.1 for the jurisdiction. This schedule was not completed by Columbia
24 since all of its sales and transportation revenue are jurisdictional.
25

26 **Q. Please describe Schedule C-11.3.**

27 A. Schedule C-11.3, Pages 1 of 4 and 2 of 4, show by revenue class for the most
28 recent five calendar years and test year, sales volumes, transportation
29 volumes, average number of customers, customers served at end of year,
30 average volumes delivered to a sales customer and average volumes
31 delivered to a transportation customer. Schedule C-11.3, Pages 3 of 4 and 4
32 of 4 shows by revenue class for the next five calendar years, projected sales
33 volumes, projected transportation volumes, projected average number of
34 customers, projected number of customers served at end of year, projected
35 average volumes delivered per sales customer and projected average
36 volumes delivered per transportation customer. The source of this data was
37 Columbia's records and approved budget.

1 **Q. Please describe Schedule C-11.4.**

2 A. Schedule C-11.4 would normally show the information shown on Schedule
3 C-11.3 for the jurisdiction. This schedule was not completed by Columbia
4 since all of its sales and transportation volumes delivered are jurisdictional.
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6 **III. OVERVIEW OF COLUMBIA'S COSS**
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8 **Q. Has a COSS been submitted in this proceeding?**

9 A. Yes. Schedule E-3.2 of Columbia's filing contains its COSS based upon pro
10 forma revenues and costs for the test year ended December 31, 2021. The
11 study was performed using Black & Veatch's proprietary, computer-based
12 Gas Cost of Service Study Model.
13

14 **Q. Was this study prepared by you or under your supervision and direction?**

15 A. Yes.
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17 **Q. What was the source of the cost data analyzed in Columbia's COSS?**

18 A. All cost of service data has been extracted from Columbia's total cost of ser-
19 vice (i.e., total revenue requirement) contained in this filing. Where more
20 detailed information was required to perform various subsidiary analyses
21 related to certain plant and expense elements, the data were derived from
22 Columbia's historical books and records.
23

24 **Q. Which rate classes are included in Columbia's COSS?**

25 A. The following rate classes are included in Columbia's COSS: Small General
26 Service ("SGS"), Small General Transportation Service ("SGTS"), and Full
27 Requirements Small General Transportation Service ("FRSGTS"); General
28 Service ("GS"), General Transportation Service ("GTS"), and Full Require-
29 ments General Transportation Service ("FRGTS"); Large General Service
30 ("LGS"), Large General Transportation Service ("LGTS"), and Full Require-
31 ments Large General Transportation Service; and Full Requirements Coop-
32 erative Transportation Service ("FRCTS").
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34 **Q. Please describe Schedule E-3.1.**

35 A. Schedule E-3.1 - Customer Charge/Minimum Bill Rationale presents the
36 components of the customer-classified costs for each of Columbia's rate
37 classes. This information is extracted from the COSS which is presented in
38 Schedule E-3.2.

1 **Q. Please describe in more detail Columbia's COSS presented in Schedule**
2 **E-3.2.**

3 A. Columbia's COSS presented in Schedule E-3.2 is organized as follows:
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- 5 • Schedule E-3.2-1 presents a tabular summary of results for Colum-
6 bia's COSS based on its test year at current and proposed rates.
- 7 • Schedule E-3.2-2 presents a unit cost analysis based on the function-
8 alized and classified components of Columbia's total revenue re-
9 quirement.
- 10 • Schedule E-3.2-3 presents the complete output detailing the results
11 of Columbia's COSS by FERC account.
- 12 • Schedule E-3.2-4 presents the complete output detailing the func-
13 tionalization and classification phases for the Purchased Gas and
14 Distribution functions.
- 15 • Schedules E-3.2-5A through E-3.2-5C present the complete output
16 for allocation to the rate classes of Columbia's functionalized and
17 classified revenue requirement for Purchased Gas Commodity, Dis-
18 tribution Demand and Distribution Customer.
- 19 • Schedules E-3.2-6 presents a complete listing of the allocation factors
20 used in the functionalization, classification, and allocation phases of
21 Columbia's COSS.
- 22 • Schedule E-3.2-7 lists the functionalization, classification, and class
23 allocation factor(s) used for each FERC account and other cost ele-
24 ments that comprise Columbia's total revenue requirement.
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26 In addition, I am presenting the supporting work papers, designated as
27 WPE-3.2-1 through WPE-3.2-13, which show how the cost allocators exter-
28 nal to the COSS were developed. WPE-3.2-1 is the index work paper that
29 lists the information contained in the other work papers.
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31 **IV. CONCEPTUAL BASIS FOR CONDUCTING A UTILITY'S COSS** 32

33 **Q. Would you please state the purpose of a COSS?**

34 A. A COSS is an analysis of costs that attempts to assign to each customer or
35 rate class its proportionate share of the utility's total cost of service (i.e., the
36 utility's total revenue requirement). The results of these studies can be uti-
37 lized to determine the relative cost of service for each customer or rate class
38 and to help determine the individual class revenue requirements and rate
39 levels.

1 **Q. Are there certain guiding principles that should be followed when**
2 **performing a COSS?**

3 **A.** Yes. First, the fundamental and underlying philosophy applicable to all cost
4 studies pertains to the concept of cost causation for purposes of allocating
5 costs to customer groups. Cost causation addresses the question, which cus-
6 tomer or group of customers causes the utility to incur specific types of
7 costs? To answer this question, it is necessary to establish a linkage between
8 a utility's customers and the specific costs incurred by the utility in serving
9 those customers.

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11 The essential element in the selection and development of a reasonable cost
12 allocation methodology for use in conducting a COSS is the establishment
13 of relationships between customer requirements, load profiles, and usage
14 characteristics on the one hand, and the costs incurred by the utility in serv-
15 ing those requirements on the other hand. For example, providing a cus-
16 tomer with gas service during peak periods can have much different cost
17 implications for the utility than service to a customer who requires off-peak
18 gas service.

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20 A gas utility's gas distribution system is designed to meet three primary
21 objectives: (1) extend distribution services to all customers entitled to be at-
22 tached to the system; (2) meet the aggregate, coincident design day capacity
23 requirements of all customers entitled to firm service;¹ and (3) deliver vol-
24 umes of natural gas to those customers either on a sales or transportation
25 basis. The costs incurred by a utility satisfy one or more of these operational
26 objectives. There is generally a direct link between the way in which costs
27 are defined and their subsequent allocation.

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29 It is a generally accepted concept in the utility industry that customer-re-
30 lated costs are incurred by a gas utility to attach a customer to the distribu-
31 tion system, meter any gas usage, and maintain the customer's account.
32 Customer costs are a function of the number of customers served and con-
33 tinue to be incurred whether or not the customer uses any gas. They may
34 include capital costs associated with minimum size distribution mains, ser-
35 vices, meters, regulators, and customer service and accounting expenses.

¹ Columbia's design day capacity requirements are based on the firm customer demands expected to occur on a single day defined by Columbia as having 72 Heating Degree-Days ("HDDs"), or an average daily temperature of -7 degrees Fahrenheit.

1 Demand or capacity related costs are associated with plant that is designed,
2 installed, and operated to meet maximum hourly or daily gas flow require-
3 ments, such as distribution mains, or more localized distribution facilities
4 which are designed to satisfy individual customer maximum demands.
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6 Commodity related costs are those costs that vary with the throughput sold
7 to, or transported for, customers. Costs related to gas supply are classified
8 as commodity related since they vary with the amount of gas volumes uti-
9 lized by Columbia's default sales service customers.
10

11 **Q. Please describe the general nature of gas distribution costs.**

12 A. The delivery service costs of a gas distribution utility² are primarily fixed
13 costs. Gas utilities design and install a gas distribution system capable of
14 meeting its customers' design day requirements at the time of initial instal-
15 lation. Placing these facilities in service permits the utility to serve the
16 changes in load due to extreme weather (i.e., the design day load). Once
17 facilities serve customers, the costs associated with these facilities are by
18 their nature fixed and do not vary as a function of the volume of gas con-
19 sumed by customers.
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21 **Q. Is the fixed nature of these costs widely recognized?**

22 A. Yes. The evidence supporting the fixed nature of these costs is quite signif-
23 icant. For example, utilities routinely normalize for weather both the costs
24 and revenues of a gas utility as part of its rate case. If the costs of distribu-
25 tion mains were in any way related to the volume of gas consumed, it
26 would also be necessary to weather normalize the utility's rate base, but
27 this is not the case. It is widely recognized that the costs of distribution
28 mains are fixed and do not vary with gas volume. Additionally, the Gas
29 Distribution Rate Design Manual, prepared by the National Association of
30 Regulatory Utility Commissioners ("NARUC") Staff Subcommittee on
31 Gas,³ defines demand or capacity costs as follows:
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33 Demand or capacity costs vary with the quantity or size of
34 plant and equipment. They are related to maximum system
35 requirements which the system is designed to serve during

² Delivery service costs are the non-gas costs incurred by the utility to move gas volumes from its city-gates to customers' premises.

³ Gas Distribution Rate Design Manual at pg. 23-24, Prepared by NARUC Staff Subcommittee on Gas, Published by National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, June 1989.

1 short intervals and do not directly vary with the number of
2 customers or their annual usage. [Generally speaking, for a
3 gas utility these costs can consist of]: the capital costs associ-
4 ated with production, transmission and storage plant and
5 their related expenses; the demand cost of gas; and most of
6 the capital costs and expenses associated with that part of the
7 distribution plant not allocated to [the customer cost cate-
8 gory], such as the costs associated with distribution mains in
9 excess of the minimum size.

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11 **Q. Please discuss the factors that can influence the overall cost allocation**
12 **framework utilized by a gas distribution utility.**

13 **A.** Three standard steps or phases are followed when performing a COSS: cost
14 functionalization, cost classification and cost allocation. The factors
15 affecting these steps can include: (1) the physical configuration of the
16 utility's gas system; (2) the availability of data within the utility; and (3) the
17 state regulatory policies and requirements applicable to the gas utility.

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19 The physical configuration of the utility's gas system refers to considera-
20 tions such as: (1) the transmission and/or distribution system configuration;
21 (2) the mainline pipeline functionality; (3) the system operating pressure
22 configuration; and (4) the existence of any production-related facilities.
23 These considerations include determining whether: (1) the distribution sys-
24 tem is a centralized grid/single city-gate or a dispersed/multiple city-gate
25 configuration; (2) the gas utility has an integrated transmission and distri-
26 bution system or a distribution-only operation; (3) the system operates un-
27 der a multiple-pressure based or a single-pressure based configuration; and
28 (4) the production-related facilities are used to support the peak demand or
29 seasonal/annual demand requirements of the gas utility's customers.

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31 Regarding data availability, the structure of the gas utility's books and rec-
32 ords can influence its COSS framework. This structure relates to attributes
33 such as the level of detail, segregation of data by customer or rate class,
34 operating unit or geographic region, and the types of load data available.

35
36 State regulatory policies and requirements refer to the particular ap-
37 proaches used to establish utility rates in the state jurisdiction. For example,
38 any specific methodological preferences or guidelines for performing COSS
39 or designing rates established by the state regulatory body can affect the
40 specific cost allocation method presented by the gas utility.

1 **Q. How do these factors relate to the specific circumstances applicable to**
2 **Columbia?**

3 A. Regarding the physical configuration of Columbia's gas system, it is a com-
4 bination concentrated (e.g., Columbus and Toledo) and dispersed, multiple
5 city-gate gas distribution system, with a multi pressure-based system.
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7 With respect to data availability, Columbia has detailed plant accounting
8 records. Where necessary, it is a customary and accepted practice in the
9 utility industry to rely upon current operating cost experience to derive rea-
10 sonable cost estimates of customer-related facilities (e.g., services, meters
11 and regulators) by rate class for purposes of assigning the test period costs
12 of those facilities to the utility's rate classes.
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14 Finally, the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements for Rate Increases
15 specify that electric and gas utilities shall select at least one cost-of-service
16 study methodology from: (i) Coincident peak demand; (ii) Non-coincident
17 peak demand; or (iii) Average and excess. The selection shall be the utility's
18 opinion of the most appropriate for its system characteristics.⁴
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20 **Q. What steps did you follow to perform Columbia's COSS?**

21 A. I followed three broad steps to perform Columbia's COSS: (1) functional-
22 ization; (2) classification; and (3) allocation. The first step, the functionaliza-
23 tion process, involves separating rate base (primarily plant in service) and
24 expense items into operational components based on the various character-
25 istics of utility operation. For Columbia, the functional cost category asso-
26 ciated with gas delivery service consists of the distribution function.
27

28 Classification of costs, the second step, further separates the functionalized
29 plant and expenses into the three cost-defining characteristics of services
30 rendered, as previously discussed: (1) customer; (2) demand or capacity;
31 and (3) commodity.
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33 The final step is the allocation of each functionalized and classified cost el-
34 ement to the individual customer or rate class. Costs typically are allocated
35 using customer, demand, and commodity allocation factors.

⁴ Appendix A, Chapter 4901-7, Ohio Administrative Code, Standard Filing Requirements for Rate Increases, Page 118 of 165, Section E Instructions, Rates and Tariffs, Part (B)(5)(a).

1 **Q. What objective are you seeking to achieve through this three-step**
2 **process?**

3 A. The functionalization and classification of the utility's total cost of service
4 (i.e., its total revenue requirement) provides the cost analyst with groupings
5 of costs that are fairly homogeneous, which enables the identification and
6 application of cost allocation methods that have a closer relationship to the
7 causation of the costs that are being assigned to the utility's rate classes.

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9 **Q. How does the cost analyst establish the cost and utility service**
10 **relationships you previously described?**

11 A. To establish these relationships, the cost analyst must analyze the utility's
12 gas system design and operations, its accounting records, and its system-
13 wide and customer specific load data. From the results of those analyses,
14 methods of direct assignment and "common" cost allocation methodolo-
15 gies can be chosen for all the utility's plant and expense elements.

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17 **Q. Please explain what you mean by the term "direct assignment"?**

18 A. The term "direct assignment" relates to a specific identification and isola-
19 tion of plant and/or expense incurred exclusively to serve a specific cus-
20 tomer or group of customers. Direct assignments best reflect the cost caus-
21 ative characteristics of serving individual customers or groups of custom-
22 ers. Therefore, in performing a cost of service study, the cost analyst seeks
23 to maximize the amount of plant and expense directly assigned to specific
24 customer groups.

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26 Direct assignment of plant and expenses to specific customers or classes of
27 customers is made based on special studies wherever the necessary data is
28 available. These assignments are developed by detailed analyses of the util-
29 ity's maps and records, work order descriptions, property records, and cus-
30 tomer accounting records. Within time and budgetary constraints, the
31 greater the magnitude of cost responsibility based upon direct assignments,
32 the less reliance need be placed on common plant allocation methodologies
33 associated with joint use plant.

34
35 **Q. Is it realistic to assume that a large portion of the plant and expenses of a**
36 **utility can be directly assigned?**

37 A. No. The nature of utility operations is characterized by the existence of com-
38 mon use facilities. Where a utility provides gas delivery services to two or
39 more rate classes wherein one class uses fungible capacity which could be
40 utilized by the other rate class, common costs are involved. This situation

1 is illustrated through the utility's use of its gas distribution mains to serve
2 multiple rate classes and a wide range of customers within these classes. As
3 a result, to the extent a utility's plant and expenses cannot be directly as-
4 signed to customer groups, "common" allocation methods must be derived
5 to assign or allocate the costs to the customer classes. The types of analyses
6 discussed above facilitate the derivation of reasonable allocation factors for
7 cost allocation purposes.

8
9 **Q. As part of your work, did you review Columbia's gas system design and**
10 **operations?**

11 A. Yes. Since it is widely recognized that a utility's plant-in-service compo-
12 nents directly support a utility's gas system and its customers' service re-
13 quirements, I initially focused my efforts on better understanding the na-
14 ture and operation of Columbia's gas system. This effort included review
15 of the design and operating characteristics of its gas distribution system and
16 the types and levels of costs incurred in connecting various sized customers
17 to its gas distribution system.

18
19 **Q. Please explain the most important considerations you relied upon in**
20 **determining the cost allocation methodologies that were used to conduct**
21 **Columbia's COSS.**

22 A. As stated above, it is important to recognize the cost causative characteris-
23 tics of each of the cost elements that are to be directly assigned or allocated
24 within any class cost of service study. Additionally, the cost analyst needs
25 to structure data in the COSS in a format (e.g., by cost classification and
26 function) that is supportive of the appropriate allocation of costs to the util-
27 ity's customer or rate classes. Of further concern is the availability of data
28 for use in developing alternative cost allocation factors. In evaluating any
29 cost allocation methodology, consideration should be given to:

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31 1. Recognition of cost causality as opposed to value of service;
32 2. Results that are representative of the true costs of serving different
33 types of customers;
34 3. A sound rationale or theoretical basis;
35 4. Stability of results over time;
36 5. Logical consistency and completeness; and
37 6. Ease of implementation.

1 **Q. Please explain the overall approach and guidelines you used to conduct**
2 **Columbia's COSS.**

3 A. Throughout the process of choosing cost allocation methods and deriving
4 cost allocation factors for use in a utility's COSS, I always objectively deter-
5 mine cost causative factors that are grounded in the design and operating
6 characteristics of the specific utility. This was also the case in conducting
7 the COSS filed by Columbia in this proceeding. As a result, Columbia's
8 COSS reasonably reflects the appropriate cost causation characteristics
9 across all its rate classes and derives results that objectively portray the true
10 costs to serve each of the utility's rate classes and the customers within each
11 rate class. These results can be used with confidence as a guide to establish
12 Columbia's class revenues and rates in this proceeding.
13

14 **Q. Please describe the key issues related to the allocation of demand-related**
15 **costs within a gas utility's COSS.**

16 A. An important and complex part of the allocation process is the allocation of
17 demand-related costs. These costs represent a relatively large portion of the
18 utility's total revenue requirements, and the plant facilities and expenses
19 are joint in nature, meaning that "common" allocation methods must be
20 used instead of direct assignments. Several methodologies have been used
21 to develop allocation factors for the demand components of costs. As dis-
22 cussed above, these three methodologies authorized by the Commission's
23 Standard Filing Requirements are the Coincident Peak Demand Allocation
24 Method, the Average and Excess Demand Allocation Method and the Non-
25 Coincident Demand Allocation Method. Each of these demand allocation
26 methodologies is discussed below.
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28 The concept of the Coincident Peak Demand Allocation Method is prem-
29 ised on the notion that investment in capacity is determined by the peak
30 load or peak loads of the gas utility. Under this methodology, demand-re-
31 lated costs are allocated to each customer class or group in proportion to
32 the demand coincident with the system peak or peaks of that class or group
33 relative to the system peak. The Coincident Peak Demand Allocation pro-
34 cess might focus on a single peak such as the utility's design day which is
35 based on the worst-case temperature conditions under which the utility's
36 gas distribution system must be designed. Other variations might include
37 the average of several cold days, or the expected contribution to the system
38 peak on a design day.

1 The Average and Excess Demand Allocation Method, also referred to as the
2 “used and unused capacity” method, allocates demand related costs to the
3 classes of service based on system and class load factor characteristics. Spe-
4 cifically, the portion of utility facilities and related expenses required to ser-
5 vice the average load is allocated based on each class’s average demand.
6 The portion of these facilities is derived by multiplying the total demand
7 related costs by the utility’s system load factor. The remaining demand re-
8 lated costs are allocated to the classes based on each class’s excess or unused
9 demand (i.e., total class non-coincident demand minus average demand).
10 A more simplistic version of this methodology is the Peak and Average
11 methodology. This cost methodology gives equal weight to peak demands
12 and average demands. As is the case with the Average and Excess method,
13 it has the effect of allocating a portion of the utility’s demand-related costs
14 on a commodity-related basis.

15
16 The Non-Coincident Demand Allocation Method recognizes that certain fa-
17 cilities and, particularly distribution facilities, may be designed to serve lo-
18 cal peaks which may or may not be coincident with the system peak loads.
19 Using this methodology, demand costs are allocated based on each group’s
20 (rate class) maximum demand, irrespective of the time of the system peak.

21
22 **Q. How have demand-related costs been allocated in Columbia’s COSS?**

23 A. Columbia’s COSS uses a coincident peak demand (derived on a design day
24 basis) to allocate demand-related costs to its rate classes. Demand-related
25 costs for Columbia consist of the capacity costs (plant-related and expenses)
26 associated with its city-gate facilities and the capacity or demand-related
27 portion of its gas distribution system.

28
29 **Q. Why doesn’t Columbia use average demand (i.e., annual throughput
30 volumes divided by 365 days) to allocate demand-related costs?**

31 A. Using only average demand to allocate demand related costs is inappropriate
32 because it does not reflect the cost causative characteristics of demand-
33 related costs. If a gas utility’s system were sized and installed to accommo-
34 date average gas demands, it would be unable to accommodate the design
35 day demands upon which the system was built. That is, by sizing plant in-
36 vestment for design day demands, the gas utility is assured of being able to
37 satisfy its service obligation throughout the year. From a gas engineering
38 perspective, a design day demand criterion is always utilized when design-
39 ing a gas distribution system to accommodate the gas demand require-
40 ments of the customers served from that system. As such, cost causation

1 with respect to demand-related costs is unrelated to average demand char-
2 acteristics.

3

4 Additionally, use of average demand characteristics for the allocation of de-
5 mand-related costs penalizes customers that exhibit efficient gas consump-
6 tion characteristics (i.e., customers with high load factors) and encourages
7 the inefficient use of the gas utility's system by customers with low load
8 factors.

9

10 For the above-stated reasons, it is inappropriate to solely rely upon a com-
11 modity-based allocation factor, as derived from annual gas throughput vol-
12 umes, for purposes of allocating demand related costs to a gas utility.

13

14 **Q. Why did you choose to utilize Columbia's design day demands rather**
15 **than its actual peak day demands as a demand allocation factor?**

16 A. Use of a gas utility's design day demands is superior to using its actual peak
17 day demands (or an historical average of actual peak day demands over
18 time) for purposes of deriving demand allocation factors for several rea-
19 sons. These include:

20

- 21 1. A gas utility's system is designed, and consequently costs are in-
22 curred, to meet its design day demand. In contrast, costs are not in-
23 curred on the basis of an average of peak demands over time.
- 24 2. Design day demand is directly related to the level of change in cus-
25 tomers' maximum daily demands for gas and to the associated
26 change in fixed plant investment over time.
- 27 3. Design day demand provides more stable cost allocation results over
28 time.

29

30 **Q. Please explain why Columbia's design day demand best reflects the**
31 **factors that cause costs to be incurred.**

32 A. Columbia must consistently rely upon design day demand in the design of
33 its own distribution facilities required to serve its firm service customers.
34 This requirement will ensure that the utility has sufficient gas distribution
35 system capacity to continue to provide reliable gas service during design
36 day (worst case) conditions. And perhaps more importantly, design day
37 demand directly measures the gas demand requirements of Columbia's
38 firm service customers which create the need for it to acquire resources,
39 build facilities and incur hundreds of millions of dollars in fixed costs on an
40 ongoing basis. Based on my experience, there is no better way to capture

1 the true cost causative factors of Columbia's gas operations than to utilize
2 its design day demand requirements within its COSS.
3

4 **Q. What level of firm demand requirements must Columbia consider in**
5 **designing its gas distribution system to deliver under all conditions?**

6 A. It is my understanding that Columbia designs its gas system, and has suf-
7 ficient capacity, to serve the maximum delivery service requirements of all
8 its firm sales and transportation service customers. I would consider this to
9 be a reasonable approach, and one that is common across the gas utility
10 industry. Therefore, the demands of all firm customers will be treated on
11 an equivalent basis for purposes of cost allocation based on using the design
12 day demands of Columbia's rate classes.
13

14 **Q. Why is the use of design day demands closely related to the change in**
15 **Columbia's fixed plant investment over time?**

16 A. Changes in design day demands serve as the primary input into Columbia's
17 ongoing decisions to install distribution system facilities to meet firm cus-
18 tomer demands for gas delivery service. Simply stated, when customers'
19 design day demands increase to a certain point, Columbia needs to consider
20 additional fixed plant investments, as it needs to be able to meet its design
21 day demands.
22

23 **Q. Please explain why the use of design day demand provides relatively**
24 **stable cost allocation results over time.**

25 A. A gas utility's design day demand is the primary determinant of its planned
26 capacity requirements and utilization. As described earlier, the design day
27 demand is a measure of firm customers' maximum daily gas usage under
28 pre-defined, worst-case weather conditions. As such, design day demand
29 will not vary to the same degree as the utility's actual peak day demands,
30 because those demands can increase or decrease in any year compared to
31 the peak day demands experienced in past years based on whether the spe-
32 cific day was relatively colder or warmer. Therefore, use of design day de-
33 mand provides a more stable basis, and one more tied to the basis of invest-
34 ment decisions, than any of the other demand allocators available based on
35 either actual peak day demand or the averaging of multiple peak day de-
36 mands.

1 **Q. In addition to the allocation of demand-related costs, are there any other**
2 **aspects of a gas utility's COSS worthy of focus?**

3 A. Yes. Another critical element of a gas utility's COSS is the cost classification,
4 allocation methods, and related allocation factors used to assign the plant
5 and expenses associated with distribution mains to the utility's classes of
6 service.

7
8 **Q. Please describe the system operating conditions that provide a**
9 **foundation for the choice of classification and allocation methods for the**
10 **costs of distribution mains.**

11 A. Gas customers in a utility's residential and commercial service classes have
12 exhibited declining use per customer due to the improved efficiency of cap-
13 ital stock replacement and improvements to the housing thermal envelope.
14 This improved efficiency over time lowers the utility's design day require-
15 ments compared to the design day requirements at the time when the orig-
16 inal plant was designed and installed to serve customer loads. As a result,
17 the growth in distribution plant for gas customers primarily reflects the
18 growth in number of customers using gas service. That is, a utility's system
19 of distribution mains must be extended over time to permit new customers
20 to receive gas service. Therefore, the primary driver of new distribution
21 mains cost is the addition of new customers. Further, there are substantial
22 economies of scale associated with the gas distribution infrastructure such
23 that the unit cost of capacity for gas delivery declines with size at a rela-
24 tively rapid rate.

25
26 **Q. Please discuss the economies of scale associated with gas distribution**
27 **service.**

28 A. Scale economies for a gas distribution utility reflect the relationship be-
29 tween the installed cost of pipe by size and type, coupled with the increased
30 capacity from pressure and pipe diameter. For example, doubling the size
31 of the gas main results in more than a doubling of the available capacity of
32 the main, at a cost for Columbia that is less than double the cost of the
33 smaller size main. For a lower pressure system, increasing pipe size from
34 two-inch to four-inch allows almost six times the amount of gas to flow. In
35 general, the cost causative characteristics associated with the economies of
36 scale result in larger customers imposing lower unit costs of design day ca-
37 pacity on the gas utility's distribution system than do smaller customers.

1 **Q. Can you please explain how the costs of gas distribution mains should**
2 **be classified and allocated in a gas utility's COSS?**

3 **A.** Yes. There are two cost factors that influence the level of distribution main
4 facilities installed by a gas utility in expanding its gas distribution system.
5 First, the total installed footage of distribution mains is influenced by the
6 need to expand the distribution system grid over time to connect new cus-
7 tomers to the system. Secondly, the size of the distribution main (i.e., the
8 diameter of the main) is directly influenced by the coincident peak gas de-
9 mand placed on the gas utility's system by its firm customers. Therefore, to
10 recognize that these two cost factors influence the level of investment in
11 distribution mains, it is appropriate to allocate such investment and the re-
12 lated operation and maintenance ("O&M") expenses based on both the
13 number of customers served by the gas utility and its design day demands.

14
15 To further explain, the customer component of distribution mains is prem-
16 ised upon the concept of a "minimum system." The "minimum system" for
17 a gas distribution utility is the smallest hypothetical system a gas utility
18 would construct to connect its customers. The classification of the costs as-
19 sociated with the minimum system as customer-related, rather than capac-
20 ity-related, recognizes the fact that the gas utility must install a network of
21 distribution mains simply to have a physical connection with its customers,
22 regardless of the level of demand a specific customer will actually impose
23 on the gas system. A customer cannot be served at any level if the customer
24 is not physically interconnected with the utility's gas distribution system.

25
26 Using the minimum system concept as a foundation, it is widely recognized
27 that a large portion of a gas utility's total cost of distribution mains must be
28 borne regardless of customers' peak day or annual use. To illustrate this
29 point, it is useful to summarize a gas utility's process for physically con-
30 necting new customers. To extend gas service to a typical residential subdivi-
31 sion, the utility must first design the gas system. Based on this design, the
32 utility determines the length and size of pipe needed to serve the area and
33 procures the necessary material. A field crew is then dispatched to the site,
34 together with the materials and equipment required to install the natural
35 gas facilities. The activities necessary to install gas mains include digging a
36 trench, installing the main into the trench, and backfilling the trench. Pipe-
37 line boring (i.e., a trenchless installation method) may be necessary to install
38 some main segments if the utility is unable to open trench a portion of the
39 line due to existing surface conditions along the route of the main. After the
40 main is installed, it will be pressure tested, tied into the existing gas system,

1 and purged and filled with natural gas. The main is then ready to provide
2 utility service to the new customers. These steps are necessary regardless of
3 how much gas the new customers are projected to use during the year or
4 during a peak day. The design work must still be completed, the crews,
5 materials, and equipment dispatched to the site, the trench dug, the main
6 installed in the trench, the trench backfilled, testing performed, and the
7 other activities performed.

8
9 The additional costs associated with any larger mains required are mostly
10 the incremental costs of the larger mains themselves, the additional labor
11 involved with digging a wider trench for very large mains, and possibly the
12 need for additional equipment to handle larger diameter pipe. As a result,
13 a large percentage of the costs of providing gas delivery service to a gas
14 utility's customers are incurred before they ever use one unit of gas. These
15 are the costs the gas utility must incur simply to extend its gas distribution
16 system to customers, irrespective of whether they will demand a small or
17 large volume of gas on a peak day. As a result, the costs of such a minimum
18 system are fundamentally customer-related in nature.

19
20 **Q. What methods are used in the gas utility industry to determine the**
21 **customer component of distribution mains?**

22 **A.** Based on my experience, the two most commonly used methods in the gas
23 utility industry for determining the customer cost component of distribu-
24 tion mains facilities consist of: (1) the zero-intercept method; and (2) the
25 most commonly installed, minimum-sized unit of plant investment. Under
26 the zero-intercept method, which is the method utilized in Columbia's
27 COSS, a customer cost component is developed through statistical regres-
28 sion analyses to determine the unit cost (i.e., cost per foot) associated with
29 a zero-inch diameter distribution main. This concept can also be thought of
30 as estimating the fixed costs per foot that the utility incurs to design and
31 install a gas distribution main regardless of the main's diameter.

32
33 The most commonly installed, minimum-sized unit method is intended to
34 reflect the engineering considerations associated with installing distribu-
35 tion mains to serve the utility's gas customers. That is, this method utilizes
36 actual installed investment units to determine the minimum gas distribu-
37 tion system rather than a statistical analysis based upon investment charac-
38 teristics of the utility's entire gas distribution system.

Two of the more commonly accepted literary references relied upon when preparing embedded cost of service studies are Electric Utility Cost Allocation Manual, by John J. Doran et al., NARUC⁵ and Gas Rate Fundamentals, American Gas Association.⁶ Both these authorities describe minimum system concepts and methods as an appropriate technique for determining the customer component of utility distribution facilities. In its publication, "Gas Distribution Rate Design Manual," NARUC presents a section which describes the zero-intercept approach as a minimum system method to be used when identifying and quantifying a customer cost component of distribution mains investment. Clearly, the existence and utilization of a customer component of distribution facilities, specifically for distribution mains, is a fully supportable and commonly used approach in the gas industry.

Q. Have you prepared an analysis that supports Columbia's classification and allocation of distribution mains costs?

A. Yes. The COSS workpapers filed by Columbia, which present details of the derivation of external allocation factors, provide the derivation of the customer cost component of distribution mains for Columbia using the zero-intercept method based on Columbia's historical costs of distribution mains, adjusted to current cost levels using the Handy Whitman index. The resulting percentage of 55.36% represents the customer cost component of distribution mains and the remaining 44.64% represents the demand cost component.

The customer cost component is then allocated to Columbia's rate classes based on the number of customers in each rate class for the test year, and the demand cost component is allocated to the rate classes based on the design day demand allocation factor.

⁵ Doran, John J. Frederick M. Hoppe, Robert Koger, William W. Lindsay, Electric Utility Cost Allocation Manual, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, Washington D.C., 1973.

⁶ Gas Rate Fundamentals, American Gas Association Rate Committee, Fourth Edition, 1987.

1 **Q. Earlier in your testimony you discussed the use of special studies to**
2 **assign plant and expenses to a utility's rate classes. Please describe the**
3 **special studies you conducted to assign Columbia's other distribution**
4 **plant investment to its rate classes.**

5 A. Regarding Columbia's major plant accounts, a series of direct assignments
6 were developed to allocate the following plant accounts: Services - Account
7 No. 380, Meters - Account No. 381, Meter Installations - Account No. 382,
8 House Regulators - Account No. 383, and Industrial Measuring & Regulat-
9 ing Station Equipment - Account No. 385. In particular, the special studies
10 reflect the differences in the unit costs that specific customer groups cause
11 Columbia to incur to provide gas delivery service to its customers.

12
13 **Q. How was general plant allocated in Columbia's COSS?**

14 A. The general plant accounts (Account Nos. 389-398) are composed of facili-
15 ties and equipment that primarily support Columbia's labor force in the
16 day-to-day gas utility operations. On that basis, each account was allocated
17 to Columbia's rate classes using a composite allocation factor based on its
18 total labor expenses.

19
20 **Q. How was intangible plant allocated in Columbia's COSS?**

21 A. Intangible plant primarily consists of Miscellaneous Intangible Plant (Ac-
22 count No. 303), which includes a variety of computer software investments
23 that support Columbia's customer billing, financial, and accounting func-
24 tions on a corporate basis. The investment costs associated with the cus-
25 tomer billing and accounting functions were allocated to Columbia's rate
26 classes using the number of bills in each rate class. All other software in-
27 vestment costs associated with the corporate-wide financial and accounting
28 functions were allocated to the rate classes using a general composite allo-
29 cation factor based on an equal weighting of plant in service and O&M ex-
30 penses.

31
32 **Q. Please describe the method used to allocate Columbia's reserve for de-**
33 **preciation and depreciation expenses.**

34 A. These items were allocated to Columbia's rate classes on the same basis as
35 their associated plant accounts.

36
37 **Q. How were distribution-related O&M expenses allocated in Columbia's**
38 **COSS?**

39 A. In general, these expenses were allocated to Columbia's rate classes based
40 on the cost allocation methods used for Columbia's corresponding plant

1 accounts. A utility's O&M expenses generally are considered to support the
2 utility's corresponding plant-in-service accounts. That is, the existence of
3 the specific plant facilities necessitates the incurrence of cost (i.e., expenses)
4 by the utility to operate and maintain those facilities. As a result, the allo-
5 cation basis used to allocate a specific plant account will be the same basis
6 as used to allocate the corresponding expense account. For example,
7 Maintenance of Services - Account No. 892, is allocated on the same basis
8 as its investment in Services - Account No. 380. With Columbia's detailed
9 analyses supporting its assignment of plant-in-service components, where
10 feasible, it was deemed appropriate to rely upon those results in allocating
11 related expenses in view of the overall conceptual acceptability of such an
12 approach.

13
14 **Q. How were Customer Account Expenses allocated in Columbia's COSS?**

15 A. I understand that virtually all of Columbia's customers have their meters
16 read and bills created using identical automated methods that rely upon
17 the same systems and staff resources. As a result, there is little, if any, dif-
18 ference in the unit costs incurred by Columbia to read meters and bill its
19 customers, regardless of their class or service categorization. To reflect these
20 similar cost characteristics, the expenses in Account Nos. 901 through 905
21 (excluding Uncollectible accounts expense) were allocated based on the
22 number of bills in each rate class. Finally, Uncollectible accounts expense
23 (Account No. 904) was directly assigned to the LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate
24 class to reflect the fact that Columbia's Uncollectible Expense ("UEX")
25 Rider is charged only to its SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS cus-
26 tomers and that UEX revenues and expenses have been excluded from Co-
27 lumbia's base rate revenue requirement.

28
29 **Q. How were Customer Service and Information Expenses and Sales**
30 **Expenses allocated in Columbia's COSS?**

31 A. Customer Assistance Expenses (Account No. 908) was allocated to Colum-
32 bia's rate classes based on an analysis of the specific activities and related
33 costs to determine if there was a specific customer group, or groups (resi-
34 dential, commercial and industrial) that required each type of activity.
35 Based on this analysis, it was determined that the costs of Columbia's
36 WarmChoice® program should be directly assigned to its
37 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class for recovery through base rates.⁷ The balance

⁷ The remainder of Columbia's Demand Side Management ("DSM") Rider revenues and expenses were excluded from Columbia's base rate revenue requirement.

of this Account and Informational and Instructional Expense and Other Expenses (Account Nos. 909 and 910) was allocated to each rate class based on the number of bills.

Q. How were Administrative and General (“A&G”) expenses allocated in Columbia’s COSS?

A. Columbia’s COSS allocated these expenses to its rate classes on a specific account-by-account basis rather than on an aggregate basis. Specifically, the A&G expenses of a utility typically pertain to the following expense categories: (1) labor; (2) plant or rate base; and (3) O&M expenses. In Columbia’s COSS, each of its A&G accounts was related to one or more of these categories. These categories were then used as a basis to establish an appropriate allocation factor for each account. The allocation factors chosen were broad-based to specifically recognize the corporate-wide nature of A&G expenses.

Specifically, Administrative and General Salaries (Account No. 920), Office Supplies and Expenses (Account No. 921), Administrative Expenses Transferred (Account No. 922), Injuries and Damages (Account No. 925), Employee Pensions and Benefits (Account No. 926) and Rents (Account No. 930) were allocated using a labor-based allocation factor derived from the labor component of Columbia’s distribution O&M expenses. Similarly, the plant and O&M allocation factors discussed above were derived based on Columbia’s total plant investment and total O&M expenses, respectively. Property Insurance (Account No. 924) was allocated on total plant in service. Outside Services (Account No. 923) and Miscellaneous Expenses (Account No. 930.2) include support activities provided to Columbia directly by outside service providers and its corporate parent organization. These activities relate to various general business functions that support Columbia’s gas utility operations. Due to the general nature of these costs and their corporate-wide applicability, these costs were allocated to Columbia’s rate classes using a composite allocation factor based on an equal weighting of total plant in service and O&M expenses (excluding purchased gas costs). Finally, Regulatory Commission Expenses (Account No. 928) was allocated to the rate classes using a non-gas revenue allocation factor.

Q. Please describe the method used to allocate Columbia’s amortization expenses.

A. Each amortization category was allocated to Columbia’s rate classes based on the specific nature of the deferral amount. The amortization for Deferred

1 Depreciation was allocated to the rate classes on the same basis as Depreci-
2 ation Expenses. The amortization of Post-in-Service Carrying Costs and
3 Environmental Costs were allocated to the rate classes based on total plant
4 in service.
5

6 **Q. How were taxes other than income taxes allocated in Columbia's COSS?**

7 A. These expenses were allocated in Columbia's COSS in a manner to reflect
8 the cost causative factors associated with Columbia's specific tax expense
9 categories. Specifically, these taxes can be cost classified based on the tax
10 assessment method established for each tax category (i.e., property). As a
11 result, taxes other than income taxes of a utility typically can be grouped
12 into the three categories of plant, labor expenses, and revenues. In the filed
13 COSS, each of Columbia's accounts for taxes other than income taxes was
14 related to one of the above-stated categories. These categories were then
15 used as a basis to establish an appropriate allocation factor for each tax ac-
16 count.
17

18 **Q. How were income taxes allocated in Columbia's COSS?**

19 A. Income Taxes were allocated to each rate class based on each class' income
20 before federal income taxes. This approach made certain that the income
21 tax assigned to each rate class reflected the proper weighting of class reve-
22 nues, previously allocated expenses, and the various adjustments made by
23 Columbia for tax computation purposes. The increases in income taxes as-
24 sociated with revenues producing equal class rates of return, and at pro-
25 posed revenues, were computed and allocated to each rate class on a similar
26 basis to account for the class' revenues and allocated expenses so that the
27 amounts equaled the income taxes at proposed rates included in Colum-
28 bia's total revenue requirement.
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30 **V. RESULTS OF COLUMBIA'S COSS**

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32 **Q. Please discuss the results of Columbia's COSS.**

33 A. Referring to Schedule E-3.2-1 of Columbia's COSS indicates that at current
34 rates during the test year, its rate classes are contributing to the recovery of
35 Columbia's total revenue requirement as follows:
36

- 37 • The SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class exhibits a lower than average rate
38 of return on net rate base.
- 39 • The GS/GTS/FRGTS rate class exhibits a higher than average rate of
40 return on net rate base.

- The LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate class exhibits a higher than average rate of return on net rate base.
- The FRCTS rate class exhibits a higher than average rate of return on net rate base.

Q. Please summarize the results of Columbia's COSS.

A. Table 1 below presents a summary of the results of Columbia's COSS that I described above at current revenue and rate levels. Schedule A-1, which Columbia filed as part of its application in these cases, shows an overall revenue deficiency for Columbia of approximately \$221.4 million.

Table 1 – Summary Results of Columbia's COSS at Current Rates⁸

Rate Class	Operating Income	Rate of Return on Net Rate Base	Relative Rate of Return
SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS	\$30,072,944	0.97%	0.33
GS/GTS/FRGTS	\$58,707,276	19.21%	6.54
LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS	\$15,665,864	11.32%	3.85
FRCTS	\$106,998	8.02%	2.73
Total	\$104,553,082	2.94%	1.00

Rate of Return on Net Rate Base is calculated by dividing operating income for each rate class by the net rate base for that class. Relative Rate of Return is calculated by dividing the Rate of Return on Net Rate Base for each rate class by the Total Rate of Return on Net Rate Base. Regarding rate class revenue levels, the rate of return results show that certain rate classes are being charged rates that recover less than their indicated costs of service. As a result, rates for other rate classes provide for recovery of more than the indicated costs of serving these other rate classes. I will explain next how these COSS results were used to guide Columbia's determination of the revenues by rate class at proposed rate levels.

Q. How can COSS results such as these provide guidelines for rate design?

A. Results of a COSS provide cost guidelines for use in evaluating class revenue levels and class rate structures. By adjusting rates in accordance with the cost study, rate class revenue levels can be brought closer in line with the indicated costs of service resulting in movement of rate class rates of

⁸ See Schedule E-3.2-1, page 1 of 4, lines 23 through 25.

return toward the system average rate of return and resulting in rates that are more in line with the cost of providing service. At the same time, though, it is recognized that there are non-cost factors such as customer impact considerations (e.g., avoiding rate shock through gradualism) and rate continuity that are often balanced with the cost to serve in apportioning the utility's proposed revenue increase among its rate classes.

Concerning cost justification of rates within each rate class, the classified costs, as allocated to each class of service in the cost study, provide cost information that can be of assistance in determining the need for changes in the relative levels of demand, customer, and commodity rate block charges.

Q. Please explain how the unit cost results presented in Schedule E-3.2-2 were prepared.

A. Black & Veatch's Gas Cost of Service Study Model compiles the functionalized, classified, and allocated expenses and rate base data for each class of service. The system average rate of return is applied to the allocated rate base to determine the required net income. This amount is then grossed up to account for the income tax related revenue responsibilities. The sum of the expense related revenue requirement and the rate base related revenue requirement yields the total revenue requirement for each component of cost at the system average rate of return. The computer model makes this calculation for each of the various cost components (i.e., the demand, customer, and commodity portions of the purchased gas and distribution functional categories). The functionally classified costs are unitized by dividing the total costs by the appropriate number of billing units. Customer-related costs are divided by the number of bills, demand-related costs are divided by the contribution to design day demand, and commodity-related costs are divided by the number of Mcf delivered. It should be noted that a monthly customer cost is calculated for each customer class, as well as unit commodity and demand costs.

Q. Can these unit cost analysis results be used for rate design?

A. Yes, if three part rates (i.e., customer, demand, and commodity) were set at the unit cost levels, Columbia's operating expenses and rate of return on investment based on its pro-forma test year would be recovered (assuming customer counts, gas deliveries, and other billing determinants were as projected). The unit cost analyses also provide valuable unbundled cost information for the design of portions of the tariffs. One of the most obvious

1 applications is the use of unbundled cost information for establishing cost-
2 based customer charges. The unit cost analysis could also be used to estab-
3 lish separately metered contract demand charges where the cost of demand
4 metering can be justified or where a reasonable method of estimating cus-
5 tomer demands can be derived.

6 7 **VI. COLUMBIA'S PROPOSED CLASS REVENUES**

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9 **Q. Please describe the approach generally followed to allocate Columbia's**
10 **proposed revenue increase of \$221.4 million to its various rate classes.**

11 A. As described earlier, the apportionment of revenues among rate classes con-
12 sists of deriving a reasonable balance between various criteria or guidelines
13 that relate to the design of utility rates. The various criteria that were consid-
14 ered in the process included: (1) cost of service; (2) class contribution to cur-
15 rent revenue levels; and (3) customer impact considerations, such as rate
16 shock. These criteria were evaluated for each of Columbia's rate classes. Based
17 on this evaluation, adjustments to the current revenue levels in all rate classes
18 were made so that the rates proposed by Columbia moved class revenues
19 closer to the costs of serving those rate classes. Importantly, Columbia's reve-
20 nue adjustments were not determined based on a desired outcome, but in-
21 stead were derived based on a careful and balanced evaluation of the chosen
22 criteria.

23
24 **Q. Did you consider various class revenue options in conjunction with your**
25 **evaluation and determination of Columbia's interclass revenue proposal?**

26 A. Yes. Using Columbia's proposed revenue increase, and the results from its
27 COSS, I evaluated various options for the assignment of that increase among
28 its rate classes and, in conjunction with Columbia, ultimately decided upon
29 one of those options as the preferred resolution of the interclass revenue issue.
30 Those discussions addressed each of the criteria I listed above to find an in-
31 terclass revenue proposal that reasonably balanced these criteria. Schedule E-
32 3.2-1 summarizes the COSS-related computations supporting Columbia's
33 class revenue apportionment process. Attachment RAF-2 also provides de-
34 tails of Columbia's class revenue apportionment process together with the
35 computational details supporting its proposed rate design for each rate class.

36
37 The first benchmark option that I evaluated under Columbia's proposed non-
38 gas revenue level was to adjust the revenue level for each rate class so that the
39 relative rate of return on net rate base for each class was equal to 1.00. Page 3
40 of Schedule E-3.2-1 (lines 45-46 and 62-63) provides these results. Based on

1 my experience, I determined that this fully cost-based option was not the pre-
2 ferred solution to the interclass revenue issue due to its significant changes in
3 class revenue levels. It should be pointed out, however, that those results rep-
4 resented an important guide for purposes of evaluating subsequent rate de-
5 sign options from a strict cost of service perspective.

6
7 The second option I considered was assigning the increase in revenues to Co-
8 lumbia's rate classes based on an equal percentage of its current non-gas rev-
9 enues. Page 4 of Schedule E-3.2-1 (lines 71-72) provides these results. This op-
10 tion resulted in each rate class receiving an increase in revenues. However,
11 when this option was evaluated against the COSS results (as measured by
12 changes in the rate of return on net rate base for each rate class), there was
13 only modest movement towards cost for certain of Columbia's rate classes.⁹
14 This result indicated that class revenues were not moving towards the cost of
15 service in a sufficiently meaningful manner under this option. While this op-
16 tion also was not the preferred solution to the interclass revenue issue, to-
17 gether with the fully cost-based option, it defined a general range of results
18 that provided me with further guidance to help develop Columbia's class rev-
19 enue apportionment proposal.

20
21 **Q. What was the next step in the process of determining Columbia's interclass**
22 **revenue proposal?**

23 A. After discussions with Columbia concerning the costs of serving each rate
24 class and the relative rate impacts of the various class revenue options de-
25 scribed above, it was concluded that an appropriate interclass revenue pro-
26 posal would generally assign a greater than average increase to each rate class
27 that exhibited a greater revenue subsidy relative to the cost to serve the rate
28 class, as derived in Columbia's COSS. Each of these rate classes exhibits a
29 relative rate of return on net rate base below 1.00 at current rates under Co-
30 lumbia's COSS (see Table 1 above). For each rate class that exhibited a revenue
31 excess or a relative rate of return on net rate base above 1.00, it was deter-
32 mined that a smaller than average increase in non-gas revenues was war-
33 ranted.

34
35 This approach resulted in reasonable movement of the class relative rates of
36 return on net rate base towards unity or 1.00. That result is reflected on Sched-
37 ule E-3.2-1, page 2 of 4 (lines 40-43), wherein the relative rates of return on net

⁹ See Schedule E-3.2-1, page 4, line 79.

rate base are shown to converge towards unity or 1.00 compared to the same measure calculated under present rates. In addition, the amounts of the existing rate subsidies and excesses among Columbia's rate classes were materially reduced. From a class cost of service standpoint, this type of class movement, and reduction in class rate subsidies, is desirable to move class revenues and rates closer to the indicated cost of service for each rate class. Table 2 below summarizes the proposed change in revenue (excluding Other Revenue) for each rate class and the percent change from revenues at current rates resulting from the above-described process. Attachment RAF-2, page 6 of 10 provides the computational details for the proposed class revenue apportionment and percent change by rate class summarized in Table 2.

Table 2 – Proposed Revenue Apportionment by Rate Class¹⁰

Rate Class	Revenues at Current Rates	Relative Rate of Return	Revenue Change	Percent Change	Relative Rate of Return
SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS	\$646,025,662	0.33	\$202,747,579	31.4%	0.78
GS/GTS/FRGTS	\$112,625,547	6.54	\$12,835,573	11.4%	2.87
LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS	\$38,923,488	3.85	\$5,880,449	15.1%	1.87
FRCTS	\$291,547	2.73	\$36,657	12.6%	1.30
Total	\$797,866,244	1.00	\$221,500,258	27.8%	1.00

Q. Have you prepared a detailed comparison of Columbia's current and proposed revenues by rate class?

A. Yes. Schedule E-4 presents a detailed comparison of current and proposed revenues for each of Columbia's rate classes. This Schedule is a multiple page summary of revenue and current and proposed rates by individual rate schedule and revenue class. The source of information for these schedules is Schedule E-4.1, with the exception of revenue amounts from Columbia's competitively priced customers the source of which is Columbia's WPE-4e through WPE-4i work papers, and "Other Revenue," which is sourced from Columbia's C Schedules.

Q. Please describe Schedule E-4.1.

A. Schedule E-4.1 presents the derivation of Columbia's annualized revenue at current and proposed rates by revenue class under each rate schedule.

¹⁰ See Schedule E-3.2-1, page 1 of 4, line 13 (excluding Other Revenue) and page 2, lines 33-34 and line 41.

1 **Q. Please describe the format used by Columbia to prepare Schedule E-4.1.**

2 A. Schedule E-4.1 consists of 78 pages with revenue at current rates derived on
3 the odd numbered pages and revenue at proposed rates derived on the even
4 numbered pages. Those pages that present revenue at current rates show the
5 applicable rate schedule; number of bills; throughput at the various rate block
6 breakpoints; most current rates; revenue at most current rates; percent of rev-
7 enue to total revenue excluding gas costs; revenue increase requested; percent
8 of revenue increase less gas costs; gas costs revenue where applicable; total
9 revenues at current rates; and total revenue percent of increase. Those pages
10 that present revenue at proposed rates show the applicable rate schedule;
11 number of bills; throughput at the various rate block breakpoints; proposed
12 rates; revenue at proposed rates; percent of revenue to total revenue exclud-
13 ing gas cost revenue; gas costs revenue where applicable; and total revenue
14 at proposed rates.

15
16 **VII. COLUMBIA'S PROPOSED RATE DESIGN**

17
18 **Q. Please describe the key objectives you sought to achieve in the design of**
19 **Columbia's proposed rates.**

20 A. In general, I sought to achieve the following objectives with the rate design
21 that is proposed for Columbia:

- 22
23
 - Achieve fair and equitable rate levels (reflective of the cost to serve).
 - Avoid undue discrimination between and within rate classes.
 - Rates should be stable, understandable, and provide customer choices.
 - Create economically efficient pricing for natural gas delivery service.
 - Rates should encourage energy conservation and energy efficiency.
 - Rates should allow a utility to recover its revenue requirement in a
29 manner that maintains revenue stability and minimizes year-to-year
30 under- or over-collections.

31
32 As an overarching principle, Columbia also has consistently supported a rate
33 design framework under which the fixed costs of its gas distribution system
34 are recovered through fixed charges, to the extent practical. And as I discuss
35 in further detail later in my direct testimony, the Commission has a long his-
36 tory of embracing this principle as evidenced most directly through its con-
37 tinued approval of a Straight Fixed-Variable ("SFV") rate design for the
38 smaller residential and general service customers served by the gas distribu-
39 tion utilities in Ohio. Consistent with this principle, the Commission-ap-
40 proved costs in Columbia's Infrastructure Replacement Program ("IRP")

1 Rider and Capital Expenditure Program Rider ("CEP Rider") are recovered
2 monthly from its customers on a fixed charge basis.
3

4 Among other things, fixed charges promote fairness to all customers because
5 the customer's bill reflects the actual average cost of providing gas delivery
6 service rather than being based on the volume of gas consumed. Columbia's
7 current SFV rate design for its SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class and the fixed rate
8 recovery under its IRP and CEP Riders are consistent with, and supportive of,
9 this important utility ratemaking objective.
10

11 **Q. Please summarize the rate design changes Columbia has proposed in this**
12 **proceeding.**

13 A. Columbia has proposed the following rate design changes to its sales and
14 transportation rate schedules:
15

- 16 1. A change in the annual volumetric breakpoint between the
17 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS rate classes from 300 Mcf
18 per year to 600 Mcf per year.¹¹
- 19 2. An increase in the current Monthly Delivery Charge for the
20 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class to reflect the level of fixed distribution
21 costs incurred by Columbia to serve customers in this rate class.
- 22 3. An increase in the current monthly Customer Charges for the
23 GS/GTS/FRGTS and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate classes to reflect the
24 level of fixed distribution costs incurred by Columbia to serve cus-
25 tomers in these rate classes and to recognize the fixed charges cur-
26 rently being paid monthly by these customers through the IRP and
27 CEP Riders.
- 28 4. Establishment of a Monthly Delivery Charge for the FRCTS rate
29 class.
- 30 5. Elimination of the current Mainline Delivery Charge under the LGTS
31 rate schedule.
- 32 6. Elimination of the current tariff provision in the LGS/LGTS/
33 FRLGTS rate class which requires that at least 50% of a customer's
34 annual consumption must be consumed in the seven billing months

¹¹ Service under Columbia's SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate schedules is currently available to all customer accounts that consume less than 300 Mcf per year, and service under its GS/GTS/FRGTS rate schedules is currently available to all customer accounts that consume at least 300 Mcf per year.

1 of April through October to qualify for service under these rate
2 schedules.

3
4 I will present the specific rate structure changes and supporting rationale
5 for each of Columbia's rate classes later in my direct testimony.

6
7 **Q. Please explain why Columbia has proposed to change the volumetric**
8 **breakpoint between the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS rate**
9 **classes.**

10 A. This proposed change to the rate schedule applicability provisions for the
11 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS rate classes was made by Colum-
12 bia to help minimize the number of customers who are transferred each
13 year between these rate classes based on changes in their annual consump-
14 tion levels that are identified during Columbia's Annual Consumption Re-
15 view. With this proposed change, Columbia anticipates that fewer custom-
16 ers in these rate classes will experience a change in their designated rate
17 schedule as an outcome of the Annual Consumption Review. This pro-
18 posed change is expected to reduce the rate impacts experienced by these
19 customers caused by periodic changes to the level of their gas bills when
20 they are transferred to a new rate schedule.

21
22 **Q. Can you briefly describe the Annual Consumption Review conducted by**
23 **Columbia for its SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS customers?**

24 A. Yes. According to its current tariff, Columbia reviews the actual annual
25 consumption of its sales service and transportation service customers for
26 the thirty-six-month period ending each August 31st or October 31st billing
27 cycle, respectively, in order to: (1) determine the rate schedule under which
28 each customer qualifies to be served and if any customer transfers between
29 rate schedules are needed; and (2) update each customer's annual volumes
30 and winter/summer maximum daily quantities ("MDQ") for transportation
31 service customers. Based on the results of this review process, certain cus-
32 tomers are transferred each year to a new rate schedule based on changes
33 in their annual consumption levels. Columbia contacts each of these cus-
34 tomers in advance by letter to inform them of: (1) the results of Columbia's
35 Annual Consumption Review; (2) the customer's updated gas consumption
36 level; and (3) the change in rate schedule. Any necessary rate schedule
37 changes for the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS customers become
38 effective in October for billings beginning in November.

1 **Q. How did Columbia conclude that the volumetric breakpoint should be**
2 **changed from 300 Mcf per year to 600 Mcf per year in the**
3 **SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate schedules?**

4 A. Columbia conducted a review of its annual bill frequency data for a recent
5 12-month period for its SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS customers
6 and determined that there are fewer customers consuming between 550 Mcf
7 and 650 Mcf per year in both rate classes compared to the number of cus-
8 tomers consuming between 250 Mcf and 350 Mcf per year. These ranges
9 fairly capture the annual variation in customer usage for these rate classes
10 caused by a variety of factors, including changes in weather (i.e., tempera-
11 ture and HDDs). On that basis, it was concluded that increasing the volu-
12 metric breakpoint between the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS rate
13 schedules from 300 to 600 Mcf per year was an appropriate change to min-
14 imize the annual number of customer transfers between the
15 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS rate schedules.
16

17 **Q. How has Columbia reflected this proposed change in its rate filing?**

18 A. For purposes of this rate filing, Columbia has transferred approximately
19 17,000 customers who currently consume between 300 and 600 Mcf per year
20 from its GS/GTS/FRGTS rate schedules to its SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate sched-
21 ules.¹² These transfers were made to reflect the appropriate rate schedule
22 for these customers and Columbia computed its proposed revenues and
23 rates assuming these customers would be served under the
24 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate schedules. With this one-time transfer of custom-
25 ers, Columbia expects that it will greatly reduce in the future the number of
26 customers in the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS and GS/GTS/FRGTS rate classes who
27 will have to be transferred each year to a new rate schedule.
28

29 **Q. Please explain in general terms how Columbia's proposed Monthly**
30 **Delivery Charges were derived in each rate class.**¹³

31 A. While being cognizant of the rate design objectives I discussed earlier, Co-
32 lumbia's proposed Monthly Delivery Charges in each rate class were de-

¹² See WPE-4a, column (5).

¹³ Columbia distinguishes between its current monthly Customer Charges and its proposed Monthly Delivery Charges to recognize that its monthly Customer Charges are designed to recover the customer-related costs incurred to serve its customers, while its Monthly Delivery Charges are designed to also recover all or a portion of Columbia's other fixed distribution costs incurred to serve its customers (i.e., demand-related costs).

1 rived in specific consideration of: (1) the level of customer-related costs de-
2 termined in Columbia's COSS; (2) the recovery of costs included in Colum-
3 bia's IRP and CEP Riders on a monthly fixed basis; (3) the percentage by
4 which the current non-gas revenues for the given rate class was proposed
5 to change; and (4) the results of the bill comparisons which showed the im-
6 pact of Columbia's current and proposed rates on the monthly gas bills of
7 varying-sized customers in the given rate class.

8
9 **Q. Have you summarized the customer-related costs derived in Columbia's**
10 **COSS and the current fixed charges under its IRP and CEP riders and**
11 **compared those cost levels to Columbia's current Monthly Delivery**
12 **Charge or Customer Charges in each of its rate classes?**

13 A. Yes. Attachment RAF-3 presents the customer-related costs based on the
14 results of Columbia's COSS, as presented in Schedule E-3.1, the current
15 fixed charges assessed to customers under its IRP and CEP Riders, and the
16 current and proposed Monthly Delivery Charges and Customer Charges
17 for each of Columbia's rate classes. Attachment RAF-3 shows that the levels
18 of customer-related and other fixed infrastructure-related costs incurred by
19 Columbia to serve customers in each of its rate classes are above the current
20 levels of the Monthly Delivery Charges and Customer Charges.¹⁴

21
22 **Q. Why is it appropriate to make this type of rate comparison in conjunction**
23 **with setting the proposed level of Columbia's Monthly Delivery Charges**
24 **and Customer Charges for each rate class?**

25 A. Columbia's customers currently pay on a fixed charge basis each month for
26 either all or a material portion of the costs of gas delivery service. These
27 fixed charges consist of a combination of either a Monthly Delivery Charge
28 (SGS/SGTS/FRGTS customers) or Customer Charges (GS/GTS/FRGTS and
29 LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS customers) and the fixed monthly charges under Co-
30 lumbia's IRP and CEP riders. For example, Columbia's SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS
31 customers are accustomed to being charged on a fixed monthly basis for
32 gas delivery service consisting of a Monthly Delivery Charge of \$16.75 per
33 customer, an IRP Rider charge of \$11.98 per customer and a CEP Rider
34 charge of \$5.92 per customer, for a total of \$34.65 per customer. In this rate
35 filing, Columbia proposes to roll into base rates the current charges under
36 its IRP and CEP Riders. Since these two riders enable the recovery of a

¹⁴ See Attachment RAF-3 comparing Column (9) to Column (5).

1 material portion of Columbia's fixed distribution costs, it is entirely appro-
2 priate to continue recovering these costs on a fixed charge basis through the
3 Monthly Delivery Charges proposed by Columbia for each of its rate clas-
4 ses.

5
6 **Q. How did you derive the proposed Monthly Delivery Charge applicable**
7 **to Columbia's SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS customers?**

8 A. The proposed Monthly Delivery Charge of \$46.31 per customer for Colum-
9 bia's SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS customers was derived to recover the proposed
10 non-gas revenue requirement for this rate class¹⁵ presented in Attachment
11 RAF-2, page 7 of 10 (line 6). This computational method was used to reflect
12 the SFV rate design approved by the Commission for these rate classes in
13 Columbia's last rate case that was decided in December 2008.

14
15 **Q. Do you believe the continued use of the SFV rate design for Columbia's**
16 **SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS customers previously approved by the Commission**
17 **is appropriate for pricing gas delivery service to these customers?**

18 A. Yes, I do. From a ratemaking policy perspective, I believe it continues to be
19 appropriate to recover 100% of the costs to deliver natural gas for these rate
20 classes through a monthly fixed charge. Under an SFV rate structure, rates
21 are designed so that customers pay a flat monthly fee for the gas delivery
22 services provided by the gas utility. For Columbia, this type of rate design
23 provides for the inclusion of all fixed costs of gas delivery service incurred
24 by Columbia to serve its residential and small general service customers
25 and the recovery of such costs through a single monthly charge. These cus-
26 tomers continue to pay on a volumetric basis for the gas volumes used each
27 month based on the commodity price of natural gas charged by either the
28 customer's gas marketer or Columbia.

29
30 This type of ratemaking approach recognizes that because Columbia's costs
31 of gas delivery service are fixed in nature, such costs should be recovered
32 through a monthly fixed charge. It reflects the cost causation characteristics
33 of gas delivery service and recognizes that the costs incurred by Columbia
34 are relatively uniform, on average, across the range of customers in the
35 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class. In addition, this rate design follows the
36 "matching principle" of costs and rates which is a cornerstone of utility rate-
37 making. Under the "matching principle," the utility's customers should be

¹⁵ Excluding revenues associated with purchased gas costs and revenues recovered through Co-
lumbia's Regulatory Assessment Rider ("RAR").

1 charged for utility service based on the costs of producing the type and level
2 of service they receive. Finally, and most importantly, Columbia's SGS/
3 SGTS/FRSGTS customers have been charged for gas delivery service under
4 the SFV rate design method for over twelve years and are accustomed to
5 paying a monthly fixed charge by Columbia for this type of utility service.
6

7 **Q. In your opinion, is there strong support for the continuation of an SFV**
8 **rate design for Columbia's SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS customers?**

9 A. Yes. I believe an SFV rate design is the preferred pricing method for Colum-
10 bia's residential and small general service customers for several important
11 reasons:
12

- 13 • SFV rates offer the most economically efficient alternative to volu-
14 metric rates.
- 15 • SFV rates minimize the distortion of gas commodity prices, thus pro-
16 moting more accurate commodity price signals to the customer, and
17 hence provide greater economic efficiency.
- 18 • SFV rates track embedded costs more accurately, thus eliminating
19 intra-class subsidies and undue discrimination within the residential
20 and small general service rate classes.
- 21 • SFV rates provide the opportunity to recover revenue between rate
22 cases without the use of a deferral ratemaking mechanism (e.g., a
23 revenue decoupling mechanism).
- 24 • SFV rates provide customer bill stability.
- 25 • SFV rates represent a simple and easily understood rate.
- 26 • SFV rates avoid administrative and customer issues related to reve-
27 nue decoupling mechanisms.
- 28 • SFV rates avoid the administrative burden on all parties associated
29 with more complex ratemaking alternatives.
- 30 • SFV rates eliminate the financial incentive for the gas utility to in-
31 crease sales which also positions the gas utility to pursue conserva-
32 tion and efficiency activities.
- 33 • SFV rates represent the best ratemaking alternative to address reve-
34 nue instability.
- 35 • SFV rates eliminate the debate over the definition of normal weather
36 and indeed eliminate the weather normalization process for base
37 rates that recover a gas utility's fixed costs.

1 Several of these benefits were also recognized by the Commission in its Or-
2 ders approving SFV rate design during the 2008-2010 time period for Vec-
3 tren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Duke Energy Ohio, The East Ohio Gas Com-
4 pany dba Dominion East Ohio, Eastern Natural Gas Company, Pike Natu-
5 ral Gas Company, and Columbia.¹⁶

6
7 **Q. Do you believe the Commission continues to recognize the benefits of an**
8 **SFV rate design for a gas utility's residential and small general service**
9 **customers?**

10 A. Yes. The Commission reaffirmed its preference for an SFV rate design for
11 gas distribution utilities in a 2017 proceeding for Suburban Natural Gas
12 Company and in a 2018 proceeding for Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio.¹⁷
13 In the Vectren proceeding, the Commission found that "the evidence in the
14 record of this case supports the retention of the SFV rate design as recom-
15 mended by Staff and as agreed to in the Stipulation." The Commission
16 noted in its Opinion and Order that the SFV rate design is the appropriate
17 rate design for natural gas company distribution rates through a series of
18 decisions it cited (many of which I cited above). The Commission concluded
19 in that rate proceeding, "[w]e find that the weight of the evidence in this
20 case decisively favors retention of the SFV rate design."

21
22 **Q. Earlier you discussed Columbia's proposed transfer of customers from**
23 **the GS/GTS/FRGTS rate class to the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class. Will**
24 **the inclusion of these customers in the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class**
25 **affect the continued use of an SFV rate design for this rate class?**

26 A. No. In my judgment, the homogeneous nature of the load and cost charac-
27 teristics of the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class is not materially affected by the

¹⁶ See Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Case Nos. 07-589-GA-AIR, et al., Opinion and Order (May 28, 2008); The East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio, Case Nos. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al., Opinion and Order (October 15, 2008); Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., Case Nos. 08-72-GA-AIR, et. al., Opinion and Order (December 3, 2008); Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Case Nos. 07-1080-GA-AIR, et. al., Opinion and Order (January 7, 2009); and Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company, Case Nos. 08-940-GA-ALT, et. al., Opinion and Order (June 16, 2010).

¹⁷ See Suburban Natural Gas Company, Case No. 17-594-GA-ALT, Opinion and Order (November 1, 2017) at pp. 10-11, and Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Case Nos. 18-298-GA-AIR, et. al, Opinion and Order (August 28, 2019) at pp. 74-76.

1 transfer into this rate class of smaller GS/GTS/FRGTS customers using be-
2 tween 300 Mcf and 600 Mcf per year.¹⁸ As indicated earlier, there are about
3 17,000 customers in the GS/GTS/FRGTS rate class that were transferred into
4 the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class that consists of about 1.43 million custom-
5 ers (before the customer transfer). The transferred customers represent
6 about a 1.2% increase in the number of customers served in the
7 SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class.

8
9 In addition, the fixed, customer-related distribution costs to serve the aver-
10 age customer in the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class are not materially affected
11 by the transfer of these customers.¹⁹ Specifically with regard to service lines,
12 I understand that the average GS/GTS/FRGTS customer being transferred
13 to the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class can be served from a 1-inch service line
14 at medium pressure on Columbia's gas system. Most SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS
15 customers also are served from a 1-inch service line, so the transfer of the
16 smaller GS/GTS/FRGTS customers will not materially impact the unit cost
17 of a service line to serve the average SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS customer after the
18 transfer. As a result, it is entirely appropriate to continue to charge all cus-
19 tomers in this rate class a flat monthly fee for the gas delivery services pro-
20 vided by Columbia.

21
22 **Q. How did you determine the proposed Monthly Delivery Charges**
23 **applicable to Columbia's GS/GTS/FRGTS and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS**
24 **customers?**

25 **A.** As a starting point, it was recognized that customers in the GS/GTS/FRGTS
26 and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate classes are currently charged on a fixed
27 monthly basis for a material portion of the costs of gas delivery service
28 through a monthly Customer Charge, the IRP Rider and the CEP Rider. The
29 current charges for these rate components are presented in Attachment
30 RAF-3, Columns (5) through (8). In the aggregate, approximately 42% of
31 the current annualized revenues for the GS/GTS/FRGTS rate class is recov-
32 ered from customers on a fixed charge basis, and for the

¹⁸ Before the above-described customer transfer, the average customer in the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class consumes about 78.9 Mcf per year. After the customer transfer, the average SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS customer consumes about 82.7 Mcf per year.

¹⁹ For example, the average unit cost of a meter and service for the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class before the customer transfer is \$59/customer and \$915, respectively. After the customer transfer, the average unit cost of a meter and service for the SGS/SGTS/FRSGTS rate class increases slightly to \$62 and \$929, respectively.

1 LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate class, that amount is approximately 71%.²⁰ In ad-
2 dition, Columbia's COSS results presented in Schedule E-3.1 provided ad-
3 ditional guidance with the customer-related costs for these rate classes. At-
4 tachment RAF-3, Column (9) provides the sum of the current fixed charges
5 under Columbia's IRP and CEP Riders and the customer-related costs from
6 Columbia's COSS. This cost and rate information in conjunction with the
7 other considerations I discussed earlier in my direct testimony provided the
8 necessary guidance to determine the appropriate proposed Monthly Deliv-
9 ery Charges for the GS/GTS/FRGTS and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate classes.

10
11 Based on these considerations, the proposed Monthly Delivery Charges for
12 GS/GTS/FRGTS and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS customers were established at the
13 lower of: (1) the sum of the current monthly fixed charges under the IRP
14 and CEP Riders and the customer-related costs for the rate class adjusted
15 by the approximate percentage increase in revenues for the rate class; or
16 (2) the percentage of margin revenues at current rates recovered through
17 monthly fixed charges applied against the proposed annualized non-gas
18 revenues in the rate class. Using this decision criterion, the proposed
19 Monthly Delivery Charge of \$194.00 per customer for the GS/GTS/FRGTS
20 rate class is based on the second option while the proposed Monthly Deliv-
21 ery Charge of \$5,560.00 per customer for the LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate class
22 is based upon the first option. The proposed Monthly Delivery Charges for
23 the GS/GTS/FRGTS and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate classes represent an in-
24 crease in the current level of monthly fixed charges paid by these two cus-
25 tomer groups of 13.6% and 11.1%, respectively, which are both of a similar
26 magnitude to the proposed percentage increases in revenue for these rate
27 classes.²¹ In my judgment, the proposed Monthly Delivery Charges for Co-
28 lumbia's GS/GTS/FRGTS and LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS customers are reasona-
29 ble and fairly reflect the considerations I discussed earlier in my direct tes-
30 timony regarding the derivation of these fixed charges.

31
32 **Q. How did you determine the proposed Monthly Delivery Charge**
33 **applicable to Columbia's FRCTS customers?**

34 **A.** Columbia utilized the results of its customer cost analysis presented in
35 Schedule E-3.1 which indicated the customer-related costs to serve FRCTS
36 customers is \$29.10 per bill. As a result, a Monthly Delivery Charge of

²⁰ See Schedule E-4, page 3 of 4, Columns L and M.

²¹ See Attachment RAF-3, Column (11).

1 \$30.00 per bill is proposed for this rate schedule. Currently, Columbia does
2 not have a monthly fixed charge in this rate schedule. A Monthly Delivery
3 Charge is being introduced for customers served under this rate schedule
4 as a more appropriate and direct way to recover customer-related costs
5 compared to the current method of recovering such costs solely through
6 volumetric charges.

7

8 **Q. Please explain how you derived Columbia's proposed volumetric charges**
9 **in its GS/GTS/FRGTS, LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS, and FRCTS rate classes.**

10 A. In general, Columbia's proposed volumetric charges in these rate classes
11 were derived by setting the level of each charge to recover a portion of the
12 balance of the non-gas revenues at proposed rates after accounting for the
13 increase in non-gas revenues derived from the proposed Monthly Delivery
14 Charges. For rate classes in which there were multiple rate blocks, the asso-
15 ciated volumetric charges were derived in a manner to generally maintain
16 the relative rate differentials on a percentage basis between rate blocks that
17 exist in each rate class under current rates.

18

19 **Q. How are Columbia's school customer accounts proposed to be treated for**
20 **rate design purposes?**

21 A. Maintaining its long-standing ratemaking policy, Columbia has proposed
22 that all primary and secondary school customer accounts served under its
23 various rate schedules will be charged rates that are five percent below the
24 applicable non-school rates.

25

26 **Q. Has Columbia provided bill comparisons that show the impact of its**
27 **current and proposed rates on the monthly gas bills of varying-sized**
28 **customers in each rate class?**

29 A. Yes. Schedule E-5 presents typical bill comparisons at various monthly gas
30 consumption levels for Columbia's customers in each of its rate classes. This
31 Schedule shows the customer's current gas bill at each consumption level,
32 the dollar increase, percent of increase and total bill, both excluding and
33 including gas (fuel) costs.

1 **Q. Is Columbia’s proposal to eliminate the current Mainline Delivery**
2 **Charge under the LGTS rate schedule supported by generally accepted**
3 **utility ratemaking principles?**

4 **A.** Yes. There are currently eighteen customers who receive gas delivery ser-
5 vice under this rate provision in the LGTS rate schedule.²² These customers
6 are served by Columbia through a dual-purpose meter to facilities of an
7 interstate pipeline and are currently charged a maximum base rate of
8 \$0.1635 per Mcf (the current tail block rate under the LGTS rate schedule)
9 and a Customer Charge of \$559.53 per month (the same Customer Charge
10 paid by other LGTS customers). Under Columbia’s proposal, these former
11 LGTS-ML customers will be charged the same standard rates paid by any
12 other LGTS customer based on each customer’s specific load characteristics.

13
14 More broadly, the base rates for each of Columbia’s rate schedules are de-
15 signed on a systemwide basis in recognition of the integrated nature of Co-
16 lumbia’s gas distribution system. This is a widely accepted rate design ap-
17 proach in the gas distribution utility industry, especially for a gas utility
18 such as Columbia that has a multi pressure-based system, with multiple
19 city-gate locations, where the transmission of gas between its load centers
20 is functionally provided by its interstate gas pipeline suppliers. At the same
21 time, my experience with the design of gas distribution utility rates has
22 been that several gas utilities (including Columbia and other Ohio gas util-
23 ities) at times must charge rates that are less than their standard rates (i.e.,
24 less than their maximum rates) to be able to retain specific customers in the
25 face of competition from alternate energy suppliers. In these circumstances,
26 it is not unusual for the geographic location of the customer to be factored
27 into the rate determination process, especially if the customer is located
28 near the alternate energy supplier. However, this customer-specific ap-
29 proach to rate design should be the exception, and not the rule, to avoid the
30 creation of multiple standard rates for the same utility service, with one jus-
31 tified solely on the specific location of the customer. This geographic ap-
32 proach to rate design may be viewed as unduly discriminatory for similarly
33 sized customers within a specific rate class and, therefore, should be
34 avoided for the setting of a gas utility’s standard or maximum allowable
35 base rates.

²² There are currently 9 customers who pay the maximum Mainline Delivery Charge (i.e., standard rate customers) and 9 customers who pay a lower rate than the maximum rate because of competition from alternate energy suppliers.

1 Q. Is Columbia's proposal to eliminate the tariff provision in the
2 LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate schedules that requires at least 50% of a
3 customer's annual consumption must be consumed in the seven billing
4 months of April through October to qualify for service under these rate
5 schedules supported by generally accepted utility ratemaking principles?

6 A. Yes. Based on my review of this applicability provision, it appears to limit
7 customers served under the LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate schedules to those
8 customers who have less seasonal variability in their gas load characteris-
9 tics. From a strictly conceptual perspective, this type of applicability provi-
10 sion can generally serve to incent customers to use gas on a more levelized
11 basis by season and month, which ultimately benefits those customers be-
12 cause it is less costly (on unit cost basis) for a gas utility to serve customers
13 that exhibit higher annual load factors. In my judgment, however, this type
14 of applicability provision is not the most effective way to incent customers
15 to utilize Columbia's gas system in a more efficient manner (i.e., consume
16 gas at a higher annual load factor). Instead, the provision has effectively
17 precluded certain GS/GTS/FRGTS customers from qualifying for service
18 under the LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate schedules even though they satisfy the
19 minimum annual volume requirement of 18,000 Mcf for the LGS/
20 LGTS/FRLGTS rate schedules.

21
22 For those larger customers served under the LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate
23 schedules who can consume gas on a more stable basis throughout the year,
24 Columbia's COSS already recognizes the value of utilizing the gas distribu-
25 tion system in a more efficient manner through the allocation of demand-
26 related costs using the design day demand for each rate class (i.e., the Co-
27 incident Peak Demand Allocation Method). The annual load factor for the
28 LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS rate class in Columbia's COSS is 58% compared to an
29 annual load factor of 24% for the GS/GTS/FRGTS rate class. As a result, the
30 unit cost to serve Columbia's LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS customers is much lower
31 than the unit cost of serving its GS/GTS/FRGTS customers. This outcome
32 also has been recognized for these customers through the assignment of a
33 lower than average increase in Columbia's class revenue apportionment
34 proposal.

1 **Q. Are there any differences between the rates proposed by Columbia in**
2 **this filing and the rates submitted in its Notice of Intent to File an Appli-**
3 **cation to Increase Rates (“NOI”) on May 28, 2021?**

4 A. Yes. In some instances, the rates proposed by Columbia in this filing are
5 slightly lower than the rates submitted in its NOI.
6

7 **Q. Please describe the factors that caused these changes to Columbia’s**
8 **proposed rates in this filing.**

9 A. First, Columbia slightly reduced its total revenue requirement and
10 proposed revenue increase request in this filing compared to the amounts
11 that were used to design its rates for the NOI filing. Second, a few changes
12 were made to the preliminary COSS used by Columbia to guide the design
13 of rates for its NOI filing to refine the cost allocation methods and factors
14 used in the COSS. The combination of these two factors caused the COSS
15 results to change which resulted in the need for slight adjustments to
16 Columbia’s proposed class revenue apportionment and the associated rate
17 levels.
18

19 **Q. After the completion of this rate case and the implementation of**
20 **Columbia’s approved rates, is there an additional change in its future**
21 **rates that Columbia and the Commission have agreed to implement?**

22 A. Yes. As discussed in the direct testimony of Columbia witness Bryan
23 Trapp, Columbia and the Commission agreed in 2018 to adjust its base rates
24 to reflect the elimination of the reduction in base rates directly related to the
25 pass-back of non-normalized (i.e., unprotected) Excess Accumulated De-
26 ferred Income Taxes (“EDIT”) over the six-year period, January 1, 2018
27 through December 31, 2023. Based on the underlying computations in At-
28 tachment BAT-1 sponsored by Columbia witness Trapp, Columbia is seek-
29 ing authorization from the Commission to increase base rate revenues on
30 January 1, 2024 by \$6.9 million.
31

32 **Q. How does Columbia propose to recover this future increase in base rate**
33 **revenues from its customers?**

34 A. Columbia proposes to utilize an updated version of the same method it
35 used in 2018 to reduce its base rates related to the pass-back of non-normal-
36 ized EDIT. That method was based on Columbia’s revenue by rate class
37 priced out at the then current base rates using the final approved billing
38 determinants from its 2008 rate case. The reduction in base rates by rate
39 class was derived by allocating a portion of the total revenue decrease to
40 each rate class using the resulting revenue distribution by rate class. The

1 revenue distribution by rate class that Columbia proposes to use to allocate
2 the EDIT-related revenue increase to its rate classes effective on January 1,
3 2024, will be based on Columbia's base revenues, base rates, and billing de-
4 terminants (i.e., number of bills and gas consumption) by rate class that are
5 approved by the Commission at the conclusion of this rate case.

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7 **Q. Does this complete your Prepared Direct Testimony?**

8 **A.** Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2007 – Present	Black & Veatch Management Consulting, LLC Vice President and Rates & Regulatory Practice Lead
1996 – 2007	Navigant Consulting, Inc. Managing Director, Energy Practice - Litigation, Regulatory & Markets Group; Energy Delivery Practice Lead
1990 – 1996	R.J. Rudden Associates, Inc. Vice President and Director
1985 – 1990	Price Waterhouse Director, Gas Regulatory Services Public Utilities Industry Services Group
1978 – 1985	Stone & Webster Management Consultants, Inc. Executive Consultant Regulatory Services Division
1973 – 1978	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Staff Engineer and Utility Rate Specialist Design Engineering Division

PRESENTATION OF EXPERT TESTIMONY

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
- National Energy Board of Canada
- Arkansas Public Service Commission
- British Columbia Utilities Commission (Canada)
- California Public Utilities Commission
- Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control
- Delaware Public Service Commission
- Georgia Public Service Commission
- Illinois Commerce Commission
- Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
- Iowa Utilities Board
- Kentucky Public Service Commission
- Manitoba Public Utilities Board (Canada)
- Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities
- Michigan Public Service Commission
- Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Missouri Public Service Commission
- Montana Public Service Commission
- Nebraska Public Service Commission
- New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Canada)
- New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
- New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
- New Mexico Public Regulation Commission
- New York Public Service Commission

- North Carolina Utilities Commission
- North Dakota Public Service Commission
- Ohio Public Utilities Commission
- Oklahoma Corporation Commission
- Ontario Energy Board (Canada)
- Oregon Public Utility Commission
- Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
- Philadelphia Gas Commission
- Régie de l'Énergie Quebec (Canada)
- South Dakota Public Service Commission
- Tennessee Regulatory Authority
- Utah Public Service Commission
- Vermont Public Service Board
- Virginia State Corporation Commission
- Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
- Public Service Commission of Wyoming

EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- Past Chairman, Rate Training Subcommittee, Rate and Strategic Issues Committee of the American Gas Association.
- Seminar organizer and co-moderator at the American Gas Association, “Workshop on Unbundling and LDC Restructuring,” July 1995.
- Course organizer and speaker at the annual industry course, American Gas Association – Gas Rate Fundamentals Course, University of Wisconsin – Madison and University of Chicago School of Business, 1985 - 2020.

- Course organizer and speaker at the annual industry course, American Gas Association – Advanced Regulatory Seminar, University of Maryland - College Park, 1987 –1992, and University of Chicago School of Business, 2012-2019.
- Co-founder, course director and instructor in the annual course, “Principles of Gas Utility Rate Regulation” sponsored by The Center for Professional Advancement 1982-1987.
- Contributing Author of the Fourth Edition of “Gas Rate Fundamentals,” American Gas Association, 1987 edition.
- Organizer, Editor, and Contributing Author of the upcoming Fifth Edition of “Gas Rate Fundamentals,” American Gas Association (in progress).
- Contributing Author of “Regulation of the Gas Industry,” LexisNexis Matthew Bender, 2016, 2019 and 2020.

AFFILIATIONS AND HONORS

- Financial Associate Member, American Gas Association
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(Current as of June 2021)

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		(Schedule E-4)	MCF (Schedule E-4)	\$ (Schedule E-4)	\$	\$ (Schedule E-4)	%	%	%
1	Total Revenues								
2	Small General Service - DSS	1,553,868	9,343,962.3	97,222,739.98	18,059,233.91	115,281,973.89	18.58%	31.38%	31.38%
3	Small General Service - SCO	7,642,322	49,272,853.4	264,806,457.30	89,109,474.52	353,915,931.82	33.65%	31.38%	31.38%
4	Small General Service Schools - SCO	24	825.4	811.44	244.32	1,055.76	30.11%	30.11%	30.11%
5	Small General Service - Choice Transportation	8,191,628	61,126,934.5	283,839,910.20	95,514,382.48	379,354,292.68	33.65%	31.38%	31.38%
6	Small General Service Schools - Choice Transportation	84	1,076.6	2,840.04	855.12	3,695.16	30.11%	30.11%	30.11%
7	Small General Service - Transportation Service	1,023	24,340.4	35,446.95	11,928.18	47,375.13	33.65%	31.38%	31.38%
8	Small General Service Schools - Transportation Service	3,474	80,567.0	117,455.94	35,365.32	152,821.26	30.11%	30.11%	30.11%
9	General Service - DSS	5,942	2,006,930.1	12,361,296.48	370,142.61	12,731,439.09	2.99%	11.71%	11.71%
10	General Service Schools - DSS	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	10.91%	10.91%
11	General Service - SCO	50,999	5,839,963.4	15,499,720.45	2,043,664.16	17,543,384.61	13.19%	11.71%	11.71%
12	General Service Schools - SCO	139	26,303.0	51,480.50	5,513.36	56,993.86	10.71%	10.71%	10.71%
13	General Service - Choice Transportation	154,047	19,928,388.6	49,302,292.81	6,481,485.02	55,783,777.83	13.15%	11.71%	11.71%
14	General Service Schools - Choice Transportation	206	42,067.3	78,800.72	8,450.77	87,251.49	10.72%	10.91%	10.91%
15	General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			140,371.21	0.00	140,371.21	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
16	General Service - Transportation Service	21,660	22,729,017.8	26,426,201.42	3,236,206.40	29,662,407.82	12.25%	11.71%	11.71%
17	General Service Schools - Transportation Service	13,619	3,853,908.2	6,206,525.90	677,475.75	6,884,001.65	10.92%	10.91%	10.91%
18	General Service - Transportation Service Flex			2,558,857.84	0.00	2,558,857.84	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
19	Large General Service - DSS	106	496,509.4	2,980,272.22	158,749.55	3,139,021.77	5.33%	24.51%	24.51%
20	Large General Service - SCO	23	88,682.7	143,320.53	32,846.87	176,167.40	22.92%	24.51%	24.51%
21	Large General Service - Choice Transportation	36	202,099.1	237,952.31	61,165.92	299,118.23	25.71%	24.51%	24.51%
22	Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
23	Large General Service - Transportation Service	2,702	21,417,337.4	19,195,328.74	5,535,097.57	24,730,426.31	28.84%	24.51%	24.51%
24	Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex			15,117,558.74	0.00	15,117,558.74	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
25	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
26	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
27	Large General Service - Wholesale DSS	12	244,064.7	1,249,055.14	44,730.49	1,293,785.63	3.58%	24.51%	24.51%
28	Large General Service - Transportation Service - Schools	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
29	Cooperative Service	263	330,507.7	290,548.54	37,068.76	327,617.30	12.76%	12.76%	12.71%
30	Cooperative Service CoOpt-Choice Industrial Flex			998.45	0.00	998.45	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
31	Other Gas Department Revenue			20,096,079.06	0.00	20,096,079.06	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
32	Total Revenues	17,643,918	258,444,091.7	817,962,322.91	221,424,081.08	1,039,386,403.99	27.07%	27.07%	27.75%
33	Base Rate Revenue Only			0		(0)			
34	Small General Service - DSS	1,553,868	9,343,962.3	26,027,289.00	45,932,338.08	71,959,627.08	176.48%	176.48%	176.48%
35	Small General Service - SCO	7,642,322	49,272,853.4	128,008,893.50	225,907,038.32	353,915,931.82	176.48%	176.48%	176.48%
36	Small General Service Schools - SCO	24	825.4	381.84	673.92	1,055.76	176.49%	176.49%	176.49%
37	Small General Service - Choice Transportation	8,191,628	61,126,934.5	137,209,769.00	242,144,523.68	379,354,292.68	176.48%	176.48%	176.48%
38	Small General Service Schools - Choice Transportation	84	1,076.6	1,336.44	2,358.72	3,695.16	176.49%	176.49%	176.49%
39	Small General Service - Transportation Service	1,023	24,340.4	17,135.25	30,239.88	47,375.13	176.48%	176.48%	176.48%
40	Small General Service Schools - Transportation Service	3,474	80,567.0	55,271.34	97,549.92	152,821.26	176.49%	176.49%	176.49%
41	General Service - DSS	5,942	2,006,930.1	2,154,442.38	1,272,065.99	3,426,508.37	59.04%	78.99%	78.99%
42	General Service Schools - DSS	0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	65.49%	65.49%
43	General Service - SCO	50,999	5,839,963.4	7,867,210.11	9,676,174.50	17,543,384.61	122.99%	78.99%	78.99%
44	General Service Schools - SCO	139	26,303.0	30,677.76	26,316.10	56,993.86	85.78%	65.49%	65.49%
45	General Service - Choice Transportation	154,047	19,928,388.6	26,427,618.79	29,536,159.04	55,973,777.83	112.53%	78.99%	78.99%
46	General Service Schools - Choice Transportation	206	42,067.3	47,970.76	39,280.73	87,251.49	81.88%	65.49%	65.49%
47	General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			135,208.09	0.00	135,208.09	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
48	General Service - Transportation Service	21,660	22,729,017.8	23,184,565.82	6,477,842.00	29,662,407.82	27.94%	78.99%	78.99%
49	General Service Schools - Transportation Service	13,619	3,853,908.2	4,168,306.36	2,715,695.29	6,884,001.65	65.15%	65.49%	65.49%
50	General Service - Transportation Service Flex			2,500,342.48	0.00	2,500,342.48	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

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		(Schedule E-4)	MCF (Schedule E-4)	\$ (Schedule E-4)	\$	(Schedule E-4)	%	%
1	Large General Service - DSS	106	496,509.4	203,854.14	633,151.44	837,005.58	310.59%	246.27%
2	Large General Service - SCO	23	88,682.7	41,062.99	135,104.41	176,167.40	329.02%	246.27%
3	Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex	36	202,099.1	77,897.03	221,221.20	299,118.23	283.99%	246.27%
4	Large General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
5	Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex	2,702	21,417,337.4	7,182,290.78	17,548,135.53	24,730,426.31	244.33%	246.27%
6	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line			12,982,444.22	0.00	12,982,444.22	0.00%	0.00%
7	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line Flex	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
8	Large General Service - Wholesale - DSS	12	244,064.7	62,584.18	99,619.86	162,204.04	159.18%	246.27%
9	Large General Service - Transportation Service - Schools	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	246.27%
10	Cooperative Service	263	330,507.7	290,548.54	37,068.76	327,617.30	12.76%	12.76%
11	Cooperative Service CoOpt-Choice Industrial Flex			998.45	0.00	998.45	0.00%	0.00%
12	Total Base Revenue	17,643,918	258,444,091.7	378,498,099.25	582,532,557.37	961,030,656.62	153.91%	153.91%
Infrastructure Replacement Plan Rider								
14	Small General Service - DSS			18,615.338.64	(18,615.338.64)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
15	Small General Service - SCO			91,555.017.56	(91,555.017.56)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
16	Small General Service - Choice Transportation			287.52	(287.52)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
17	Small General Service - Schools - SCO			98,135,703.44	(98,135,703.44)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
18	Small General Service - Choice Transportation			1,006.32	(1,006.32)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
19	Small General Service - Transportation Service			12,255.54	(12,255.54)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
20	Small General Service - Transportation Service			41,618.52	(41,618.52)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
21	Small General Service - Schools - Transportation Service			642,805.56	(642,805.56)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
22	General Service - DSS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
23	General Service - Schools - DSS			5,517,071.82	(5,517,071.82)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
24	General Service - SCO			15,037.02	(15,037.02)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
25	General Service - Schools - SCO			16,664,804.46	(16,664,804.46)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
26	General Service - Choice Transportation			22,285.08	(22,285.08)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
27	General Service - Choice Transportation			3,894.48	0.00	3,894.48	0.00%	0.00%
28	General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			2,343,178.80	(2,343,178.80)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
29	General Service - Transportation Service			1,473,303.42	(1,473,303.42)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
30	General Service - Schools - Transportation Service			44,137.44	0.00	44,137.44	0.00%	0.00%
31	General Service - Transportation Service Flex			364,653.78	(364,653.78)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
32	Large General Service - DSS			79,122.99	(79,122.99)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
33	Large General Service - SCO			123,844.68	(123,844.68)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
34	Large General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
35	Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			9,295,231.26	(9,295,231.26)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
36	Large General Service - Transportation Service			1,251,428.40	0.00	1,251,428.40	0.00%	0.00%
37	Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
38	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
39	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line Flex			41,281.56	(41,281.56)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
40	Large General Service - Wholesale - DSS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
41	Large General Service - Transportation Service - Schools			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
42	Cooperative Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
43	Cooperative Service CoOpt-Choice Industrial Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
44	Total Infrastructure Replacement Plan			246,243,308.29	(244,943,847.97)	1,299,460.32	-99.47%	-99.47%

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1	Capital Expenditure Program Rider							
2	Small General Service - DSS			9,198,898.56	(9,198,898.56)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
3	Small General Service - SCO			45,242,546.24	(45,242,546.24)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
4	Small General Service Schools - SCO			142.08	(142.08)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
5	Small General Service - Choice Transportation			48,494,437.76	(48,494,437.76)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
6	Small General Service Schools - Choice Transportation			497.28	(497.28)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
7	Small General Service - Transportation Service			6,056.16	(6,056.16)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
8	Small General Service Schools - Transportation Service			20,566.08	(20,566.08)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
9	General Service - DSS			246,474.16	(246,474.16)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
10	General Service Schools - DSS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
11	General Service - SCO			2,115,438.52	(2,115,438.52)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
12	General Service Schools - SCO			5,765.72	(5,765.72)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
13	General Service - Choice Transportation			6,389,869.56	(6,389,869.56)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
14	General Service Schools - Choice Transportation			8,544.88	(8,544.88)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
15	General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			1,268.64	0.00	1,268.64	0.00%	0.00%
16	General Service - Transportation Service			898,456.80	(898,456.80)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
17	General Service Schools - Transportation Service			564,916.12	(564,916.12)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
18	General Service - Transportation Service Flex			14,377.92	0.00	14,377.92	0.00%	0.00%
19	Large General Service - DSS			106,620.10	(106,620.10)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
20	Large General Service - SCO			23,134.55	(23,134.55)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
21	Large General Service - Choice Transportation			36,210.60	(36,210.60)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
22	Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
23	Large General Service - Transportation Service			2,717,806.70	(2,717,806.70)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
24	Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex			883,686.12	0.00	883,686.12	0.00%	0.00%
25	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
26	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
27	Large General Service Wholesale - DSS			12,070.20	(12,070.20)	0.00	-100.00%	-100.00%
28	Large General Service - Transportation Service - Schools			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-100.00%
29	Cooperative Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
30	Cooperative Service CoOpt-Choice Industrial Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
31	Total Capital Expenditure Program Rider			116,987,784.75	(116,088,452.07)	899,332.68	-99.23%	-99.23%

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1	Regulatory Assessment Rider							
2	Small General Service - DSS			165,388.14	(58,866.97)	106,521.17	-35.59%	-35.59%
3	Small General Service - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
4	Small General Service Schools - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
5	Small General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
6	Small General Service Schools - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
7	Small General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
8	Small General Service Schools - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
9	General Service - DSS			35,522.67	(12,643.66)	22,879.01	-35.59%	-35.59%
10	General Service Schools - DSS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
11	General Service - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
12	General Service Schools - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
13	General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
14	General Service Schools - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
15	General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
16	General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
17	General Service Schools - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
18	General Service - Transportation Service Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
19	Large General Service - DSS			8,788.22	(3,128.01)	5,660.21	-35.59%	-35.59%
20	Large General Service - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
21	Large General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
22	Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
23	Large General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
24	Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
25	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	-35.59%
26	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
27	Large General Service Wholesale - DSS			4,319.95	(1,537.61)	2,782.34	-35.59%	-35.59%
28	Cooperative Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
29	Cooperative Service CoOpt-Choice Industrial Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
30	Total Regulatory Assessment Rider			214,018.98	(76,176.25)	137,842.73	-35.59%	-35.59%

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1	Gas Cost Recovery							
2	Small General Service - DSS			43,215,825.64	0.00	43,215,825.64	0.00%	0.00%
3	Small General Service - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
4	Small General Service Schools - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
5	Small General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
6	Small General Service Schools - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
7	Small General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
8	Small General Service Schools - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
9	General Service - DSS			9,282,051.71	0.00	9,282,051.71	0.00%	0.00%
10	General Service Schools - DSS			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
11	General Service - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
12	General Service Schools - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
13	General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
14	General Service Schools - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
15	General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
16	General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
17	General Service Schools - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
18	General Service - Transportation Service Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
19	Large General Service - DSS			2,296,355.98	0.00	2,296,355.98	0.00%	0.00%
20	Large General Service - SCO			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
21	Large General Service - Choice Transportation			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
22	Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
23	Large General Service - Transportation Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
24	Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
25	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
26	Large General Service - Transportation Service Main Line Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
27	Large General Service - Transportation Service - Schools			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
28	Large General Service - Wholesale - DSS			1,128,799.25	0.00	1,128,799.25	0.00%	0.00%
29	Cooperative Service			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
30	Cooperative Service CoOpt-Choice Industrial Flex			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00%
31	Total Gas Cost Recovery Rider			55,923,032.58	0.00	55,923,032.58	0.00%	0.00%
				(\$797,866,243.85)	(\$0.00)	(\$1,019,290,324.93)		

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Line No.	Description	Total (1)	SGS/SGTS FRSGTS (2)	GS/GTS FRGTS (3)	LG/SGTS FRLGTS (3)	LGTS-MIL (4)	FRCTS (5)
1	Determination of Revenue Distribution						
2	Rate Base (Schedule B-1 and E-3 2-1)	\$3,560,230,629.60	\$3,114,920,184.29	\$305,536,572.94	\$138,439,788.07	\$0.00	\$1,334,084.30
3	Unified Return @ Current Rates (Schedule E-3 2-1)	1,000	0.32875	6.54290	3.85332	0.00000	2.73107
4	Proposed Unitized Return	1,000	0.77780	2.87000	1.86860	0.00000	1.29820
5	Change in Unitized Return	0.000	0.449	(3.673)	(1.985)	0.000	(1.433)
6	Rate of Return Requested	7.850%	6.106%	22.530%	14.669%	0.000%	10.191%
7	Net Operating Income @ Requested Return (Schedule A and E-3 2-1)	\$279,478,104.00	\$190,197,026.00	\$68,837,390.00	\$20,307,733.00	\$0.00	\$135,957.00
8	Net Operating Income @ Current Rates (Schedule E-3 2-1)	\$104,553,081.63	\$30,072,943.83	\$58,707,276.14	\$15,665,864.05	\$0.00	\$106,997.61
9	Income Deficiency (Line 8 - Line 9)	\$174,925,022.37	\$160,124,082.17	\$10,130,113.86	\$4,641,868.95	\$0.00	\$28,959.39
10	Gross Conversion Factor	1.265822785	1.265822785	1.265822785	1.265822785	1.265822785	1.265822785
11	Revenue Required Increase (Schedule C-1)	221,424,081.47	202,688,711.60	12,822,928.93	5,875,783.48	0.00	36,657.46
12	Percent Distribution to Rate Classes	100.00%	91.54%	5.79%	2.65%	0.00%	0.02%
13	Proposed Rate Increase by Rate Class						
14	Regulatory Assessment Rider @ Current Rates	214,018.98	165,388.14	35,522.67	13,108.17	0.00	0.00
15	Regulatory Assessment Rider Change	(75,596.71)	(58,866.97)	(12,643.67)	(4,665.63)	0.00	0.00
16	Regulatory Assessment Rider @ Proposed Rates	138,422.27	106,521.17	22,879.00	8,442.54	0.00	0.00
17	Regulatory Assessment Rider Volumes (Mcf)	12,091,466.5	9,343,962.3	2,006,930.1	740,574.1	0.0	0.0
18	Proposed Regulatory Assessment Rider Rate \$/(Mcf)	0.0114					
19	Less: Proposed Change to Regulatory Assessment Rider	(76,176.27)	(58,866.97)	(12,643.67)	(4,665.63)	0.00	0.00
20	Less: Proposed Change to Other Gas Department Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
21	Proposed Base Revenue Increase	221,500,257.74	202,747,578.57	12,835,572.60	5,880,449.11	0.00	36,657.46
22	Percent Distribution to Rate Classes	100.00%	91.54%	5.79%	2.65%	0.00%	0.02%
23	Current Rate Revenue (Incl. RAR Change)	\$797,866,243.85	646,025,661.85	112,625,547.33	38,923,487.68	0.00	291,546.99
24	Current Percent Distribution of Rate Classes	100.00%	80.97%	14.12%	4.88%	0.00%	0.04%
25	Proposed Rate Revenue (Incl. RAR Change)	\$1,019,290,325.32	848,714,373.45	125,448,476.26	44,799,271.16	0.00	328,204.45
26	Proposed Percent Distribution of Rate Classes	100.00%	83.27%	12.31%	4.40%	0.00%	0.03%
27							

Line No.	Bills	MCF	Proposed Rate \$	Proposed Revenue \$	Current Revenue \$	Percent of Current Revenue %	Current Rate \$	Proposed Inc. (Dec.) \$
1	Small General Service Rate Design (SGS, FRSGTS, SGTIS)							
2	Total Revenue @ Current Rates			646,025,661.85				
3	Less: Gas Cost Recovery			43,215,825.64				
4	Less: Regulatory Assessment Rider			165,388.14				
5	Plus: Proposed Increase to Base Rates			202,747,578.57				
6	Proposed Base Revenue			805,392,026.64				
7	Less: Fixed Monthly Delivery Charge Revenue - Schools	3,582	43.99	157,572.18	56,989.62		15.91	100,582.56
8	Less: Fixed Monthly Delivery Charge Revenue - All other	17,388,841	46.31	805,277,226.71	291,263,086.75		16.75	514,014,139.96
9	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue			(42,772.25) (rounding)				
10	All Gas Consumed Schools (Schedule E-4.1)	82,469.0	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.0000	0.00
11	All Gas Consumed (Schedule E-4.1)	119,768,090.6	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.0000	0.00
12	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue			0.00	0.00	0.00%		
13	Total Base Revenue Charge Increase							514,114,722.52
14	Total Infrastructure Replacement Plan Decrease							(208,361,227.54)
15	Total Capital Expenditure Program Rider Decrease							(102,963,144.16)
16	Total Change in SGS Revenue							202,790,350.82

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1	General Service Rate Design (GS, FRGTS, GTS)							
2	Total Revenue @ Current Rates			112,625,547.33				
3	Less: Gas Cost Recovery			9,282,051.71				
4	Less: Regulatory Assessment Rider			35,522.67				
5	Plus: Proposed Increase to Base Rates			12,835,572.60				
6	Proposed Base Revenue			116,143,545.55				
7	Less: General Service - Choice Transportation Flex Base Revenue			135,208.09				\$ 47,467,242
8	Less: General Service - Transportation Service Flex Base Revenue			2,500,342.48				\$ 193.02
9	Less: General Service - Choice Transportation Service Flex IRP Revenue			3,894.48				
10	Less: General Service - Transportation Service Flex IRP Revenue			44,137.44				
11	Less: General Service - Choice Transportation Flex CEP Revenue			1,268.64				
12	Less: General Service - Transportation Service Flex CEP Revenue			14,377.92				
13	Net Proposed Base Revenue			113,444,316.50				
14	Less: Customer Charge Revenue - Schools	13,964		2,573,565.20	280,676.40		20.10	2,292,888.80
15	Less: Customer Charge Revenue - All other non-flex	232,648		45,133,712.00	4,922,831.68		21.16	40,210,880.32
16	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue			65,737,039.30				
17	First 25 Mcf Schools (Schedule E-4 1)	298,913.0	1,7450	521,606.17	458,921.13	11.57%	1,5353	62,685.04
18	Next 75 Mcf Schools (Schedule E-4 1)	686,806.2	1,3127	901,577.37	797,794.08	20.11%	1,1616	103,783.29
19	Over 100 Mcf Schools (Schedule E-4 1)	2,936,559.3	1,0323	3,031,498.26	2,709,563.27	68.32%	0.9227	321,934.99
20	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue - Schools			4,454,681.80	3,966,278.48	100.00%		488,403.32
21	First 25 Mcf (Schedule E-4 1)	4,684,260.5	1,8369	8,604,297.91	7,570,233.40	13.88%	1,6161	1,034,064.51
22	Next 75 Mcf (Schedule E-4 1)	9,782,702.8	1,3818	13,517,761.90	11,961,310.71	21.93%	1,2227	1,556,451.19
23	Over 100 Mcf (Schedule E-4 1)	36,037,336.6	1,0867	39,160,306.81	34,999,461.31	64.18%	0.9712	4,160,845.50
24	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue - All Other			61,282,366.62	54,531,005.42	100.00%		6,751,361.20
25	Total Base Revenue Charge Increase			6,751,361.20				49,743,533.64
26	Total Infrastructure Replacement Plan Decrease			12.4%				(26,678,486.16)
27	Total Capital Expenditure Program Rider Decrease							(10,229,465.76)
28	Total Change in GS Revenue							12,835,581.72

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1	Large General Service Rate Design (LGS,FRL,GTS,LGTS)							
2	Total Revenue @ Current Rates			38,923,487.68				
3	Less: Gas Cost Recovery			3,425,155.23				
4	Less: Regulatory Assessment Rider			13,108.17				
5	Plus: Proposed Increase to Base Rates			5,880,449.11				
6	Proposed Base Revenue			41,365,673.39				
7	Less: Large General Service - Choice Transportation Flex Base Revenue			0.00				\$ 18,559,550
8	Less: Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex Base Revenue			12,982,444.22				\$ 6,446.53
9	Less: Large General Service - Choice Transportation Service Flex IRP Revenue			0.00				
10	Less: Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex IRP Revenue			1,251,428.40				
11	Less: Large General Service - Choice Transportation Service Flex CEP Revenue			0.00				
12	Less: Large General Service - Transportation Service Flex CEP Revenue			883,686.12				
13	Net Proposed Base Revenue			26,248,114.65				
14	Less: Customer Charge Revenue - Schools	0	5,282.00	0.00	0.00		0	0.00
15	Less: Customer Charge Revenue - All other non-flex	2,879	5,560.00	16,007,240.00	1,610,886.87	12.869	559.53	14,396,353.13
16	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue			10,240,874.65				
17	First 2,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	0.0	0.6284	0.00	0.00			0.00
18	Next 13,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	0.0	0.3861	0.00	0.00			0.00
19	Next 85,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	0.0	0.3349	0.00	0.00			0.00
20	Over 100,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	0.0	0.2648	0.00	0.00			0.00
21	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue - Schools			0.00				0.00
22	First 2,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	5,299,662.3	0.6615	3,505,726.61	2,048,319.48	34.39%	0.3865	1,457,407.13
23	Next 13,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	11,988,846.2	0.4064	4,872,842.82	2,841,356.55	47.70%	0.2370	2,031,486.27
24	Next 85,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	5,160,184.8	0.3525	1,819,112.14	1,067,126.22	17.91%	0.2068	751,985.92
25	Over 100,000 Mcf (Schedule E-4.1)	0.0	0.2787	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.1635	0.00
26	Net Volumetric Gas Revenue			10,197,681.57	5,956,802.25	100.00%		4,240,879.32
27	Total Base Revenue Charge Increase							18,637,232.45
28	Total Infrastructure Replacement Plan Decrease							(9,904,134.27)
29	Total Capital Expenditure Program Rider Decrease							(2,895,842.15)
30	Total Change in LGS Revenue							5,837,256.03

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Rate Class (1)	Customer Related Costs (1) (2)	Cost-Based SFV Charge (2) (3)	SFV Charge at Proposed Revenues (3) (4)	Current Monthly Charge (5)	Monthly Fixed Riders IRP Charge (6)	CEP Charge (7)	Current Monthly Fixed Charges (8)	Current Riders Plus Customer Related Costs (9)	Proposed Monthly Delivery Charge (10)	Percent Change (11)
SGS/SGTTS/FRSGTS	\$42.78	\$49.35	\$46.31	\$16.75	\$11.98	\$5.92	\$34.65	N/A	\$46.31	33.7%
GS/GTS/FRGTS	\$75.40	\$293.01	\$470.13	\$21.16	\$108.18	\$41.48	\$170.82	\$225.06	\$194.00	13.6%
LGS/LGTS/FRLGTS	\$718.77	\$7,835.07	\$10,022.78	\$559.53	\$3,440.13	\$1,005.85	\$5,005.51	\$5,164.75	\$5,560.00	11.1%
FRCTS	\$29.10	\$1,102.52	\$1,193.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29.10	\$30.00	N/A

(1) From Columbia's Cost of Service Study (see Schedule E-3.1, page 12 of 12, line 443)

(2) At an Equalized Rate of Return (Schedule E-3.2-1, page 3 of 4, line 59 divided by Schedule E-3.2-2, page 2 of 2, line 43)

(3) The SFV charge is lower/higher than the Cost-Based SFV Charge if the rate class receives/provides a current rate subsidy from/to the other rate classes (Schedule E-3.2-1, page 2 of 4, line 30 divided by Schedule E-3.2-2, page 2 of 2, line 43)

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