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March 28, 2008

RE: APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY TO FILE

DEPRECIATION STUDY CASE NO. 2007-00565

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing the original and seven (7) copies of the Response of Kentucky Utilities Company to the First Data Request of Commission Staff dated February 18, 2008, in the above-referenced matter.

The Verification Page for John J. Spanos will be filed the week of March 31-April 4, 2008 on his return to the office.

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Conroy

**Enclosures** 

cc: Parties of Record

# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY ) CASE NO. TO FILE DEPRECIATION STUDY ) 2007-00565

RESPONSE OF
KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY
TO THE
FIRST DATA REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF
DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2008

**FILED: MARCH 28, 2008** 

#### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF KENTUCKY ) SS: COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )

The undersigned, **Robert M. Conroy**, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the Director, Rates for E.ON U.S. Services Inc., that he has personal knowledge of the matters set forth in the responses for which he is identified as the witness, and the answers contained therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

ROBERT M. CONROY

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public in and before said County and State, this Alexandra day of March, 2008.

Victoria B. Harper (SEAL) Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

Sept 20,2010

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# Response to the First Data Request of Commission Staff Dated February 18, 2008

Case No. 2007-00565

#### Question No. 1

Witness: Robert M. Conroy

- Q-1. Refer to the Application, page 3, paragraph 7.
  - a. In preparing this Application, did KU review pages 9 and 10 and 24 through 30 of the Commission's June 30, 2004 Order in Case No. 2003-00434?
  - b. Explain why the narrative in paragraph 7 implies the depreciation issue in the last general rate case was resolved by Article III, Section 3.3 of the "Partial Settlement Agreement, Stipulation and Recommendation."

#### A-1. a. Yes.

b. The Company did not intend to imply that the depreciation issue was resolved by the Partial Settlement and Stipulation. The Company acknowledges that the Partial Settlement and Stipulation was non-unanimous regarding depreciation rates and the Commission's June 30, 2004 Order rejected the depreciation studies submitted in Case No. 2003-00434 and accepted the Company's settlement agreement proposal to file a new depreciation study in its next general rate case or June 30, 2007, whichever occurred earlier. On July 27, 2006, the Commission issued an Order approving the Company's requested time extension to file the new depreciation study by December 31, 2007 in Case No. 2006-00283. As a result of the Commission rejecting the depreciation studies, the Company's depreciation rates remained the same as those established in Case No. 2001-00140.

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Question No. 2

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-2. KU's last depreciation study was prepared utilizing the Straight Line Method, the Broad Group Procedure, and the Average Remaining Life Technique. Compare and contrast this approach with the approach utilized in the depreciation study submitted in this proceeding.
- A-2. The approach utilized in this study is Straight Line Method, Equal Life Group and the Remaining Life Technique. Therefore, the depreciation procedure is the only difference in method and procedures of the overall manner in which the depreciation rates are calculated.

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Question No. 3

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-3. In its June 30, 2004 Order in Case No. 2004-00434, the Commission rejected KU's depreciation study because of concerns over the inclusion of an inflation adjustment for the removal costs. Explain in detail how the new depreciation study addresses this issue.
- A-3. The determination of the net salvage component of the depreciation rate is the same as almost all other utilities in the United States and Canada, including other utilities in Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee and Indiana. The net salvage component is based on historical indications of the full service value of each asset class. The net salvage component is the last transaction cost of the asset when it is taken out of service, therefore, this cost occurs at a date later than when the asset was originally placed in service.

Consequently, this traditional depreciation study does not make any inflation adjustments for removal costs, just the assumptions that the past is a relatively good indicator of the future.

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#### **Question No. 4**

Witness: Robert M. Conroy

- Q-4. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Robert M. Conroy, page 3. Mr. Conroy states, "Therefore, KU respectfully requests the Commission to defer review of the depreciation rates recommended in the study and to approve revised depreciation rates for accounting and ratemaking purposes concurrent with KU's next change in base rates pursuant to a Commission Order in a base rate proceeding filed by KU."
  - a. Explain why KU is requesting that the Commission defer the review of the depreciation rates recommended in the study.
  - b. When does KU propose the review of the depreciation rates recommended in the study be undertaken?
- A-4. a. The Company is requesting the Commission to defer the review of the proposed depreciation rates in order to match the change in depreciation rates with a change in base rates and to obtain administrative efficiencies with a single proceeding addressing all impacts of a change in depreciation rates. The Company believes that depreciation rates along with other base rate items that are affected by depreciation rates should be addressed in a single and comprehensive proceeding.
  - b. KU proposes to review the depreciation rates recommended in the study during the Company's next general rate case proceeding which the Company indicated it anticipates filing during 2008.

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#### Question No. 5

Witness: Robert M. Conroy

- Q-5. Concerning the depreciation study and proposed depreciation rates:
  - a. Explain whether the study and proposed rates apply only to KU's Kentucky jurisdictional operations or to KU's total operations.
  - b. If the study and proposed rates apply to total operations, has KU sought approval of the proposed rates in the other applicable jurisdictions? Explain the response.
- A-5. a. The depreciation study is related to KU total electric plant as of December 31, 2006.
  - b. On December 28, 2007, KU filed the depreciation study with the Virginia State Corporation Commission Division of Public Accounting and Division of Energy Regulation. The filing consisted of the attached transmittal and attachment in addition to the KU depreciation study (Exhibit JJS-KU from the December 28, 2007, Kentucky Commission filing).

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Mr. Ronald A. Gibson, Director Division of Public Utility Accounting State Corporation Commission P.O. Box 1197 Richmond, Virginia 23218

December 28, 2007

**RE:** Depreciation Study

Dear Mr. Gibson:

Kentucky Utilities Company (KU) recently completed a Depreciation Study of its property as of December 31, 2006. Enclosed for filing are five copies of the November 2007 report prepared by Gannett Fleming, Inc. which is being filed concurrently in Kentucky.

The prior depreciation study was performed for KU property as of December 31, 1999. Attached is a comparison of the annual depreciation accruals for Virginia property reflecting the current rates from the December 1999 study and the recommended rates from the December 2006 study.

The implementation of the depreciation rates is contingent upon review and acceptance from the Kentucky and Virginia Commissions.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely.

Lonnie E. Bellar

cc: Mr. William F. Stephens

Mr. Richard D. Gary

#### Kentucky Utilities Company - Virginia Comparison of Current to Recommended Depreciation Rates Plant in Service as of December 31, 2008

Page 1 of 1

Account		Original Cost	Cun	rent Rates Annual	Prope	osed Rates Annual	Increase or
No.	Description	12/31/2008	Rate	Accrual	Rate	Accrual	(Decrease)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(6)	(f)	(g)	(h)
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	TRANSMISSION PLANT						
350.10	Land Rights	1,782,031	1.34%	23,879	1.12%	19,959	(3,920)
352.10	Struct, and Impr. Non Sys Control	1,050,162	2.65%	27,829	1.75%	18,378	(9,451)
353.10	Station Equipment	14,387,238	2.21%	317,958	2.46%	353,926	35,988
354.00	Towers & Fodures	6,739,098	2.84%	191,390	1.30%	87,608	(103,782)
355.00	Poles & Fixtures	6,271,798	4.03%	252,753	2.91%	182,509	(70,244)
356.00	Overhead Conductors & Devices	12,435,219	3.25%	404,145	2.05%	254,922	(149,223)
	Total Transmission Plant	42,665,542	•	1,217,955	-	917,302	(300,653)
	DISTRIBUTION PLANT						
380 10	Land Rights	82,622	1.14%	942	0.70%	5 <b>78</b>	(364)
361.00	Structures and Improvements	375,228	1.89%	7.092	2.00%	7,505	413
362.00	Station Equipment	6.384,100	2.24%	143,004	2.82%	180.032	37.028
384.00		14,540,258	3.52%	511,817	3.25%	472,558	(39,259)
385.00	Overhead Conductors and Devices	13,060,926	3,02%	394,440	4.23%	552,477	158,037
387.00	Underground Conductors & Devices	689,002	3.29%	22,010	2.88%	19,133	(2,877)
388.00	Line Transformers	12,490,621	2.41%	301,024	3.83%	478,391	177,387
369.00	Services	5,091,007	3.75%	190,913	2.57%	130,839	(60,074)
370.00	Meters	3,816,919	2.79%	100,912	2.79%	100,912	` ` <u>.</u>
371.00	installations on Customer Premises	867,569	6.27%	54,397	3.05%	26,481	(27,936)
373.00	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	1,315,609	3.85%	50,651	3.16%	41,573	(9,078)
	Total Distribution Plant	58,493,862	-	1,777,201	-	2,010,459	233,258
	GENERAL PLANT						
390.10	Structures & Improvements	643,849	1.78%	11,332	2.30%	14,809	3,477
390.20	Improvements to Leased Property	40.884	1.76%	720	2.04%	834	114
391.10	Office Furniture & Equipment	13,043	5.82%	759	4.19%	548	(213)
393.00	Stores Equipment	8,103	2.87%	233	5.25%	425	193
394.00	Tool, Shop & Garage Equipment	282,594	2.74%	7.743	4.75%	13.423	5.680
395.00	Laboratory Equipment	35,772	3.16%	1,130	27.42%	9,809	8,678
397.10	Communication Equipment - Carrier	118,974	3.55%	4,153	7.13%	8,340	4,188
397.20	Communication Equip Remote Control	160,273	3.55%	5,690	7.95%	12,742	7.052
397.30	Communication Equipment - Mobile	277.433	3.55%	9,849	7.30%	20,253	10,404
398.00	Misc Equipment	9,129	5.19%	474	20.54%	1,875	1,401
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	Total General Plant	1,588,053		42,081		83,056	40,975
	Total Plant in Service	102,747,457	-	3,037,237	-	3,010,818	(26,420)
	NONDEPRECIABLE PLANT						
301.00	Organization	5,339					
	Land	68,168					
	Land	96,439					
	Land	91,571					
	Total Nondepreciable Plant	261,517					
392.00	ACCOUNTS NOT STUDIED Transportation Equipment	1,315,837					
	Total Electric Plant	104,324,812					

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#### Question No. 6

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-6. Refer to the Direct Testimony of John J. Spanos ("Spanos Testimony"), page 12.
  - a. Describe the basic differences between the average service life procedure and the equal life group procedure.
  - b. Provide the basis for the conclusion that the equal life group procedure reflects a more appropriate matching of capital recovery to asset utilization.
- A-6. a. The basic differences between the average service life procedure and the equal life group procedure are the matching principle of recovery to useful life and the advanced calculations for ELG to achieve a more appropriate depreciation rate.
  - b. I will use a simple two-unit basis for my conclusion as to why the equal life group ("ELG") procedure reflects a more appropriate matching of capital recovery to asset utilization. The example excludes net salvage. Each unit costs \$1,000, Unit A is in service for 5 years and Unit B is in service for 15 years. Therefore, using the average service life procedure, the service life is 10 years ((5+15)/2), and the accrual rate is 10%. With two units of \$1,000 each, the annual expense is \$200 (\$2,000 x 10%). At the end of the 5th year, the accumulated annual provision is \$1,000 (\$200 x 5) minus \$1,000 (Unit A retired value) for a total accumulated depreciation of 0. Thus, Unit B is the only plant surviving after the fifth year and has one-third of its life expectancy gone, but the net book value is still \$1,000 (plant minus accumulated depreciation). This does not properly match recovery to asset utilization.

I will use the same two-unit example to set forth the equal life group recovery procedure. Unit A has a 5-year service life; therefore, annual expense is \$200 (\$1,000/5). Unit B has a 15-year service life; therefore, annual expense is \$66.67 (\$1,000/15). At the end of the fifth year, the cumulative annual provision of the two units is \$1,334 (\$1,000 Unit A and \$334 Unit B). The retirement of Unit A is \$1,000 so accumulated depreciation is \$334 (\$1,334 - \$1,000). Thus, after 5 years, Unit B has experienced one-third of its life

expectancy and recovery of the \$1,000 asset is one-third accumulated. Consequently, the Equal Life Group procedure does a better job of matching recovery to asset utilization for both Unit A and Unit B.



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Question No. 7

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-7. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU, page II-37. Explain how the amortization periods shown on this page were determined. Include any analyses that were based upon KU's historic experience for any of the listed accounts.
- A-7. The determination of the amortization periods for the accounts shown on page II-37 of Exhibit JJS-KU were not specifically based on the historic data of KU. The use of amortization accounting is different than past depreciation methods of dispersion, as amortization is designed to eliminate the need to track all the small units in each account. The difficulty in tracking these small units skews the historical life results.

Therefore, amortization periods are determined based on the most reasonable estimate of useful life for each asset class. For example, the most reasonable useful life for a computer is 5 years. The amortization periods for KU are ultimately based on a combination of comparable amortization periods of other utilities and the Company's expectation or plans for the useful life of the asset class. This methodology is utilized by almost all utilities across the United States and Canada.

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#### **Question No. 8**

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-8. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU, pages III-4 through III-10. Prepare an analysis of the depreciation information as outlined below. The analysis should be at the same level of detail as shown on pages III-4 through III-10. The depreciation information should be organized in the following manner:
  - a. Column 1 Account.
  - b. Column 2 Book Depreciation Reserve.
  - c. Column 3 Future Accruals.
  - d. Column 4 Total Book Depreciation Reserve and Future Accruals, Column 2 plus Column 3.
  - e. Column 5 Original Cost.
  - f. Column 6 Difference Depreciation vs. Original Cost, Column 4 minus Column 5.
  - g. Column 7 Percentage Difference, Column 6 divided by Column 5, carry to two decimal places.

For each account where the Percentage Difference calculated in Column 7 is greater than 10 percent, explain in detail why the results are reasonable and why depreciation rates should be established to generate the proposed levels of Future Accruals.

A-8. The attached schedule sets forth the requested information. With the exception of one amount in Account 316, which is explained in response to Staff-14, and a few amounts that have rounding differences, the percentage differences in Column 7 is the net salvage percent. The definition of future accruals is the summation of the Original Cost times one minus the net salvage percent minus the book reserve. As an example, the net salvage percent for Account 311 is negative 5 percent.

Because depreciation is recovery of service value, which includes cost of removal and gross salvage, not original cost, then the full service value is Original Cost times (1-(-.05)) or 1.05. If one were to multiply the original cost in Account 311 of Ghent Unit 3 by the appropriate factor (1.05), then one would get the appropriate amount of recovery through depreciation of \$45,427,268 (\$43,264,065 x 1.05). Consequently, the appropriate future accrual for Account 311, Ghent Unit 3 is \$45,427,268 minus \$30,879,487 (book reserve) or \$14,597,781. There is a slight rounding difference from the future accruals shown on page III-4 of Exhibit JJS-KU.

In summary, the presentation of the attached schedule does not properly reflect Column 4 due to net salvage, so the explanation of the difference for all accounts is the net salvage component.

KENTUCKY UTILITIES

COMPARISON OF FUTURE ACCRUAL PERCENTAGE AS DETERMINED BY KENTUCKY COMMISSION STAFF

PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)		6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00 6.00	20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00 20.00
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)		272,366.96 29,704.88 140,937.56 223,769.36 129,829.94 214,723.40 77,136.15 623,339.05 1,214,938.00 858,725.50 868,722,45 2,163,204.64 1,133,739.08	40,286.00 7,930,794.37 2,415,601.33 706,324.74 2,239,052.23 4,730,591.18 7,109,237.72 5,832,390.23 15,931,094,36 55,950.63 17,304,061.80 32,525,362.92 17,304,061.80 32,525,362.92 17,304,064.92 49,583,235.83 (1,529,446,00)
ORIGINAL COST (5)		5,447,348.04 594,089.12 2,818,747,44 4,475,383.64 2,596,589.06 4,294,488.60 1,2466,74.95 24,298,766.00 17,160,534.10 16,175,819.55 43,264,065.36 22,674,788.92 805,717.00	805,777.00 158,615,785.63 12,078,002.67 3,531,623.26 11,195,261.77 23,652,944.82 39,431.39 35,546,187.28 29,161,949.77 79,655,480.64 279,751.37 86,520,258.20 162,626,761.08 89,742,087.02 244,747,430.08 247,716,189.17 7,647,232.00
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)		5,719,715 673,794 2,959,685 4,699,153 2,726,419 4,509,212 1,619,840 13,090,114 25,513,694 18,018,561 16,984,612 45,427,270 23,808,508 846,003	846,003 166,546,580 14,493,604 4,237,948 13,434,314 28,383,568 479,319 42,656,425 34,994,340 95,586,575 335,702 103,824,340 105,152,114 107,690,505 229,896,915 227,898,915 6,117,786 1,238,581,818
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)		0 0 0 0 0 18,776 1,317,416 12,605,422 1,324,798 1,662,345 14,547,783 9,111,555 356,515	356,516 41,434,461 5,770,617 0 4,205,028 11,826,097 111,274 20,036,088 16,611,296 42,118,379 0 63,857,475 118,529,880 40,959,059 173,052,678 187,996,162 1,395,263
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)		5,719,715 623,794 2,959,685 4,699,153 2,726,419 4,019,371 1,601,064 11,772,698 12,908,242 16,693,763 16,532,267 30,879,487 14,696,973 489,488	489,488 125,112,119 8,722,987 4,237,948 9,229,286 16,557,439 368,045 22,619,327 18,385,045 23,468,196 33,468,196 33,468,196 33,468,196 39,966,835 76,622,234 66,731,446 120,644,237 109,503,263 4,122,533 4,122,533
ACCOUNT (1)	DEPRECIABLE PLANT STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT	ω, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	F 8
		311.00	312.00

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COMPARISON OF FUTURE ACCRUAL PERCENTAGE AS DETERMINED BY KENTUCKY COMMISSION STAFF

	PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)	15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 15.00 16.00 15.00 15.00 15.00	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION	VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)	623.164.25 238,804.00 632,220.22 1,500,812.28 749,673.55 1,631,141.04 4,147,856.88 1,00 3,836,593.00 4,431,999.14 5,913,739.27 7,760,432.89	28,537.00 41,401.00 37,063.11 57,261.62 166,462.35 49,893.95 257,254.86 257,254.86 256,00 150,839.00 382,051.10 539,298.00 1,288,061.00 1,288,061.00 1,288,061.00	(0.25) (0.15) (0.179) (0.779) (0.0777) (0.00
	ORIGINAL COST (5)	4,154,426.75 1,592,029.00 4,214,807.78 10,005,416.72 4,997,832.45 10,874,093.96 27,652,379.12 6,00 25,577,292.00 25,577,292.00 25,577,292.00 25,424,927.73 51,736,214.11	570,737,00 828,017,00 741,256.89 1,145,214.38 3,329,621,65 997,856.05 5,145,132.14 4,091.00 3,016,784.00 7,641,004.90 10,785,989.00 25,961,222.00 21,911,934.44	508,751.25 59,096.15 153,389.71 2,096,051.79 84,747.63 424,040.93 85,648.00 4,233,635.79 56,611.00 985,410.00 1,756,976.98 1,493,092.78 3,118,291.77 6,022,103.27 2,198,264.39 23,306,111.44
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE	AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)	4,777,591 1,830,833 4,847,028 11,506,229 5,747,506 12,505,208 31,800,236 31,800,236 33,978,660 45,338,667 59,496,647	599,274 869,418 778,320 1,202,476 3,496,104 1,047,750 5,402,387 4,296 3,167,623 8,023,056 11,325,257 27,259,283 23,007,530	508,751 59,096 153,390 2,096,051 84,748 424,041 85,648 4,233,635 56,611 985,410 1,756,977 1,493,093 2,118,292 6,052,104 2,198,265 6,052,104 2,198,265
	FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)	1,713,546 1,486,329 4,553,609 975,367 975,367 975,367 16,520,436 0 10,510,773 11,789,030 11,789,030 19,863,048 29,222,717	193.538 1,355,747 87,704 534,587 1,603,293 831,482 1,345,046 7,391,167 7,548,191	193,523 72,214 704,560 0 183,070 1,678,013 673 673 673 673 673 673 673 67
	BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)	3,064,045 1,830,833 3,360,699 6,952,620 4,772,139 6,579,585 15,279,800 7 18,903,112 22,189,630 25,475,619 30,273,930	599,274 869,418 778,320 1,008,938 2,140,357 960,046 4,296 1,564,330 7,191,574 9,980,211 19,868,126 15,459,339 65,292,029	315,228 59,096 81,176 1,391,491 84,748 240,371 73,141 2,355,622 55,938 450,362 1,283,365 1,168,299 2,004,428 2,0775,136 555,212
	ACCOUNT (1)	TURBOGENERATOR UNITS TYRONE UNIT 3 TYRONE UNIT 3 1 & 2 GREEN RIVER UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 1 E W BROWN STEAM UNIT 2 E W BROWN STEAM UNIT 3 PINEVILLE UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 1 GHENT UNIT 3	ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT TYRONE UNIT 3 TYRONE UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 4 E W BROWN STEAM UNIT 1 E W BROWN STEAM UNIT 3 PINEVILLE UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 1 SCRUBBER GHENT UNIT 2 GHENT UNIT 2 GHENT UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 3 TOTAL ACCOUNT 315 - ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT TYRONE UNIT 3 TYRONE UNIT 3 TYRONE UNIT 5 & 2 GREEN RIVER UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 3 GREEN RIVER UNIT 1 & 2 E W BROWN STEAM UNIT 2 E W BROWN STEAM UNIT 3 FINEVILLE UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 1 SCRUBBER GHENT UNIT 2 GHENT UNIT 2 GHENT UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 3 GHENT UNIT 3 TOTAL ACCOUNT 316 - MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT
		314.00	315.00	316.00

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COMPARISON OF FUTURE ACCRUAL PERCENTAGE AS DETERMINED BY KENTUCKY COMMISSION STAFF

PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)		0.00		5.00		0.00		10.00		0.00		0.00		0.00				0.00	
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)		(0.47)	(0.47)	22,662.00	22,662.00	(0.04)	(0.04)	42,053.44	42,053.44	(0.14)	(0.14)	0.04	0.04	(0.13)	(0.13)	64,714.70		(0.31)	(0.31)
ORIGINAL COST (5)		879,311.47	879,311.47	453,195.00	453,195.00	7,954,452.04	7,954,452.04	420,536.56	420,536.56	85,383.14	85,383.14	101,512.96	101,512.96	46,976.13	46,976.13	9,941,367.30		176,409.31	176,409.31
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)		879,311	879,311	475,857	475,857	7,954,452	7,954,452	462,590	462,590	85,383	85,383	101,513	101,513	46,976	46,976	10,006,082		176,409	176,409
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)		(26,470)	(26,470)	159,057	159,057	1,569,991	1,569,991	68,518	68,518	8,495	8,495	62,058	62,058	(1,414)	(1,414)	1,840,235		104,711	104,711
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)		905,781	905,781	316,800	316,800	6,384,461	6,384,461	394,072	394,072	76,888	76,888	39,455	39,455	48,390	48,390	8,165,847		71,698	71,698
ACCOUNT (1)	HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION PLANT	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 330.1 - LAND RIGHTS	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 331 - STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	RESERVOIRS, DAMS & WATERWAY DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 332 - RESERVOIRS, DAMS & WATERWAYS	WATER WHEELS, TURBINES & GENERATORS DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 333 - WATER WHEELS, TURBINES & GENERA.	ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 334 - ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	MISCELLANEOUS POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 335 - MISCELLANEOUS POWER PLANT EQUIP	ROADS, RAILROADS & BRIDGES DIX DAM	TOTAL ACCOUNT 336 - ROADS, RAILROADS & BRIDGES	TOTAL HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION PLANT	OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS E W BROWN CT UNIT 9 GAS PIPE	TOTAL ACCOUNT 340.1 - LAND AND LAND RIGHTS
		330.10		331.00		332.00		333.00		334.00		335.00		336.00				340.10	

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PERCENT DIFFERENCE	(2)	0000	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500 500
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST	(6)=(4)-(5)	0.00 (0.20) 0.31 0.80 0.47 0.46 (0.33) (0.28) (0.23) (0.23) (0.24) (0.24) (0.24) (0.24) (0.41) (0.41) (0.41)	99,754.93 36,397.00 7,326.00 7,287.00 980.00 96,608.75 1,587.00 2,622.00 405,306.15 11,978.36 11,978.36 11,978.36 11,978.36 242.566.55 28,902.62 29,665.69 9,056.00	871,007,43 658,208,72 1,519,961,62 1,500,061,15 1,003,742,80 1,075,133,55 983,532,51 1,711,992,65 1,526,530,03 1,526,530,03 1,728,414,93
ORIGINAL COST	(2)	1,910,328.00 775,082.20 192,813.69 544,966.20 2,012,654.53 4,641,054.53 1,865,718.54 1,886,743.33 3,740,231.26 3,586,164.37 3,586,164.97 3,548,917 3,655,976.41 3,655,976.41 3,655,976.41 3,655,976.41 3,655,976.41 3,655,976.41 3,655,976.41	1,995,102.07 777,1929.00 146,515.00 146,745.00 145,745.00 1,932,186.25 31,737.00 52,430.00 8,106,131.85 239,584,64 239,245.94 4,860,114,45 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38 578,059.38	17,420,148.57 13,164,181.28 30,399,242.38 30,001,197.85 20,074,864.20 21,502,645.45 19,670,647.49 34,239,853.35 30,530,609.97 30,442,270.01 22,773,883.23
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS	(4)=(2)+(3)	1,910,328 175,082 192,814 544,867 2,012,655 4,641,055 1,865,719 1,886,749 3,740,231 3,588,884 3,740,231 3,588,884 3,589,165 3,588,685 3,655,976 3,655,976 3,655,976 3,655,976 3,653,030	2,094,857 764,326 163,841 163,032 20,593 20,593 20,593 33,324 55,062 8,511,438 251,208 5,092,621 606,962 605,205 622,475 622,475 622,473 190,188	18,291,156 13,822,390 31,919,204 31,501,259 21,078,607 22,577,779 20,654,180 35,951,846 32,057,140 31,964,383 23,912,525 23,696,701
FUTURE	(3)	1,534,600 624,586 15,835 417,608 1,295,470 2,987,347 1,203,583 1,279,391 3,143,249 2,995,552 3,209,596 3,200,306 3,296,251 134,601	1,690,700 615,883 114,503 114,508 13,450 1,333,460 2,1699 37,906 5,388,243 210,478 210,478 210,478 210,478 247,905 5,46,319 5,47,905 5,47,	15,035,125 11,478,087 25,579,060 25,486,310 15,354,627 15,933,785 14,792,869 27,401,157 27,205,600 27,112,299 21,450,882 21,447,547
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE	(2)	375,728 150,496 36,979 127,359 717,185 1,653,708 662,136 596,982 596,982 593,132 348,547 359,069 369,779 300,274	404,157 148,463 38,638 38,436 7,143 695,345 17,146 3,123,195 41,085 41,085 41,085 41,085 60,657 69,657 60,615 187,221	3,256,031 2,344,303 6,340,154 6,014,949 5,723,980 6,583,994 5,861,311 8,560,689 4,851,540 4,852,084 2,2291,673
ACCOUNT	(1)	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS PADDY'S RUN GENERATOR 13 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 6 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 6 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 7 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 10 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 11 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 11 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 5 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 6 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 9	FUEL HOLDERS, PRODUCERS AND ACCESSORIES PADDY'S RUN GENERATOR 13 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 6 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 7 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 7 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 9 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 10 E W BROWN O'T UNIT 2 FRIMBLE COUNTY C'T UNIT 3	PRIME MOVERS PADOY'S RUN GENERATOR 13 E W BROWN CT UNIT 5 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 8 E W BROWN CT UNIT 10 E W BROWN CT UNIT 11 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 5 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 5 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 7
		341.00	342.00	343.00

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- 343.00 F		NO a		TOTAL BOOK RESERVE		DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS.	
•	ACCOUNT	DEPRECIATION RESERVE	FUTURE ACCRUALS	FUTURE ACCRUALS	ORIGINAL COST	ORIGINAL	PERCENT DIFFERENCE
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)=(2)+(3)	(2)	(6)=(4)-(5)	(7)
	PRIME MOVERS, cont. TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 9 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 10	2,232,370	21,289,400 21,267,060	23,521,770 23,497,034	22,401,685.39 22,378,127.55	1,120,084.61	5.00
•	TOTAL ACCOUNT 343 - PRIME MOVERS	63,352,206	291,093,768	354,445,974	337,567,592.79	16,878,381.21	
344.00	GENERATORS PADDY'S RUN GENERATOR 13 E W BROWN CT UNIT 6 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7	1,000,671 546,464 930,025 930,935	4,444,247 2,426,640 2,967,941 2,977,992 3,456,958	5,444,918 2,973,104 3,897,966 3,908,927 5,201,659	5,185,636.00 2,831,528.00 3,712,349.00 3,722,788.00 4,953.961.00	259,282.00 141,576.00 185,617.00 186,139.00 247,698.00	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00
	E W BROWN CT UNIT 9 E W BROWN CT UNIT 10	2,147,930 1,741,437	3,576,713 3,450,491 3,748,812	5,724,643 5,191,928 5,446,392	5,452,041.03 4,944,693.00 5.187,040.00	272,601.97 247,235.00 259,352.00	5.00 5.00 5.00
	E W BROWN CT UNIT 11  E W BROWN CT UNIT 5  TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 6	608,829 608,189	3,342,609	3,951,438	3,763,274.68	188,163.32	5.00
	TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 8 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 9 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 10 HAEFLING UNITS 1, 2 & 3	281,361 280,183 282,052 281,730 4,224,153	2,816,435 2,804,644 2,823,344 2,820,126	3,097,796 3,084,827 3,105,396 3,101,856 4,224,153	2,950,282.37 2,937,930.22 2,957,520.12 2,954,148.53 4,023,003.00	147,513.63 146,896.78 147,875.88 147,707.47 201,150.00	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00
	TOTAL ACCOUNT 344 - GENERATORS	17,306,240	44,994,607	62,300,847	59,334,141.81	2,966,705.19	
345.00	ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT PADDY'S RUN GENERATOR 13 E W BROWN CT UNIT 5 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 9 E W BROWN CT UNIT 9 E W BROWN CT UNIT 10 E W BROWN CT UNIT 17 E W BROWN CT UNIT 5 E W BROWN CT UNIT 6 FRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 6 FRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 9 FRIMBLE COUNTY ST UNIT 10 HAEFLING UNITS 1, 2 & 3	489,484 265,460 350,766 348,924 656,655 1,235,538 642,291 311,168 279,319 308,688 307,794 317,085 316,830 621,207	1,966,836 1,066,707 1,004,051 998,776 1,40,399 1,990,648 1,62,128 605,168 1,397,480 1,397,480 1,397,480 2,837,547 2,827,547 2,827,333 2,914,742 2,914,742 2,914,742	2,456,320 1,332,167 1,354,817 1,347,700 1,797,064 3,226,186 1,677,092 1,677,092 1,677,092 1,677,092 1,677,092 1,677,092 1,577,092 1,577,19 3,146,235 3,137,127 3,239,223 621,207	2,456,320.00 1,332,167.00 1,347,700.00 1,347,700.00 1,797,054.00 3,226,165.73 1,604,419.00 916,326.00 1,677,092.15 1,674,719.12 3,146,235.12 3,146,235.12 3,231,827.28 3,231,827.28 3,239,222.72 621,207.00	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.27 0.00 0.00 0.00	00.00

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PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)	0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.0			0.00 25.00 25.00 25.00 20.00 25.00 60.00 50.00 0.00		0.00 15.00 45.00 75.00 75.00 5.00 30.00 0.00 10.00 5.00
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)	0.00 (0.25) 0.12 0.15 (0.23) (0.23) (0.23) (0.10) (0.16) (0.16) (0.16) 0.07 0.07	0.53	20,895,535.72	(1.00) 1,744,919.75 291,946.83 34,628.471.10 2,949.858.31 15,827,024.77 54,781,698.23 64,877,828.56 (0.26)	175,101,746.39	(0.36) 445,784,45 15,118,894.46 87,207,156,44 135,646,315,75 17,114,77 47,756,655,80 24,933,512,95 (1.30) 1,827,646.78 2,682,013,65
ORIGINAL COST (5)	1,089,549.00 2,108,910.25 48,958.88 35,647.85 230,069.23 760,256.23 274,390.79 548,588.10 15,274.16 8,888.93 8,861.01 9,113.52 9,110.5.25	5,183,418.47	490,205,140.28	23,341,455.00 6,979,653.25 1,167,783.17 173,142,340.90 14,749,280.69 63,308.079.23 91,302,830.77 129,755,662.44 448,760.26	505,310,597,61	1,496,173.36 4,457,893.55 100,792,637.54 193,793,678.56 190,861,758.25 1,728,495.59 70,302,254.23 288,783,304.20 83,111,706.05 64,856,075.30 18,276,458.22 53,640,293.35
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)	1,089,549 2,108,910 48,959 35,648 230,069 760,256 274,381 548,588 15,274 8,881 9,114 9,106	5,183,419	511,100,676	23,341,454 8,724,573 1,459,730 207,770,812 17,699,139 79,135,104 146,084,529 194,633,481 448,760	680,412,344	1,496,173 4,903,688 115,911,532 281,000,835 316,508,074 1,73,817,369 286,539,960 108,045,219 64,856,074 20,104,105 56,322,307
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)	862,537 1,671,845 40,950 28,572 144,074 475,288 180,365 475,288 14,899 7,952 7,952 7,927 8,144 8,146	3,888,620	409,349,376	8,290,867 4,910,791 645,823 148,298,883 1,682,783 36,179,691 81,715,632 94,573,434 314,165 312,032	376,924,101	474,132 3,394,311 84,995,316 172,038,488 210,836,003 1,026,041 55,385,190 250,615,470 55,011,631 37,886,282 6,090,914 32,451,424
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)	227,012 437,065 8,009 7,076 85,995 284,968 94,026 112,820 375 937 937 934 9361	1,294,799	101,751,300	15,050,587 3,813,782 813,907 59,471,929 16,016,356 42,955,413 64,368,897 100,060,047 134,595 802,730	303,488,243	1,022,041 1,509,377 30,916,216 108,962,347 105,672,071 702,456 18,432,179 85,924,490 53,033,588 26,963,792 14,013,191 23,870,883
ACCOUNT (1)	MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT PADDY'S RUN GENERATOR 13 E W BROWN CT UNIT 6 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 7 E W BROWN CT UNIT 9 E W BROWN CT UNIT 9 E W BROWN CT UNIT 10 E W BROWN CT UNIT 17 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY CT UNIT 9	TOTAL ACCOUNT 346 - MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT	TOTAL OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT TRANSMISSION PLANT	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS STRUCTURES & IMPROVEMENTS-NON SYS CONTROL/COM STRUCTURES & IMPROVEMENTS - SYS CONTROL/COM STATION EQUIPMENT - NON SYS CONTROL/COM STATION EQUIPMENT - SYS CONTROL/COM STATION EQUIPMENT - SYS CONTROL/COM STATION EQUIPMENT - SYS CONTROL/COM OVERS AND FIXTURES POLES AND FIXTURES OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES UNDERGROUND CONDUIT UNDERGROUND CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES	TOTAL TRANSMISSION PLANT DISTRIBUTION PLANT	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS STATION EQUIPMENT POLES, TOWERS, AND FXTURES OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES UNDERGOUND CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES LINE TRANSFORMERS SERVICES METERS INSTALLATIONS ON CUSTOMER PREMISES STREET LIGHTING AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS TOTAL DISTRIBUTION PLANT
	346.00			350.10 352.10 352.20 353.10 353.20 355.00 356.00 357.00		360.10 361.00 362.00 365.00 365.00 366.00 369.00 369.00 370.00 371.00

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PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)		5.00	0.00	00.0	0.00	0.00	00'0	00'0	0.00	00:0	0.00	0.00	00.00	0.00		
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)		1,609,986.57	00.880,02	0.03	0.12	0.42	(1.31)	(68.0)	90.06	0.27	0.41	1.24	(0.21)	0:30	1,636,586.94	763,214,065.03
ORIGINAL COST (5)		32,199,743.43	531,973,44	11,291,984.97	817,574.88	1,932,338.58	738,677.31	5,333,517.39	3,202,201.94	270,941.73	7,578,905.59	3,913,059.76	4,659,773.21	394,808.70	79,512,313.06	3,605,547,550.97
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)		33,809,730	558,572	11,291,985	817,575	1,932,339	738,676	5,333,517	3,202,202	270,942	7,578,906	3,913,061	4,659,773	394,809	81,148,900	4,368,761,616
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)		25,177,023	186,206	3,724,660	285,212	1,153,012	449,105	3,735,722	1,615,868	171,492	5,912,323	2,345,866	2,852,958	142,152	51,529,760	2,561,215,572
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)		8,632,707	3/2,355	7,567,325	532,363	779,327	289,571	1,597,795	1,586,334	99,450	1,666,583	1,567,195	1,806,815	252,657	29,619,140	1,807,546,044
ACCOUNT (1)	GENERAL PLANT	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS-TO OWNED PROPERTY	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS - LEASEHOLDS	OFFICE FORM TORE AND EQUIPMENT NON PC COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	CASH PROCESSING EQUIPMENT	PERSONAL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	STORES EQUIPMENT	TOOLS, SHOP AND GARAGE EQUIPMENT	LABORATORY EQUIPMENT	POWER OPERATED EQUIPMENT	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - CARRIER	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - REMOTE CONTROL	COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT - MOBILE	MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT	TOTAL GENERAL PLANT	TOTAL DEPRECIABLE PLANT

390.10 390.20 391.10 391.20 391.30 393.00 394.00 395.00 395.00 397.20 397.20 397.20

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Question No. 9

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-9. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU, page III-4. Explain the meaning of the "\*\*" by the Accrual Rate for Account No. 312.00 Boiler Plant Equipment Ghent Unit 3.
- A-9. The explanation of the "\*\*" by the Accrual rate for Account 312.00 Boiler Plant Equipment Ghent Unit 3, is for the future accrual rate of 3.54% for the Ghent Unit 3 Scrubber when completed. This footnote should be shown on the bottom of page III-10; however, it was inadvertently cropped during report reproduction.

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Question No. 10

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-10. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU, pages III-7 through III-9. KU jointly owns 10 combustion turbines ("CTs") with Louisville Gas and Electric Company ("LG&E"). The CTs are Paddy's Run Generator 13, E. W. Brown CTs 5 through 7, and Trimble County CTs 5 through 10.
  - a. A comparison of the depreciation information on pages III-7 through III-9 with the corresponding pages in the LG&E depreciation study reveals that the survivor curves, accrual rates, and composite remaining lives are not the same for the jointly owned assets. Explain in detail why it is reasonable for KU and LG&E to have different depreciation rates for the same jointly owned assets.
  - b. Provide the "Summary of Book Salvage" data for Account Nos. 341 through 346.
- There are alternate ways to determine an appropriate interim survivor curve for an asset class; however, it is critical to determine which assets are most homogenous, both as a result of the past and the future. Until recently, the production units for KU were managed and operated differently than the LG&E units. Therefore, in Mr. Spanos' experience, the most homogeneous historical asset classes were used to determine life characteristics based at the individual predecessor company level, not the cumulative company level. This is important because there were some operational differences between the two predecessor companies with regard to maintenance and capitalization. Therefore, the past life characteristics of all the KU units were different than the past life characteristics of all the LG&E units, and the total units for each company were different. The other issue that came into play which prevented the studying of life characteristics of the common units among KU and LG&E was the lack of unit identification of all transactions since the original year of installation. In summary, it was determined the most appropriate and most homogeneous comparison by account would be of the units by predecessor company. The probable retirement date or lifespan is identical for common units between the two components.

The net salvage percents are basically the same for all units among the two Companies. However, it is critical to point out that the depreciation rate and composite remaining life are based on four parameters. First is the interim survivor curve and probable retirement date. Second is the net salvage component. Third is the depreciation procedure and reserve to plant ratio. Fourth is the age of the surviving age distribution at the time of calculation. If any one of these four factors is different, then the depreciation rate and composite remaining life will not be equal. Since history is clear that these two Companies did not have the identical recovery patterns since the initial year of installation, then the reserve to plant ratio will only be the same at retirement when everything is fully recovered.

A remaining life rate is based on recovering the future accruals (original cost times net salvage minus book reserve) over the remaining life of the asset class. The actual overall remaining life is the date of the study minus the probable retirement date. The unit remaining life on the summary schedule is the numerical computation of the vintage future accruals divided by the summation of the vintage annual accruals with all the parameters included.

b. The attached pages set forth the available net salvage data for Accounts 341 through 346. This analyses is not representative of future expectations of a net salvage component, therefore, was not relied upon when establishing the net salvage component for these accounts.

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#### ACCOUNT 341 STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS

#### SUMMARY OF BOOK SALVAGE

YEAR	REGULAR RETIREMENTS	COST OF REMOVAL AMOUNT PCT	GROSS SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT	NET SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT
1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006	1,899- 857,080	0 0	1,899-100 780,306 91	1,899-100 780,306 91
TOTAL	855,181	0	778,407 91	778,407 91
THREE-	YEAR MOVING AVE	RAGES		
98-00 99-01 00-02 01-03 02-04 03-05 04-06	285,060 285,693	0	259,469 91 260,102 91	259,469 91 260,102 91

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

02-06

#### ACCOUNT 342 FUEL HOLDERS, PRODUCERS AND ACCESSORIES

#### SUMMARY OF BOOK SALVAGE

YEAR	REGULAR RETIREMENTS	COST OF REMOVAL AMOUNT PCT	GROSS SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT	NET SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT
1998 1999 2000 2001 2002	2,644- 1,450,751	0	2,644-100 1,320,799 91	2,644-100 1,320,799 91
2003 2004	81,569	2,060 3	0	2,060- 3-
2005 2006	11,267	715 6	0	715- 6-
TOTAL	1,540,943	2,775 0	1,318,155 86	1,315,380 85
THREE-	YEAR MOVING AVE	RAGES		<b>V</b>
98-00 99-01 00-02	482,702 483,584	0		439,385 91 440,266 91
01-03 02-04 03-05 04-06	27,190 27,190 30,945	687 3 687 3 925 3	0 0 0	687 3- 687- 3- 925- 3-
FIVE-Y	EAR AVERAGE			
02-06	18,567	555 3	0	555- 3-

#### ACCOUNT 343 PRIME MOVERS

## SUMMARY OF BOOK SALVAGE

	REGULAR	COST C REMOVA		GROS SALVA		NE: SALVA	-
YEAR	RETIREMENTS	AMOUNT F		AMOUNT		AMOUNT	
1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002	2,330,051 5,305,522 2,366,536	31,638	1 0 0	2,330,051 5,305,522 2,154,552	100 100 91	2,298,413 5,305,522 2,154,552	99 100 91
2003 2004 2005	1,776,054 222,656	1,751,509-7	0 87-		0 0	1,751,509	0 787
2006	7,517,883	458,920	6		0	458,920-	- 6-
TOTAL	19,518,702	1,260,951-	6-	9,790,125	50	11,051,076	57
THREE-	YEAR MOVING A	<i>J</i> ERAGES					` .
97-99 98-00 99-01 00-02	3,334,036 2,557,353 788,845	10,546	0 0 0	3,263,375 2,486,691 718,184	98 97 91	3,252,829 2,486,691 718,184	98 97 91
01-03 02-04 03-05 04-06	592,018 666,237 666,237 2,580,180	583,836- 583,836- 430,863-	88-		0 0 0	583,836 583,836 430,863	0 88 88 17
FIVE-Y	EAR AVERAGE						
02-06	1,903,319	258,518-	14-		0	258,518	14

#### ACCOUNT 344 GENERATORS

## SUMMARY OF BOOK SALVAGE

YEAR	REGULAR RETIREMENTS	COST OF REMOVAL AMOUNT PCT	GROSS SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT	NET SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT
1998	15,381	0	15,381 100	15,381 100
1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006	128,839 44,894	0	0	0
TOTAL	189,114	0	15,381 8	15,381 8
THREE-	YEAR MOVING AVI	ERAGES		
98-00 99-01 00-02 01-03 02-04 03-05 04-06	48,073 57,911 57,911 14,965	0 0 0 0	5,127 11 0 0 0	5,127 11 0 0 0

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

02-06

## ACCOUNT 345 ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT

## SUMMARY OF BOOK SALVAGE

YEAR	REGULAR RETIREMENTS	COST OF REMOVAL AMOUNT PCT	GROSS SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT	NET SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT
1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006	10,814- 154,075	0 0	10,814-100 140,274 91	10,814-100 140,274 91
TOTAL	143,261	0	129,460 90	129,460 90
THREE-	YEAR MOVING AVE	RAGES		
98-00 99-01 00-02 01-03 02-04 03-05 04-06	47,754 51,358	0 0	43,153 90 46,758 91	43,153 90 46,758 91

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

02-06

## ACCOUNT 346 MISCELLANEOUS POWER PLANT EQUIPMENT

#### SUMMARY OF BOOK SALVAGE

YEAR	REGULAR RETIREMENTS	COST OF REMOVAL AMOUNT PCT	GROSS SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT	NET SALVAGE AMOUNT PCT
1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006	11,600- 182,339	0 0	11,600-100 166,006 91	11,600-100 166,006 91
TOTAL	170,739	0	154,406 90	154,406 90
THREE-	YEAR MOVING AVE	RAGES		
98-00 99-01 00-02 01-03 02-04 03-05 04-06	56,913 60,780	0	51,469 90 55,335 91	51,469 90 55,335 91

FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE

02-06

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Case No. 2007-00565

**Question No. 11** 

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-11. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU, page III-9. Explain in detail why the Future Accrual is larger than the Original Cost for Account No. 365.00 Overhead Conductors and Devices. In addition, explain why the result is reasonable and why the proposed level of Future Accrual should be reflected in the approved depreciation rate.
- A-11. As discussed in response to Staff-8, the future accruals are not only determined by Original Cost minus book reserve. The appropriate calculation for future accruals is the summation of the original cost multiplied by one minus the net salvage percent minus the book reserve. Therefore, for Account 365, the full recovery of all assets currently in service based on the negative 75% net salvage is \$316,508,076. Considering the appropriate recovery level, the resulting \$210,836,003 future accruals is reasonable for this Account.

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Case No. 2007-00565

Question No. 12

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-12. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU. For each of the "Original and Smooth Survivor Curves" listed below, explain why the selected Iowa Curve is the best fit given the information plotted. Also indicate whether there were other Iowa Curves that reflected a fit similar to the plotted information.
  - a. Page III-55, Account No. 336 Roads, Railroads, and Bridges.
  - b. Page III-76, Account No. 352.1 Structures and Improvements Non-System Control.
  - c. Page III-84, Account No. 353.1 Station Equipment Non-System Control.
- A-12. The statistical analyses for the accounts listed above were not fit statistically due to limited data to analyze. Therefore, other Iowa curves were considered but not fit or plotted. The curve fitting analysis was included in response to AG-1.
  - a. The life analysis performed by Gannett Fleming is not solely a statistical analysis, so the selected Iowa Curve is a combination of historical data, informed judgment, estimates of other utilities and expectations of management. As set forth on pages II-24 through II-28 of Exhibit JJS-KU, the statistical indications for Account 336 were inconclusive with only one retirement. Based on the nature of the assets in this account and the relationship these assets have with the other hydro accounts, it was determined that a 55-R4 interim survivor cure with a life span of 95 years was most appropriate.
  - b. Once again this was not an account that the historical data had a major impact on the life determination. The curve plotted on page II-76 is the most reasonable estimate based on the nature of the assets within the account and informed judgment as described in part a) of this response. The 65-S2.5 curve has an average service life of 65 years and a maximum life expectancy of 115 years. This is a reasonable estimate for substation buildings.

c. This was not an account that the statistical data was the only or primary indicator of life determination. The first 40 age intervals are quite close statistically to the 60-R2 smooth curve. However, judgment, as described above, was utilized to propose this most reasonable estimate. The 60-R2 survivor curve for substation equipment is on the long side of the industry range. The 60-year average and 108-year maximum life is actually long for such assets as electronic controls, transformers, breakers, reactors, etc., however, KU's past practice has been to maintain instead of replace whenever feasible, so average life is long.

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Question No. 13

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-13. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU. For each of the accounts listed below, explain how the net salvage percentage shown for the account on pages III-4 through III-10 is supported by the information presented on the referenced pages from the "Summary of Book Salvage." If depreciation studies for other utilities were utilized, identify the utility, indicate when the study was prepared, and explain why it was reasonable to use information from that study.
  - a. Account No. 311 Structures and Improvements, page III-184.
  - b. Account No. 316 Miscellaneous Power Plant Equipment, page III- 188.
  - c. Account No. 333 Water Wheels, Turbines, and Generators, page III-191.
  - d. Account No. 352 Structures and Improvements, page III-194.
  - e. Account No. 353 Station Equipment, page III-195.
  - f. Account No. 355 Poles and Fixtures, page III-197.
  - g. Account No. 356 Overhead Conductors and Devices, page III- 198.
  - h. Account No. 362 Station Equipment, page III-200.
  - i. Account No. 364 Poles, Towers, and Fixtures, page III-201.
  - j. Account No. 365 Overhead Conductors and Devices, page III- 202.
  - k. Account No. 367 Underground Conductors and Devices, page III- 203.
  - 1. Account No. 373 Street Lighting and Signal Systems, page III- 208.
  - m. Account No. 390 Structures and Improvements, page III-209

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- A-13. It is Mr. Spanos' opinion that estimates of others is critical in understanding reasonable life and salvage estimates to be used in every study. Studies cannot be based solely on statistics, especially when data is limited. Therefore, Mr. Spanos utilized his experience and informed judgment of conducting hundreds of depreciation studies over his career to determine industry information is reasonable to use when conducting a study. The industry statistics are set forth in response to AG-8.
  - a. As stated on pages II-28 through II-30, the statistical data set forth on page III-184 was not a major indicator of the net salvage estimate for Account 311. The most important factors were informed judgment based on estimates of others and Company expectations in the future.
  - b. As stated on page II-28 through II-30, the statistical data set forth on page III-188 was not a major indicator of the net salvage estimate for Account 316. The most important factors were informed judgment based on estimates of others and Company expectations in the future.
  - c. As stated on page II-28 through II-30, the statistical data set forth on page III-191 was not a major indicator of the net salvage estimate for Account 333. The most important factors were informed judgment based on estimates of others and Company expectations in the future.
  - d. As stated on page II-28 through II-30, the statistical data set forth on page III-194 was not a major indicator of the net salvage estimate for Account 352. The most important factors were informed judgment based on estimates of others and Company expectations in the future.
  - e. The statistical data set forth on page III-195 and the estimates of others were the strong indicators of the net salvage percent for Account 353. The overall period, 1988-2006 net salvage estimate is positive 16%, however, the trend toward the most recent five years is negative 21%. It has been determined that the most recent five-year period is more indicative of future expectations of net salvage, therefore, emphasis was placed on that data.
  - f & g. The estimates of net salvage for Accounts 355 and 356 were handled in the same manner as described for Account 353. However, the trend toward the most recent five-year period is strongly influenced by the cost of removal amount in 2006. It is not anticipated that the high ratio of cost of removal to plant retired will continue in the future, so industry averages were also a strong factor in reducing the very high negative net salvage percent to a more reasonable expectation of net salvage going forward.
  - h,i & j. The net salvage analyses for Accounts 362, 364 and 365 were based on

informed judgment that utilized the historical data and industry averages for each account. The most recent five-year period was the strongest indicator of the net salvage percent that should be expected in the future for each account.

- k. The overall 1988-2006 statistical data set forth on page III-203 was considered an indicator of the future, however, emphasis was placed on the most recent five-year period. The historical data from 1988-2000 set forth extremely high levels of gross salvage which are not expected to reoccur in the future, therefore, using the data as future net salvage indicators would be inappropriate. Consequently, the most recent five year estimate of negative 2% and industry averages led to the negative 5% estimate.
- 1. The overall 1988-2006 statistical data set forth on page III-208 was considered an indicator of the future, however, emphasis was placed on the most recent five-year period. The historical data from 1988-2000 set forth extremely high levels of gross salvage which are not expected to reoccur in the future, therefore, using the data as future net salvage indicators would be inappropriate. Consequently, the most recent five year estimate of negative 1% and industry averages led to the negative 5% estimate.
- m. The statistical analysis for Account 390 on page III-209 was not considered to be a strong indicator of future expectations. The gross salvage amounts during 1993-1999 and 2001 are not expected to reoccur, therefore, using the data as future net salvage indicators would be inappropriate. The estimates of others, as well as the fact that the cost of removal amounts were considered to reoccur, led to the negative 5% net salvage percent.

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Question No. 14

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-14. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-KU, pages III-5 and III-254. Explain why the Composite Remaining Life shown for Account No. 316 Miscellaneous Plant Equipment, does not agree with the Composite Remaining Life shown for that account.
- A-14. The Composite Remaining life for Account 316, Miscellaneous Plant Equipment, on pages III-5 and III-254 of Exhibit JJS-KU, should agree. There is an error on page III-5 for the future accruals of Ghent Unit 3. The correct amount, as shown on page III-252 is \$1,113,864, not the \$113,864. The actual rate shown on age III-5 for Ghent Unit 3 is correct, however, the Composite Remaining life should be 25.3 years.