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September 24, 2010

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Jeff Derouen, Executive Director Kentucky Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602 SEP 27 2010

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re: Application of Meade County Rural Electric for an Adjustment of Rates

Case No. 2010-00222

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Please find enclosed the original and ten (10) copies of the responses to the Commission's Order "Supplemental to Second Information Request of the Commission Staff to Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation." dated September 15, 2010.

Please contact me at (270) 756-2184 or Burns E. Mercer at (270) 422-2162 with any questions regarding this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas C. Brite

Attorney for Meade County Rural Electric

Cooperative Corporation

Enclosure

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of adjustment of
Rates of Meade County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation

Case No. 2010-00222

APPLICANT'S RESPONSES TO SUPPLEMENTAL TO SECOND INFORMATION REQUEST OF COMMISSION STAFF

The applicant, Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, makes the following responses to the "Supplemental to Second Information Request of Commission Staff", as follows:

- 1. The witnesses who are prepared to answer questions concerning each request are Burns E. Mercer, Karen Brown, and Jim Adkins.
- 2. Burns E. Mercer, President and CEO of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation is the person supervising the preparation of the responses on behalf of the applicant.
- 3. The responses and Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein.

Thomas C. Brite

Brite & Butler, Attorneys-At-Law

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Brandenburg, Kentucky 40143

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Cooperative Corporation

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The undersigned, Burns E. Mercer, as President & CEO of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, being duly sworn, states that the responses herein are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief formed after reasonable inquiry.

Dated: September 24, 2010

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corp.

BURNS E. MERCER, PRESIDENT & CEO

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me by Burns E. Mercer, as President & CEO for Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation on behalf of said Corporation the 24^{th} day of September, 2010.

Notary Public, Kentucky State At Large

My Commission Expires: 3-18-2012

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned counsel certifies that the foregoing responses have been served upon the following:

Original and Ten Copies
Mr. Jeff Derouen, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

This 24th day of September, 2010

Attorney for Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation

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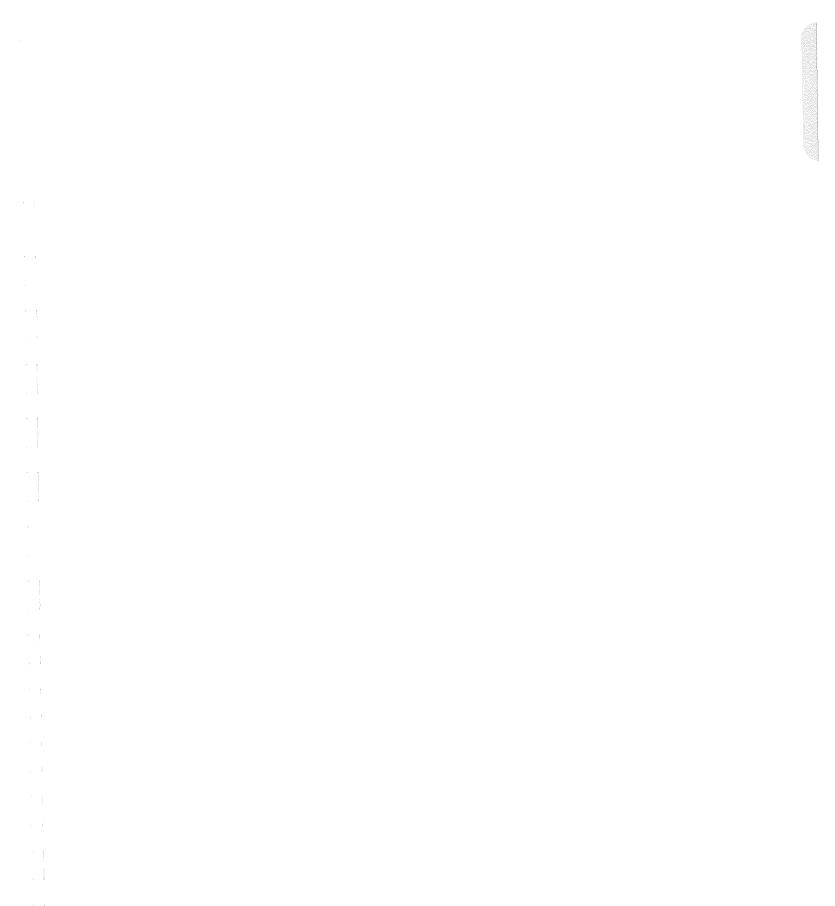
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative

Case No. 2010-00222

Supplement to Commission Staff's Second Information Request





Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Case No. 2010-00222 Supplement to Commission Staff's Second Information Request

1. Refer to Exhibit 19 of Meade's application, page 1 of 4, which shows the payment of capital credits to its members on an annual basis beginning with calendar year 2005. Provide a schedule of Meade's capital credit payments for the years 1994 through 2004 in the same format as used in the exhibit.

Response

	 General	 Estates	 Total
1994	490,948	114,376	605,324
1995	247,901	101,841	349,742
1996		123,595	123,595
1997	284,138	117,294	401,432
1998	526,452	158,605	685,057
1999	343,810	143,775	487,585
2000	386,294	157,813	544,107
2001	268,913	141,309	410,222
2002	238,797	170,570	409,367
2003	417,121	155,116	572,237
2004	430,460	188,636	619,096
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200	\$ 3,634,834	\$ 1,572,930	\$ 5,207,764

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Exhibit 2 Page 1 of 12 Witness: Burns Mercer

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2. Refer to Exhibit 19, pages 2 through 4 of 4, which is Meade's Board Policy No. 201, with the subject of "Capital management." The sub-heading identifies the original policy effective date as September 22, 1994, and that the exhibit contains the latest revision of the policy, which is dated July 20, 2005. Provide the original policy dated September 22, 1994, and any revisions in effect between that date and the July 20, 2005 date of the latest revision.

Response

Original Policy No. 201 and revisions in effect between the dates of September 22, 1994 through July 20, 2005 attached as pages 2 through 12 of this exhibit

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Witness: Burns Mercer

MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 201

SUBJECT: Capital Management

Effective Date: September 22, 1994

I. PURPOSE

Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Kentucky. In addition to these legal requirements, the Cooperative is guided in its operation by the various regulations and operational practices prescribed by the REA and the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Beyond these legal and official requirements, the Cooperative has an obligation to its members to insure the financial integrity of the Cooperative so that it can provide high quality electric service to its members at the lowest possible long term cost.

II. POLICY

It will be the policy of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to reach goals of 40 - 50% Modified (Cash) Equity and Modified (Cash) Tier of 2.0 - 3.0 through an approved Capital Management Program. Once achieved, those levels will be maintained to insure that the Cooperative's members receive electric service at cost.

III. RESPONSIBILITY

The Manager.

IV. PROVISIONS

Particular areas of concern included under this policy for which specific goals and practices need to be established are:

- A. Develop a long range financial plan and goals that will guide and insure the Cooperative of meeting all of its financial obligations through sound financial planning, which includes the following:
 - 1. Maintain necessary working capital and cash reserves.
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 - 3. Maintain access to timely loan funds balances and sources to meet needed plant additions.

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- 4. Insure that funds are available for an established capital credit retirement program.
- 5. Maintain DSC (Debt Service Coverage Ratio) minimum level of 1.25 to meet loan eligibility requirements as a borrower of REA and CFC.
- B. Develop a flexible capital credit rotation program on a minimum year cycle using FIFO method of rotation. Retirements are to be determined by the Board of Directors based on the financial condition of the Cooperative, with a goal of retiring capital credits in excess of a Modified Tier of 2.0.

Consider using different rotation cycles including percentage, LIFO, or hybrids to maximize the value to the membership. Rotating capital credits is an effective way to regulate cash and show the membership they own the Cooperative.

C. To reach and maintain the above goals by establishing a Capital Management Plan, which determines revenue requirements to meet margins, equity level, rotation of capital credits, debt service goals, and to forecast necessary retail rate increases.

In the implementation of this policy, it is recognized that the above goals need to be reviewed at least annually to adjust for certain variables (i.e., cost of debt capital, growth of electric plant, and margins).

This policy supersedes any existing policy which may be in conflict with provisions of this policy.

Approved:

Joseph A. Hamilton, President

MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 201

SUBJECT: Capital Management

Original Policy Effective Date: September 22, 1994 Latest Revision: August 20, 1998

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Approved: David T. Wilson Chairman

MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 201

SUBJECT: Capital Management

Original Policy Effective Date: September 22, 1994 Latest Revision: November 18, 1999

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Approved:

David T. Wilson, Chairman

MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 201

SUBJECT: Capital Management

Original Policy Effective Date: September 22, 1994 (Original)

Latest Revision: October 24, 2001

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It will be the policy of Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation to maintain current modified cash equity between 32 - 40%, continue capital credit rotation on at least a 20 year cycle, and maintain a modified cash TIER equal to or greater than mortgage requirements while also maintaining adequate cash reserves. Once achieved, those levels will be maintained to insure that the Cooperative's members receive electric service at cost.

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MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 201

SUBJECT: Capital Management

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Policy No. 201, Capital Management September 22, 1994; Rev. 8/20/98, Rev. 11/18/99, Rev. 10/24/01, Rev. 7/20/05 Page 2

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- 6. The Cooperative shall give primary consideration to safety and liquidity in the management of general funds. Funds shall be kept in CFC or in member investment programs of the G&T or in banks whose deposits are insured by FDIC, FSLIC, or invested in securities of the United States Government or institutions insured or guaranteed by the United States Government or by an instrumentality thereof. An investment is considered liquid when it can readily be converted into cash without loss of principal. Any investment in the equity of a publicly traded company or in a development subsidiary company set up by the Cooperative may be made only with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- 7. A line of credit not greater than 10% of total utility plant, with CFC, shall be maintained to provide funds in the event they are needed for storm damage, temporary construction financing, pending advances of long term debt loan funds, or other unpredictable requirements.
- 8. In considering the financing of distribution plant including system additions and improvements, all available sources of capital will be considered with primary consideration to be given to the RUS and CFC. The loan terms will be level debt payments (principal and interest) and no more than 50% of the Cooperative's total long-term debt will be financed at a variable interest rate
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Approved:

David T. Wilson, Chairman

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Exhibit 3
Page 1 of 2
Witness: Jim Adkins

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3.	Refer to Exhibit K, page 6 of 7, which shows Meade's annual Times Interest Earned
Ratio (("TIER") and Debt Service Coverage ("DSC") calculations starting with calendar year
2005.	Provide a schedule of Meade's annual TIER and DSC levels for the years 1994 through
2004 i	n the same format as used in the exhibit.

Response:

See attached

Supplemental Request Item 3. Exhibit K, page 6 of 7 Witness: Jim Adkins

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Interest on long term debt	1,404,391	1,536,005	1,581,326	1,586,100	1,499,454	1,325,488	1,219,580	1,043,979	1,015,690	959,725	807,272
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Exhibit 4
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4. Refer to Exhibit K, page 7 of 7

- a. The bottom third of the page is headed "Equity to Total Assets: with G&T patronage capital." However, the calculations on lines 38 to 43 show: (1) the sum of total margins and debt on line 38; (2) total assets on line 39; (3) the amounts on line 38 added to the amounts on line 39 to produce the totals shown on line 41; and (4) the percentage derived by dividing the amounts of line 38 by the amounts on line 41 shown on line 43. Explain what this percentage, which reflects the sum of margins and debt, divided by the sum of margins and debt, plus total assets, is intended to represent.
- b. Refer to the top two-thirds of the page which shows Meade's equity capitalization ratios, with and without G&T, capital credits, beginning with the year 2005. Provide a schedule of Meade's equity capitalization ratios, in the same format as used in the exhibit, for the years 1994 through 2004.

Response:

See attached

Supplemental Request Item Exhibit K, page 7 of 7
Witness: Jim Adkins

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Total margins and equities	19,208,836	18,470,849	17,766,967	16,851,711	15,651,417	14,893,784	14,209,771	14,448,356	13,637,844	12,549,250	11,967,312
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Long-term debt		36,164,171	36,959,909				24,287,265			, ,	16,939,007
Total	58,165,028	54,635,020	54,726,876	49,224,488	44,700,129	40,634,524	38,497,036	35,104,829	32,458,358	31,169,914	28,906,319
Equity conitalization ratio	33%	34%	220/	2.40/	250/	270/	270/	440/	400/	400/	4.4.07
Equity capitalization ratio	<u>33.70</u>	3470	32%	<u>34%</u>	<u>35%</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>37%</u>	<u>41%</u>	<u>42%</u>	<u>40%</u>	<u>41%</u>
Equity Capitalization: _with G&T patronage capital											
Total margins and equities	19,208,836	18,470,849	17,766,967	16,851,711	15,651,417	14,893,784	14,209,771	14.448.356	13.637.844	12.549.250	11,967,312
Long-term debt	38,956,192	36,164,171	36,959,909				24,287,265			18,620,664	
Total	58,165,028	54,635,020	54,726,876	49,224,488	44,700,129	40,634,524	38,497,036	35,104,829	32,458,358	31,169,914	28,906,319
Equity capitalization ratio	33%	34%	32%	34%	<u>35%</u>	37%	37%	<u>41%</u>	42%	<u>40%</u>	41%
Equity to Total Assets: with G&T patronage capital											
Total margins and equities	19,208,836	18,470,849	17,766,967	16,851,711	15,651,417	14,893,784	14,209,771	14,448,356	13,637,844	12,549,250	11,967,312
Total assets	61,916,128	58,600,742	58,265,269	52,243,971	48,193,455	43,820,838	41,678,530	37,635,992	35,134,408	34,036,218	31,069,920
Equity to total asset ratio	<u>31%</u>	32%	30%	32%	<u>32%</u>	34%	34%	<u>38%</u>	39%	<u>37%</u>	39%

a. This bottom third of the page was intended to show the Equity to Asset ratio. The schedule has been revised to show this ratio.

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9. Provide a copy of Exhibits J and R electronically on CD-ROM in Microsoft Excel format with all formulas intact and unprotected.

Response:

Attached to the original copy is a CD-ROM containing the requested information.

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- 10. Refer to Exhibit K of the application.
- a. Refer to page 2 of 7. The amount for Materials has increased 263 percent from March 2009 to January 2010. Provide an explanation for this level of increase

Response:

Meade County is planning to replace copper conductor with aluminum conductor. Additional conductor was purchased in anticipation of this replacement.

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- 10. Refer to Exhibit K of the application.
- b. Refer to page 4 of 7. Provide an explanation for the magnitude of the amount of Materials and Supplies in the calendar year 2009 of \$16,690,857.

Response:

This was an input error only. The Material and Supplies amount should have been \$1,669,087.

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RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND INFORMATION REQUEST

Refer to Exhibit R, page 8 of 41.

a. Question:

Account 935, Maintenance of General Plant, is shown as having been allocated using the General Plant percentages from the Rate Base Schedule. However, the allocation appears to be based on Rate Base percentages from the Rate Base Schedule. Confirm that Rate Base percentages were incorrectly used. Provide the effect that a correction would have on the results of the cost-of-service study ("COSS").

b. Response:

The allocation of Account 935, Maintenance of General Plant has been made on the basis of the Rate Base percentages from the Rate Base Schedule. The impact upon the revenue requirements for each rate class by changing this allocation to one based on the basis of the General Plant percentages are shown on page 2 of this Exhibit. As one can readily see, a significant difference does not exist between the two methods.

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REVENUE REQUIREMENTS BY RATE CLASS

		Green	1R	2R	3R	3A	_
Function	Amount	Power	Residential Schl & Chur	Commercial Rate	Gen Svc 0-999 kVa	TOD Rate	Outdoor Lighting
					<u> </u>	<u> </u>	Lighting
Revenue Requirements							
Based on Filed COSS	34,216,998	100	26,181,078	2,240,401	4,765,134	2,691	1,027,593
Revenue Requirements							
Revision of 935 Allocation	34,216,998	100	26,182,628	2,241,185	4,762,955	2,685	1,027,444
Differenc in Dollar Amount	_	\$ -	\$ (1,550)	\$ (785)	\$ 2,179	\$ 6	\$ 149
Difference In Percent		0.00%	-0.01%	-0.04%	0.05%	0.23%	0.01%

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b. Question:

Depreciation – Distribution Plant and Depreciation – General Plant are shown as having been allocated using the Net Plant percentages from the Rate Base Schedule. However, the allocation for Depreciation – Distribution Plant appears to be based on the Distribution Plant percentages, and Depreciation – General Plant appears to be based on the General Plant percentages. Confirm that Meade intended to use theses allocation percentages. If not, and a correction, provide copies of all exhibits that would be revised as a result of the correction.

b. Response:

Meade used the depreciation allocation methods it intended to use. Footnote No. 6 as written in the filed COSS was wrong. It should have referenced the use of the Distribution Plant percentages and the General Plant percentages.

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RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND INFORMATION REQUEST

Refer to Exhibit R, page 9 of 41, footnote 6 at the bottom of the page.

a. Question:

The first number under the Total column, \$16,129,440 appears to be the total of Overhead Conductors and Devices rather than Poles, Towers and Fixtures as labeled. Confirm that this total is mislabeled.

a. Response:

It is confirmed that this total is mislabeled.

- b. The second number under the Total column, \$1,894,878, appears to be the total of Underground Conductor rather than Overhead Conductors as labeled. Confirm that this total is mislabeled.
- b. Response:

It is confirmed that this total is mislabeled.

c. Question:

Explain where in the COSS the allocations calculated in footnote 6 are used.

c. Response:

The calculations in footnote 6 should not have been included while footnote 6 was written in error. Please see the response Item 11b.

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Question:

Refer to Exhibit R, page 11 of 41. Explain how the General Plant allocation percentages were calculated.

Response:

The general plant allocation percentages on page 41 comes from footnote 7 on page 10 of 41.

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Refer to Exhibit R, pages 29 and 30 of 41.

a. Question:

Refer to the Transformers table at the bottom of page 29. The amounts in the Relative Weight column do not equal column 3 multiplied by column 4 for rates 3R and 3A. Explain how the amounts in this column were calculated. If a correction is needed, provided the effect a correction would have on the results of the COSS.

a. Response:

The amounts in column 3 and column 4 for rates 3R and 3A have additional multiplier of 3 in the calculations for the Relative Weight column. The allocation of the customer-related portion of the various plant accounts is based on the number of customers by classes of service with appropriate weightings and adjustments. Weighting factors reflect the differences in the characteristics within a class and between classes. This additional multiplier of 3 was utilized to better reflect the allocation of the customer related transformer costs to each rate class in the judgment of this witness. The classes 3R and 3A have a significant range in size of customers that can be assigned to these two rate classes. And this additional multiplier has been utilized to better assure a better allocation of transformer related customer costs.

b. Question:

Refer to the Services table at the top of page 30. The amounts in the Cost of Service column do not equal column 2 multiplied by column 3 for rates 3R and 3A. Explain how the amounts in this column were calculated. If a correction is needed, provide the effect a correction would have on the results of the COSS.

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b. Response:

For rate 3A, an additional multiplier of 3 has been utilized in the calculations for the amount listed in the Cost of Service column. The allocation of the customer-related portion of the various plant accounts is based on the number of customers by classes of service with appropriate weightings and adjustments. Weighting factors reflect the differences in the characteristics within a class and between classes. This additional multiplier of 3 was utilized to better reflect the allocation of the customer related transformer costs to each rate class in the judgment of this witness.

For rate 3R, the amount in the Cost of Service column is based on the below schedule. Since there is a wide size range of customers within this class, a different method was determined to be a better fit to recognize the size range of customers.

Rate 3 R	Length of	Cost Per	Cost per	Number	
<u>Туре</u>	<u>Wire</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Customer</u>	of Cust,	<u>Total</u>
0-100 KVA	120.00	2.46	885.60	169.00	149,666
101-1000 KVA	120.00	2.46	885.60	173.00	153,209
1000 KVA +	120.00	3.13	1,126.80	4.00	4,507
Total				346	307,382
Average					888.39

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Question:

Refer to Exhibit R, page 32 and 41 of 41. Explain the origin of the \$893,370 shown as Revenue from Rates for the Lighting Class.

Response:

The Revenue from Rates for the Lighting Class on page 32 of \$893,370 was from a previous draft of the billing analysis and then copied to page 41. When the billing analysis was changed, this update was not made to pages 32 and 41.

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Questions:

Refer to Exhibits R, pages 39 and 40 of 41 in which Meade calculates proposed customer charges. Provide the calculation for the customer charges if all customer-related costs were recovered through the customer charges.

Response:

Provided below is the requested monthly related costs per consumer broken down by rate class.

	Monthly Consumer Related Costs					
		Consumer Related Revenue		Number of Monthly Billing	F	onsumer Related osts Per
	Rate Class	<u>Requirements</u>		<u>Units</u>		<u>Month</u>
1R	Residential	\$	6,033,546	311,873	\$	19.35
2R	Small Commercial		498,020	20,425	\$	24.38
3R	General Service		451,766	4,153	\$	108.78
3A	TOD Gen Svc		1,843	20	\$	92.15

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Question:

Refer to Exhibit R, page 40 of 41. Can the amounts shown as Transformer investment for the three levels of KVA be found in the COSS. If yes, provide the location of the amounts. If no, explain.

Response:

These amounts are not provided in the COSS as filed. Provided below is the basis for these amounts.

Transformer Investment - Rate 3R				
Rate 3 R		Number		
Туре	Cost	of Cust,	Total	
50 KVA	902.60	169.00	152,540	
112.5 KVA PA		173.00	1,029,177	
2-500 KVA PA	16,941.70	4.00	67,767	
Total		346	1,249,484	
			3,611	

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Refer to Exhibit S, page 1, which shows the amount of the proposed increase based on attaining a Times Interest Earned Ratio ("TIER") of 2.32X.

a. Question:

Describe how Meade determined that 232X was the appropriate TIER on which to base its requested increase.

a. Response:

Please see the response to Item No. 6 in this information request for this explanation.

b. Question:

Is Meade aware of any studies performed by the Rural Utilities Service ("RUS") or the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC") on the subject of the appropriate TIER level for an electric distribution cooperative? If yes, identify the studies and when they were performed.

b. Response:

Meade County is not aware of any studies performed by RUS or CFC on the appropriate TIER level.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- a. Refer to page 3. Provide an explanation of how costs are assigned to Accounts 417.101 through 417.1 14, Expenses-Wildblue.

Response:

Actual costs of materials and supplies are allocated to the following accounts as appropriate. Payroll and benefits are distributed based on number of hours required to assist customers, prepare billings and provide other miscellaneous services.

COS Expenses - Wildblue	417.101
Expenses - Wildblue - Equipment	417.102
Expenses - Wildblue – Installation fees	417.103
Expenses - Wildblue - Cost-of-Service Other	417.104
Expenses - Wildblue - payroll - A&G Customer Support	417.105
Expenses - Wildblue - A&G Billing	417.106
Expenses - Wildblue - Payroll - Other Customer Expenses	417.107
Expenses - Wildblue - advertising	417.108
Expenses - Wildblue - bad debt	417.109
Expenses - Wildblue - depreciation	417.110
Expenses - Wildblue - Payroll - A&G	417.111
Expenses - Wildblue - Interest Expense	417.112
Expenses - Wildblue - Amortization	417.113
Expenses - Wildblue - Service Calls	417.114

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- b. Refer to page 9. Provide a detailed breakdown of Accounts 451 and 454, Miscellaneous Service Revenue and Rent from Electric Property.

Response:

Connection, collection and after hours service fees are recorded in Account 451.000 "Miscellaneous Service Revenue".

Detail of Acct. 451 – Miscellaneous Service Revenue – Test Year

Connection fees	\$80,225.00
Collection Fees	55,268.00
After hours fees	<u>2,070.00</u>

Total \$137,563.00

Detail of Acct. 454 – Rent from Electric Property – Test Year

Joint Use Pole Rental \$242,714.00 Fordsville Office Rental \$18,000.00

Total \$260,714.00

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- c. For Account 451 and 454, provide the March 31 balances for most recent five-year period.

Response:

March 31 - Account 451 Balances

2009	\$140,580
2008	154, 495
2007	160,978
2006	169,740
2005	162,869

March 31 - Account 454 Balances

2009	\$263,721
2008	237,802
2007	210,627
2006	193,483
2005	161.092

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- d. Page 11 shows that Account 580.000, Operation-Supervision & Engineering, increased from \$287,254 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$327,749 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

Account 580.000 Post-retirement and Pension benefits represent 48% of the increase from \$287,254 to \$327,749 and Labor increases for individuals for step promotions represent the remainder of the increase.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- e. Page 11 shows that Account 583.00, Overhead Line Expense, increased from \$763,681 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$849,400 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

Account 583.000 Labor for first time Transformer and OCR purchases represent 51% of the increase; Property taxes represent 28%; payroll and benefits represent 21% of the increase from \$763,681 to \$849,400.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- f. Page I 1 shows that Account 586.000, Meter Expense, increased from \$217,494 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$295,401 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

Account 586.000 an increase in rates to change and test statistical meters and an increase in the number of meters represents 95%; payroll and benefits represent 5% of the increase from \$217,494 to \$295,401. There were 1,800 more meters changed and tested in the test year.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- g. Page 13 shows that Account 588.000, Misc Distribution Expense, increased from \$455,966 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$641,545 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 588.000 a \$56,000 credit to health insurance to true up the account in December 2008 resulted in test year payroll and benefits at 55% of the increase. The remaining 45% increase is a result of OMS training and other computer software and supplies.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- h. Page 13 shows that Account 590.000, Maintenance-Supervision & Engineering, increased from \$308,314 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$351,958 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 590.000 there was a credit to Pension expense in December 2008 for \$12,400 to trueup the expenses for the year. Two employees reached 30 years of service early in the year and the expense was not adjusted until December. This resulted in test year expenses to appear 47% greater than the prior year. The remainder or 53% of the increase was other payroll and benefit expenses.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- i. Page 15 shows that Account 593.100, Maintenance, increased from \$825,911 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$970,332 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 593.100 98% of the increase from \$824,911 to \$970,332 is attributed to an increase in right-of-way tree trimming contracts and 2% to payroll and benefit expenses.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- j. Page 15 shows that Account 593.400, Maintenance-Service Orders, increased from \$188,479 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$292,475 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 593.400 48% of the increase from \$188,479 to \$292,475 is attributed to an increase in right-of-way clearing to service orders, 15% in transportation expenses, and 37% in payroll and benefit expenses.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- k. Page 17 shows that Account 902.100, Special Meter Reading Expenses, decreased from \$141,991 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$57,181 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense decreased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 902.100 a credit received from a vendor for approximately \$89,000 for warranty repairs to AMI meter modules attributes to 100% of the decrease from \$141,991 to \$57,181.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- 1. Page 17 shows that Account 903.000, Customer Records & Collections Exp, increased from \$212,120 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$281,907 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude

Response:

In Account 903.000 64% of the increase is for contractor costs for field technicians and 36% for payroll and benefit expenses for the increase from \$212,120 to \$281,907.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- m. Refer to pages 17 and 19, Accounts 903.201 through 903.210. Provide an explanation why there is only activity in these accounts for the ninth month. Explain the purpose of these added accounts.

Response:

Data for Accounts 903.201 through 903.210 was summarized into the G/L control account 903.200 for all but the ninth month.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- n. Refer to pages 19 and 21, Accounts 903.301 through 903.305. Provide an explanation why there is only activity in these accounts for the ninth month. Explain the purpose of these added accounts.

Response:

Data for Accounts 903.301 through 903.305 was summarized into the G/L control account 903.300 for all but the ninth month.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- o. Refer to page 21, Accounts 903.501 through 903.507. Provide an explanation why there is only activity in these accounts for the ninth month. Explain the purpose of these added accounts.

Response:

Data for Accounts 903.501 through 903.507 was summarized into the G/L control account 903.500 for all but the ninth month.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- p. Refer to page 23, Accounts 903.601 through 903.607. Provide an explanation why there is only activity in these accounts for the ninth month. Explain the purpose of these added accounts.

Response:

Data for Accounts 903.601 through 903.6.7 was summarized into the G/L control account 903.600 for all but the ninth month.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- q. Page 23 shows that Account 910.000, Misc Customer Serv & Inform Exp, increased from \$58,992 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$71,486 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 910.000 an 18% increase in transportation costs and 82% increase in payroll and benefit expenses accounts for the increase from \$58,992 to \$71,486.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- r. Page 28 shows that Account 920.000, Administrative & General Salaries, increased from \$379,264 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$443,222 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 920.000 the entire increase is attributable to payroll for step increases, retirement and post-retirement expenses from \$379,264 to \$443,222.

Even though there is an increase in A&G expenses it is important to keep in mind that we are coming from low levels of A&G expense per consumer, for example, in the latest KRTA (Key Ratio Trend Analysis) available for the calendar year 2009 Meade ranked in the bottom 30 of 816 coops (\$49.73 v. \$115.92) across the nation in the amount of A&G expense per consumer.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- s. Page 33 shows that Account 930.200, Misc General Exp, increased from \$138,866 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$166,954 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense increased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 930.200 the entire increase is attributable to payroll for step increases, retirement and post-retirement expenses from \$138,866 to \$166,954.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- t. Page 33 shows that Account 930.300, Misc General Exp-Directors Fee Expense, decreased from \$109,323 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$96,882 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense decreased by this magnitude.

Response:

Directors were paid for additional special meetings in 2008 that were not required in the test year resulting in a decrease of fees from the preceding 12 months to the test year.

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- 19. Refer to Exhibit X of the application, which provides a comparison of income statement account levels for the test period and the 12 months immediately preceding the test period.
- u. Page 33 shows that Account 935.000, Maintenance of General Property, decreased from \$143,468 in the 12 months preceding the test year to \$110,607 in the test year. Provide a detailed explanation for why this expense decreased by this magnitude.

Response:

In Account 935.000 trim, pavement and tile floor repairs account for 100% of the reduction in expenses from \$143,468 to \$110,607.

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Meade County Rural Electric Cooperative
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20. Refer to Exhibit I, page 1 of the application. Meade states that employees may elect to be paid for up to 12 days for unused sick time and 5 days of unused vacation time. Provide a copy of Meade's policy for paying unused sick and vacation days.

Response:

See attached Vacation and Sick Leave policies, pages 2 through 7, this exhibit. Vacation exchange is found in Policy No. 514, Item II D and Sick Leave reimbursement in Policy No. 516, Item II, L.

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MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 514

SUBJECT: Vacation Leave Effective Date: September 1, 1991 (Original) Revised: September 19, 2007; Effective January 1, 2008

I. PURPOSE

To define guidelines for vacation leave for all employees.

II. POLICY

A. All full-time <u>hourly</u> employees of the Cooperative shall earn vacation leave in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Employment	Vacation Leave Earned
6 months to 1 year (6 months must be completed by November 1 st of that year)	5 days
1 st year through 5 th year	10 days
6 th year after hire	11 days
7 th year after hire	12 days
8 th year after hire	13 days
9 th year after hire	14 days
10 th year after hire	15 days
11 th year after hire	16 days
12 th year after hire	17 days
13 th year after hire	18 days
14 th year after hire	19 days
15 th year after hire	20 days

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B. All full-time <u>salaried</u> employees of the Cooperative shall earn vacation leave in accordance with the following schedule:

Years of Employment	Vacation Leave Earned
6 months to 1 year (6 months must be completed by November 1 st of that year)	5 days
1 st year through 5 th year	10 days
6 th year through 10 th year	15 days
11 th year after hire	16 days
12 th year after hire	17 days
13 th year after hire	18 days
14 th year after hire	19 days
15 th year after hire	20 days
16 th year through 25 th year	20 days
26 th year +	25 days

- C. Two (2) consecutive workweeks shall be the maximum vacation period allowed at any one time. Vacation may be taken one day at a time if desired, if the details can be worked out with the employee's immediate supervisor. The only exception to this one day rule would be that the one day would not precede or follow a paid holiday.
- D. All vacation leave must be taken within the calendar year or forfeited. However, those employees with more than 80 hours of paid vacation leave each year may opt to exchange up to 40 hours (no more) for pay comparable to the wage which that employee currently receives. Request for exchange shall be made in writing and submitted to Management.
- E. No vacation leave shall be taken without prior approval of an authorized supervisor, subject to the approval of the Management. The right to designate vacation periods is reserved to the Cooperative at all times. Every effort will be made to assign vacation periods of the employees' choice. In the event of a dispute or conflict as to choice of vacation periods between

- employees, seniority shall govern insofar as compatible with the Cooperative's operation.
- F. All requests for vacation leave shall be made at the earliest possible date. Holidays falling in vacation periods will not be charged against vacation time. Vacation time may be used as sick leave after all sick leave time is used.
- G. A vacation leave form must be signed by employees and approved by department head for any vacation leave taken.
- H. Upon termination of employment, employees shall be paid for all accumulated vacation leave within the year.
- I. Accumulated vacation leave shall not exceed four regular workweeks for an hourly employee and five regular workweeks for a salaried employee.
- J. It shall not be the policy of the Cooperative to ask employees to work on the weekend before, weekend during, or the weekend following an employee's vacation. This policy will be waived only during extreme emergencies. If an employee is so requested to work, his vacation time will be considered as time worked in the computation of overtime.
- K. It shall be the discretion of the hiring supervisor and the President/CEO to give new hires vacation credit for previous utility experience and also previous professional experience.

III. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT

The President/CEO, or duly authorized personnel delegated by the President/CEO, shall be responsible for the communication and enforcement of this policy.

Date

Burns E. Mercer, President/CEO

9/19/2007

MEADE COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE CORPORATION

POLICY NO. 516

SUBJECT: Sick Leave Effective: September 1, 1991 (Original) Revised: September 19, 2007; Effective January 1, 2008

I. PURPOSE

To specify guidelines for administering and utilizing sick leave.

II. POLICY

- A. Regular employees, after completing their probationary period, will begin to accumulate sick leave at the rate of one eight hour working day per calendar month. Probationary time will be used in computing sick leave days.
- B. Unused sick leave shall accumulate from year to year up to a maximum of ninety (90) working days.
- C. Sick leave will be paid only during a bonafide illness of the employee. No sick leave will be paid when illness or injury arises out of participation in unlawful activities.
- D. A physician's certificate as to the existence or continuance of illness or disability may be required. A certificate may be waived for the first two days, with the approval of the supervisor and the management. Illness during a vacation period will not be credited to sick leave.
- E. When an employee is unable to report to work due to illness or any other reason, they must notify their supervisor at the earliest possible time; but in no case less than one hour prior to regular work time. Failure to do so may mean disallowance of sick leave for the day.

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- F. In case of injury at work for the Cooperative, for which Workman's Compensation is applicable, an employee will be eligible to use accumulated sick leave only to the extent that it is necessary to assure him his regular straight time pay during his absence from work as a result of an injury on the job.
- G. Sick Leave time may be used by the employee to attend to the illness of immediate family (wife, husband, son or daughter, father or mother, or in-law of the same relation).
- H. A Sick Leave day, or any portion thereof, taken the day before and/or the day after a company paid holiday will be counted as two (2) sick days against the employee's sick leave. If an employee does not have two (2) sick days accumulated, the employee will forfeit their pay for the holiday.
- I. Maternity cases shall be reported to the supervisor at the earliest possible date. Each case will be considered individually, but an employee may request a leave of absence beginning at the end of the seventh month, if desired. This leave of absence may be granted for maternity cases for up to a period of five months, providing the employee desires to return to work within that time. Unpaid leave of absence request is to be in writing, stating beginning and approximate ending dates and approved by the supervisor.
- J. Sick leave forms must be completed in detail and signed by the employee and approved by the supervisor for any sick leave taken before sick leave payment will be allowed. Sick leave will not be paid until the proper approved forms have been received by the Accounting Department. Abuse of sick leave will not be tolerated and may be cause for termination if such is proved.
- K. Sick leave time will be considered as time worked in the computation of overtime.
- L. Employees accruing sick leave over ninety (90) days will be reimbursed annually at applicable pay rate for one-half of all excess days. The time period for computation of reimbursement will be November 1 through October 31.

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- M. At retirement, employees will be paid at applicable pay rate for one-half of the remaining sick days accumulated under the ninety (90) days cited in paragraph "B". Terminating employees, voluntary or involuntary, will not receive compensation for any unused sick days.
- N. Employees on paid leave, sick or vacation, will continue to accrue sick leave at the normal rate for the duration of paid leave time. Employees on unpaid leave or disciplinary leave will <u>not</u> accrue sick leave hours.

III. RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENFORCEMENT

- A. It shall be the duty of the immediate supervisor to monitor sick leave usage.
- B. The President/CEO, or duly authorized personnel delegated by the President/CEO, shall be responsible for the communication and enforcement of this Policy.

9/19/2007 Date

Burns E. Mercer, President/CEO

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21. Refer to Exhibit 1, page 1. Meade states that wage increases are granted on November 1 of each year and there was no salary increase during the test year. State whether the Board of Directors has determined or granted a salary increase for the upcoming November 1 date for the current year.

Response:

The Board of Directors will review whether to grant wage increases. It has not been determined if increases will be granted at this time, however, Meade County anticipates the Board will grant an increase for November 1, 2010.

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22. Refer to Exhibit 1, page 3 through 5 of the application.

a. If an employee worked 2,080 regular hours during the test period, explain why the employee would also have payments for vacation/sick leave and why those payments should be included in normalized wages

Response:

To encourage employees to work on a regular basis, therefore, not requiring Meade County the have to hire additional employees, accumulated unused vacation and sick days are paid to employees. Vacation is paid for unused days up to 5 days per year for employees that earn over 15 days per year. Employees can elect to be paid for up to 90 hours per year for unused sick leave days during the year. Sick leave is paid at ½ the hourly pay rate.

Having employees working facilitates the planning process for crews, office services, and other functions. Meade County feels that work is more productive with full crews and full staffing than if employees sporatically use vacation and sick days.

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- 22. Refer to Exhibit 1, page 3 through 5 of the application.
- b. For each employee listed in Table 1 below, explain in detail why they worked less than 2,080 hours in the test period.

	Table 1	
	Employee No.	Regular Hours
(1)	154	1,970.5
(2)	167	2,072
(3)	173	1,693.5
(4)	184	1,840
(5)	186	633

Response:

Emp. No 154 – on worker comp for part of year; Emp No. 167 – took one (1) day off with no pay; Emp No. 173 – from part time to full time; Emp No. 184 – new employee; Emp No. 186 – new employee.

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- 22. Refer to Exhibit 1, page 3 through 5 of the application.
- c. Explain why 2,080 hours was used in calculating normalized wages rather than the actual hours worked during the test period.

Response:

There are normally 2,080 working hours in a normal year. The hours were normalized as if an employee had worked a full year.

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- 22. Refer to Exhibit 1, page 3 through 5 of the application.
- d. Provide an update of any additional labor costs incurred subsequent to the end of the test year. Provide an explanation for the reason for the changes and update Exhibit 1, page 3 through 5, for these changes as of August 31, 2010.

Response:

Changes from the application are as follows:

- Employees No. 166 and 173 from part time to full time.
- Employee No. 184 and 186 new employees.
- Employees No. 135; 173; 180; 182; 183 all step increases.
- There were no retirees during the twelve (12) months ended August 31, 2010.

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as of August 31, 2010

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					Actual	Actual Test Year Wages	Vages		Wage	Normalized Wedes	sope/W b			
	T	Hours Worked					9		Rate	@ 2,080 Hours	Hours			
Emp #	Reg Hrs	OT Hrs	Unused Vacation	Regular	Overtime	Unused Vacation	Unused Sick Pay	Total	9/1/10	Regular	Overtime	Unused Vacation	Unused Sick Pay	Total
186	3 1,513.0	3.5		17,963	63		0	18,026	15.41	32,053	81		0	32,134
Subtotal	101,346.5	5,972.5	180.0	2,302,238	222,869	4,206	0	2,529,313		2,368,725	226,032	4,206	0	2,598,962
Part Time	Part Time & Summer Employees	Employees												
164	1 755.0	0.0		7,550	0		0	7,550	10.00	7,550	0		0	7,550
165	5 754.0	0.0		7,540	0		0	7,540	10.00	7,540	0		0	7.540
175	934.1	0.0		10,154	0		0	10,154	10.87	10,154	0		0	10,154
177	994.0	0.0		10,805	0		0	10,805	10.87	10,805	0		0	10,805
179	1,451.5	0.0		14,515	0		0	14,515	10.00	14,515	0		0	14,515
187	7 956.5	0.0		9,565	0		0	9,565	10.00	9,565	0		0	9,565
188	3 341.8	7.0		3,418	105		0	3,523	10.00	3,418	105		0	3,523
189		8.5		4,318	108		0	4,426	8.50	4,318	108		0	4,426
190	385.0	0.9		3,273	77		0	3,349	8.50	3,273	77		0	3,349
Subtotal	7,079.9	21.5	0.0	71,137	290	0	0	71,427		71,137	290	0	0	71,427
Retired Employees	nployees													
22	0.0	0.0		0	0		0	0	27.82					
99	0.0	0.0		0	0		0	0	21.16					
87	0.0	0.0		0	0		0	0	19.16					
Subtotal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0
Total	137,546.4	6,009.4	444.0	444.0 3,559,777	223,724	16,069	17,856	3,817,425		3,634,260	226,322	16,069	17,856	3,894,507

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23. Refer to Exhibit 3, page 2, of the application, which shows the test-year actual and normalized total depreciation expense and the test-year actual and normalized depreciation expense charged to transportation clearing. Provide the same information for each of the calendar years 2000 to 2009.

Response:

	Deprec	<u>iation</u>
<u>Year</u>	Expense	Clearing
2009	2,956,264	461,502
2008	2,842,245	486,323
2007	2,702,560	395,392
2006	2,497,883	452,918
2005	2,318,515	371,387
2004	2,176,161	343,977
2003	2,069,065	304,920
2002	2,000,863	287,292
2001	1,875,298	264,671
2000	1,706,303	303,469

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24. Refer to Exhibit 3, page 4, of the application, which shows distribution plant in service, accumulated depreciation for distribution plant, and the reserve ratio percentages for distribution plant for each of the years 1995 through 1999 and 2005 through 2008. Provide the same information as of the end of the test year and for the years from 2000 through 2004.

Response:

	Distribution	Accumulated Depreciation		Ratio of Current Distribution Plant
Year	Plant in	for	Reserve	to Distribution Plant 10 Years
Ended	Service	<u>Distribution</u>	Ratio	Prior
2009	82,006,321	20,716,588	25.26%	1.85
2008	79,412,895	19,148,191	24.11%	1.94
2007	76,020,263	17,461,623	22.97%	2.03
2006	71,399,630	16,181,781	22.66%	2.04
2005	66,374,927	14,810,722	22.31%	2.08
2004	62,260,936	13,927,986	22.37%	
2003	58,231,350	12,910,540	22.17%	
2002	54,739,430	11,835,646	21.62%	
2001	51,255,660	11,264,997	21.98%	
2000	47,530,430	10,575,145	22.25%	
1999	44,363,056	9,937,785	22.40%	
1998	40,845,433	9,289,706	22.74%	
1997	37,522,573	8,632,283	23.01%	
1996	34,972,409	8,178,601	23.39%	
1995	31,958,257	7,742,742	24.23%	

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	of Meade's outstanding long-term	schedule of Meade'	page 2. This is	Exhibit 5.	Refer to	25.
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a.	Provide an update of the schedule on pages 2 and 3 that reflects the current
interest rates	for long-term debt applied to the long-term debt balances as of the end of the
proposed test	vear.

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Meade County Rural Electric Case No. 2010-00222 Schedule of Outstanding Long-Term Debt March 31, 2010

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6	Type	Date	Date		Interest	Annualized
7	of	of	of	Outstanding	Rate	Cost
8	Debt Issued	Issue	Maturity	Amount	Nov 2009	Col(d)x(g)
9	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)		(j)
10	DUGI					
11	RUS loans		r 20	1.016.020	2 7 5 0 0 /	71.050
12	B290	Jun-97	Jun-32	1,916,239	3.750%	71,859
13	B295	Jun-97	Jun-32	1,834,158	4.870%	89,323
14	B310	Oct-03	Oct-38	2,393,040	4.670%	111,755
15	B311	Oct-03	Oct-38	2,790,511	4.180%	116,643
16	B312	Oct-03	Oct-38	1,867,507	4.490%	83,851
17	B313	Oct-03	Oct-38	1,865,671	4.440%	82,836
18	B314	Oct-03	Oct-38	2,842,965	5.060%	143,854
19	B315	Oct-03	Oct-38	2,829,566	3.380%	95,639
20	B320	Dec-08	Dec-43	2,935,459	4.860%	142,663
21	B321	Dec-08	Dec-43	1,939,101	3.020%	58,561
22	B322	Dec-08	Dec-43	1,956,089	3.640%	71,202
23	B323	Dec-08	Dec-43	2,943,487	3.650%	107,437
24	B324	Dec-08	Dec-43	2,462,958	3.550%	87,435
25	B325	Dec-08	Dec-43	1,979,994	3.550%	70,290
26	B326	Dec-08	Dec-43	2,626,000	3.550%	93,223
27	A	Advance pag	yment	(1,321,389)	<u></u>	
28			_	33,861,356		1,426,572
30	FFB loans					
31	H010	Nov-98	Oct-33	353,112	6.490%	22,917
32	H015	Sep-00	Aug-35	1,099,549	4.474%	49,194
33	H020	Sep-02	Aug-37	1,686,808	4.777%	80,579
34	H025	Sep-02	Aug-37	1,683,414	3.753%	63,179
35	F030	Mar-03	Feb-38	4,583,923	4.069%	186,520
36			_	9,406,806		402,388
31	CFC loans			***************************************	-	***************************************
38 39	9002	Jun-74	May-09	0	7.00%	0
	9002	Dec-75	Nov-10	15,283	5.70%	871
40	9003	Jun-77	May-12	44,584	5.85%	2,608
41 42	9007	Jun-77 Jun-78	May-12	491,504	5.75%	28,261
43	9009-13	Jun-89	May-13	2,732,052	4.95%	135,237
	9017	Mar-92	Feb-27	1,587,776	5.75%	91,297
44	9022006	Aug-04	Jul-39	1,387,770	7.00%	
45	9022006	Aug-04 Aug-04	Jul-39 Jul-39	1,468,511	7.00% 7.00%	0 102,796
46	9022007	Aug-04 Aug-04		1,468,511		
47	9022008	Aug-04 Aug-04	Jul-39 Jul-09	1,468,511	6.80% 6.80%	99,859 99,859
48 49	9022009	Aug-04 Aug-04	Jul-09 Jul-09	1,468,511	6.05%	99,839 88,845
50	JUL 2010	7 rap. 0-1	541-07	10,745,243	0.05/0_	649,633
51	Total long ter	m debt and	annualized -	54,013,405	_	2,478,592
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Annualized cost rate [Total Col. (j) / Total Col. (d)]

^{4.59%}

Actual test year cost rate [Total Col (k) / Total Reported in Col (d)]

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- 25. Refer to Exhibit 5, page 2. This is a schedule of Meade's outstanding long-term debt.
- b. Provide an explanation for the variance between the annualized interest expense and the test-year interest costs for RUS loan numbers B323, B324, B325 and B326.

Response:

The variance on loan number B323, B324, and B325 are due the estimated accrual on these loans and the actual interest calculated. The variance for loan number B326 is due the date of the advance, which was not for the full test year.

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Witness: Burns Mercer

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26. Refer to Exhibit 7, page 1. Meade states that the retirement and security ("R&S") contribution rate is determined by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Provide a copy of the documentation supporting the R&S rate of 28.78 percent used for the proposed adjustment to pension benefits.

Response:

Attached as page 2 of this exhibit is a copy of the document from NRECA supporting the R&S rate of 28.78 percent for the proposed adjustment to pension benefits.

NATIONAL RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

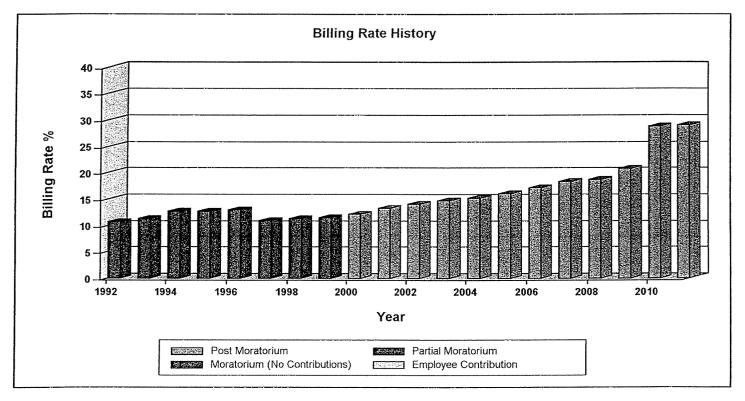


Retirement Security Plan

System #: 01-18018-001 Plan ID: RNR01A

Name: MEADE COUNTY RECC

Year	Benefit Level	System Cost	Employee Contribution	Plan	COLA	Average Age	100% Death Benefit	Salary Type
1992	1.50	10.70	0.00	30	No	42	No	BS
1993	1.50	11.30	0.00	-30	No	42	No	BS
1994	1.50	12.72	0.00	30	No	42	No	BS
1995	1.50	12.72	0.00	30	No	42	No	BS .
1996	1.70	12.98	0.00	30	No	40	Yes	BS
1997	1.70	10.95	0.00	30	No	41	Yes	BS :
1998	1.70	11.32	0.00	30	No	41	Yes	BS
1999	1.70	11.51	0.00	30	No	41	Yes	BS
2000	1.70	12.15	0.00	30	No	43	Yes	BS
2001	1.70	13.30	0.00	30	No	43	Yes	BS
2002	1.70	14.07	0.00	30	No	43	Yes	BS
2003	1.70	14.73	0.00	30	No	44	Yes	BS
2004	1.70	15.22	0.00	30	No	44	Yes	BS
2005	1.70	16.06	0.00	30	No	44	Yes	BS
2006	1.70	17.17	0.00	30	No	45	Yes	BS
2007	1.70	18.35	0.00	30	No	46	Yes	BS
2008	1.70	18.72	0.00	30	No	46	Yes	BS
2009	1.70	20.78	0.00	30	No	46	Yes	BS
2010	1.70	28.78	0.00	30	No	47	Yes	BS
2011	1.70	29.02	0.00	30	No	48	Yes	BS



Note: The System Cost is the total of the Trust Contribution and the Administrative Fee.

Your Retirement Security Plan's salary type is "base salary." As a result, your contribution cost is applied as a percentage of each participant's annualized base rate of pay in effect on November 15, 2010, which is that participant's effective salary for the 2011 plan year. Beginning with your January 2011 monthly statement, the estimated amount due will be based on this percentage. Rates noted are for the plan in effect as of January 1 for each year.

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27.	Refer to Exhibit 12 of the application, where Meade estimates the expenses associated
with th	is rate case. On a monthly basis, beginning in April 2009, provide the amount of Meade's
actual 1	rate case expenses, by category, as was done in the estimate. Consider this an ongoing
request	which is to be updated monthly.

Response:

Attached

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	Check							
<u>Date</u>	Number	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Legal</u>	Consulting	Advertising	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
5/28/2010	93808	Visa	Meals, consultants				67.05	67.05
7/7/2010	94001	Visa	Meals, consultants				180.67	180.67
7/30/2010	94373	Visa	Meals, consultants				35.82	35.82
8/6/2010	94444	Staples	Office supplies				887.84	887.84
8/31/2010		1	Prepaid postage				38.46	38.46
8/27/2010	94607	Ohio Co. Times/News	Ads			992.25	505	992.25
8/27/2010	94627	Visa	Meals, consultants				30.15	30.15
8/27/2010	94627	Visa	Sec State, existence				10.00	10.00
8/27/2010	94627	Visa	UPS				42.85	42.85
8/31/2010	94643	Herald News Publishing	Ads			2,394.00		2,394.00
9/7/2010	94685	Meade Co Messenger	Ads			1,070.10		1,070.10
9/7/2010	94675	Grayson Co News	Ads			3,572.10		3,572.10
		Subtotal		0.00	0.00	8,028.45	1,292.84	0 221 20
		Subtotal		0.00	0.00	0,020.43	1,292.84	9,321.29
		Cooperative labor and benefit	fits (no overtime included)				8,758.61	8,758.61
		Total expenses		0.00	0.00	8,028.45	10,051.45	18,079.90

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28. Refer to Exhibit 13.

a. Refer to page 1 of 3. The existing rates for the three-party anchor attachment and three-party ground attachment are shown as \$4.72 and \$.15, respectively. The amounts in Meade's current tariff are \$3.74 and \$.17, respectively. Explain the discrepancy between the rates shown on this page and those in Meade's tariff.

Response:

See the revised CATV attachment computations. This reflects a lower rate for the three-party attachment in relation to the two-party attachment rate.

Exhibit 28
Page 2 of 1 >Witness: Jim Adkins

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28. Refer to Exhibit 13.

- b. Refer to page 2 of 3.
- (1) Provide all documents and workpapers supporting the pole sizes and costs used in the calculation of the weighted average costs. Include in the response whether the gross investment costs shown on this page are gross or net.

Response:

Attached are the continuing property records (CPR's) that indicate the quantities and amounts for each of the elements for poles. It should be noted that the Three-Party Pole cost in the application did not include the 40' poles with the 45' poles. This has been remedied in this response. The investment is shown as gross costs.

	Quantity	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Average</u>
35' - 40' Poles	27,840	14,680,250	527.31
40' - 45' Poles	29,191	15,837,457	542.55

	MEADE CO	COUNTY RURAL EL	ELECTRIC			DATE 1/14/10
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- 28. Refer to Exhibit 13.
 - b. Refer to page 2 of 3.
 - (2) Explain why it is reasonable for a three-party pole attachment to be higher than a two-party pole attachment. Include in the response the calculation of the present rates which resulted in a lower charge for the three-party pole attachment.

Response:

See the revised CATV attachment computations. This reflects a lower rate for the three-party attachment in relation to the two-party attachment rate.

Meade County Rural Electric Case No. 2010-00222 **CATV** Pole Attachments as of December 31, 2009

A. 1. Two-Party Pole Cost:

Size	Quantity	<u>Amount</u>		Weighted Avera	age Cost	
35'-40' Poles	27,840	\$14,680,250		<u>\$527.31</u>		
2. Three-Party Pole	Cost:					
Size	Quantity	Amount		Weighted Avera	age Cost	
40 - 45' Poles	29,426	\$15,837,457		<u>\$538.21</u>		
3. Average cost of	anchors			<u>\$94.01</u>		
B. 1. Pole Charge:						
a. Two party =	\$527.31	85%		17.77%	0.1224	\$9.75
b. Three party =	\$538.21	85%		17.77%	0.0759	\$6.17
2. Pole Charge, wit	h ground at	tachments:				
a. Two party =	\$527.31	85%	\$12.50	17.77%	0.1224	\$0.27
b. Three party =	\$538.21	85%	\$12.50	17.77%	0.0759	\$0.17
3. Anchor Charge:						
a. Two party =	\$94.01			17.77%	0.50	\$8.35
b. Three party =	\$94.01			17.77%	0.33	\$5.51
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(1) Remove miscellaneous allocations to pole accounts when using Record Units in the continuing property record (CPR's) system, per PSC Administrative Case No. 251

Meade County has not made any adjustments or modifications to its CPR's during the current or previous several years.

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Fixed charges on investment from PSC Annual Report at December 31, 2009.

Total Distribution Expense	4,704,658	
Reference Page 14		
Customer Accounts Expense	1,253,665	
Reference Page 15		
Customer Service and Informational Expense	230,731	
Reference Page 15		
Administrative and General	1,392,256	
Reference Page 15		
Depreciation Expense	2,956,264	
Reference Page 13		
Taxes Other than Income Taxes	32,462	
Reference Page 13		
Sub total	10,570,036	
Divided by Total Utility Plant	91,162,723	11.59%
Line 2, Page 1		
Cost of Money		
Rate of Return on Investment allowed in the last General		
Rate Request, Case No. 2009-00222	8.26%	
Net plant ratio for distribution plant:		
Distribution plant 82,006,321		
Accumulated depreciation 20,716,588	25.3%	
Rate of return (times 1 minus reserve ratio)	_	6.17%
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Annual carrying charges	=	17.77%

Meade County Rural Electric CATV Pole Attachments as of December 31, 2009

Additional revenues generated

		Ra	Rates	Rev	Revenue	Increase	ease
Attachment Description	Number	Existing	Proposed	Existing	Proposed	Amount	Percent
2 party Pole	1,680	\$7.21	\$9.75	\$12,113	\$16,376	\$4,263	76%
3 party Pole	7,152	5.98	6.17	42,769	44,125	\$1,356	3%
2 party Anchor		5.67	8.35	9	8	\$3	32%
3 party Anchor	76	4.72	5.51	458	535	\$77	14%
2 party Ground	919	0.27	0.27	248	250	\$2	1%
3 party Ground	0	0.15	0.17	0	0	80	%0
Total				\$55,593	\$61,294	\$5,700	%6

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28. Refer to Exhibit 13.

- c. Refer to page 3 of 3 wherein the rate of return used in the CATV calculation is shown as 6.47 percent.
 - (1) State where in the Order in Meade's most recent general rate case the 6.47 percent rate of return is shown.

Response:

The calculation of rate of return from Meade County's most recent general rate case is as follows:

Normalized test year margins (Exh S)	234,981
Increase granted in Order	1,905,793
Adjusted margins	2,140,774
Normalized interest on long term debt	2,188,093
Margins plus interest	4,328,867
Net rate base (Exh K)	60,295,462
Rate of return	7.18%

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28. Refer to Exhibit 13.

- c. Refer to page 3 of 3 wherein the rate of return used in the CATV calculation is shown as 6.47 percent.
 - (2) Provide a revised Exhibit 13 using the rate of return proposed in this case.

Response:

A revised Exhibit 13 is attached with the updated average cost for poles and the rate of return requested in this application, with the proposed rate being 8.26%.

d. The parties and attachments are as follows:

	Windjammer	Insight	Mediacom
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2 party Pole	263	675	742
3 party Pole	1,557	4,349	1,246
2 party Anchor			1
3 party Anchor	97		
2 party Ground		423	496
3 party Ground			

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Witness: Karen Brown

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29. Refer to Exhibit 14 of the application.

a. Refer to page 1 of 6. The existing rate for Temporary Service is shown as \$35.00. However, Meade's tariff shows the amount to be \$60. Explain the discrepancy between the rate shown on this page and Meade's tariff.

Response:

The tariff reflects a \$35.00 pole fee plus a service charge of \$25.00 for a total of \$60.00.

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29. Refer to Exhibit 14 of the application.

b. Refer to page 2 of 6. At the bottom of the page, under "Other Direct Costs", explain why it is appropriate to divide the annual cost per employee by 1,784 hours rather than 2,080 hours.

Response:

2,080 is the total number of hours an employee can work if they perform 8 hours of work each day. Since employees receive vacation, holidays, and sick days off from work, the direct costs should be divided by the actual hours worked on an annual basis.

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- 29. Refer to Exhibit 14 of the application.
 - c. Refer to page 3 of 6.
- (1) Provide justification for the 240 minutes of serviceman time and 45 minutes of clerical time for the Tampering charge.

Response:

When there are suspicions of tampering, Meade County sends two (2) linemen to investigate the situation. If there is evidence of tampering, there are both written reports and pictures taken of the tampering. Extreme care is exercised since tampering usually results in a dangerous situation for both the consumer and Meade County's linemen. Also, the linemen are apprised that tampering could result in legal action by either the Cooperative against the consumer, or by the consumer against the Cooperative. The average time expended is at least two (2) hours for this encounter (2 men x 2 hours x 60 minutes = 240 minutes). Again, clerical time is expanded greatly to document the tampering, ensure that all information is documented in the file, and notes are placed in the consumers records to document the result of the findings. Usually this information is reviewed by the CSR Supervisor to ensure all necessary information is included in the consumer's file.

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- 29. Refer to Exhibit 14 of the application.
 - c. Refer to page 3 of 6.
 - (2) Given that the hourly rate used to calculate the "Direct Labor Charge" for the nonrecurring charges consists of both the 85.77 percent actual hours worked and 14.23 percent non-working hours (as calculated by Meade on page 2 of 6), explain why it is appropriate to also include the "Direct Wage Expense" which is calculated using the 14.23 percent non-working hours (Le., explain how the 14.23 percent is not included twice).

Response:

Using the "Direct Labor Charge" allows this rate to include vacation, holiday, and sick time. The "Direct Wage Expense" is only the benefits that are associated with labor. This method allows Meade County to capture both the direct and other benefits in addition to the direct labor. This is not double-recovery in that Meade County's computer software does not allocate benefits to labor charged to vacation, holiday, and sick time.

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MEADE COUNTY RECC CASE NO. 2020-00222

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION STAFF'S SECOND INFORMATION REQUEST

Question:

State whether the Special Meter Reading Charge will always be in reference to a <u>remote</u> meter reading. If so, provide justification for the time incurred by the service man and office clerk.

Response:

The Special Meter Reading Charge applies to other types of meter readings.

Exhibit 31 Page 1 of 1 Witness: Karen Brown

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- 31. State whether Meade has made any recent changes in the accounting for the following items:
 - a. Recognition of income and expense;
 - b. Capitalization threshold for assets;
 - c. Expensing of costs; and
 - d. Prepayments

Response:

Meade has not made any changes in accounting practices and none are anticipated.

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- 32. In the September 1, 2010 issue of *Energy Finance Daily*, it was reported that Meade received an \$18.6 million loan from United States Department of Agriculture for work on its distribution system.
- a. Describe in detail and provide quantification of the impact(s) this loan has on the financial assumptions put forward in this rate case.

Response:

The impact of the \$18.6 million loan impacts Exhibit H, James Adkins testimony in Exhibit JRA-1 data. This information was obtained from the Financial Forecast, as prepared by the RUS Field Representative, in connection with the loan application filed with RUS. This is the only place in the application that reflects this loan.

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- 32. In the September 1, 2010 issue of *Energy Finance Daily*, it was reported that Meade received an \$18.6 million loan from United States Department of Agriculture for work on its distribution system.
 - b. Provide the date the loan proceeds were received and the terms of the loan.

Response:

There have been no loan advances. The loan is still pending awaiting final RUS approval. Until RUS makes its final determination, Meade County is not able to advance loan funds.

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- 32. In the September 1, 2010 issue of *Energy Finance Daily*, it was reported that Meade received an \$18.6 million loan from United States Department of Agriculture for work on its distribution system.
 - c. Describe in detail how Meade will use the proceeds from this loan.

Response:

Meade County will use the proceeds to finance a portion of the construction projects included with the work plan and loan application.

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- 32. In the September 1, 2010 issue of *Energy Finance Daily*, it was reported that Meade received an \$18.6 million loan from United States Department of Agriculture for work on its distribution system.
- d. Does Meade plan to use any of these funds or any other funds for the development of smart meter or smart grid technology? If so, describe these plans in detail.

Response:

Meade County has already installed automated meter information (AMI) technology for all but demand meters on its system. The projects included in the work plan are normal construction and replacement activities. There are no funds designated for either smart meter or smart grid technology. Meade County has filed the work plan with this Commission in Case No. 2009-00496.