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March 28, 2008

RE: APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY TO FILE DEPRECIATION STUDY CASE NO. 2007-00564

Dear Ms. Stumbo:

Please find enclosed and accept for filing the original and seven (7) copies of the Response of Louisville Gas and Electric 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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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC) CASE NO. COMPANY TO FILE DEPRECIATION STUDY) 2007-00564

RESPONSE OF LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC 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 $2e^{+i\eta}$ day of March, 2008.

Victoria B. Harper (SEAL)
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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

Case No. 2007-00564

Question No. 1

Witness: Robert M. Conroy

- Q-1. Refer to the Application, page 3, paragraph 7.
 - a. In preparing this Application, did LG&E review pages 10 through 12 and 29 through 35 of the Commission's June 30, 2004 Order in Case No. 2003-00433?
 - 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. 2003-00433 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 studies 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. 2001-00141.

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Question No. 2

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-2. LG&E'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. 2004-00433, the Commission rejected LG&E'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 assumption 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, LG&E 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 LG&E's next change in base rates pursuant to a Commission Order in a base rate proceeding filed by LG&E."
 - a. Explain why LG&E is requesting that the Commission defer the review of the depreciation rates recommended in the study.
 - b. When does LG&E 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. LG&E proposes to review the depreciation rates recommended in the study during the Company's next general rate case proceeding, which the Company has indicated it anticipates filing during 2008.

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Question No. 5

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-5. Refer to the Direct Testimony of John J. Spanos ("Spanos Testimony"), page 13.
 - 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-5. 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. 6

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-6. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-LG&E, page II-40. Explain how the amortization periods shown on this page were determined. Include any analyses that were based upon LG&E's historic experience for any of the listed accounts.
- A-6. The determination of the amortization periods for the accounts shown on page II-40 of Exhibit JJS-LG&E were not specifically based on the historic data of LG&E. 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 LG&E 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. 7

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-7. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-LG&E, pages III-4 through III- 12. Prepare an analysis of the depreciation information in Tables 1 through 3 as outlined below. The analysis should be at the same level of detail as shown on Tables 1 through 3. 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-7. The attached schedule sets forth the requested information. With the exception of 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 10 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-(-.10)) or 1.10. If one were to multiply the original cost in Account 311 of Cane Run Unit 5 by the appropriate factor (1.10), then one would get the appropriate amount of recovery through depreciation of \$6,782,510 (\$6,165,918 x 1.10). Consequently, the appropriate future accrual for Account 311, Cane Run Unit 5 is \$6,782,510 minus \$4,902,105 (book reserve) or \$1,880,405. There is a slight rounding difference from the future accruals shown on page III-4 of Exhibit JJS-LG&E

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.

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC ELECTRIC PLANT

PERCENT DIFFERENCE	(E)			6	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	00.01	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00			(20.00)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.05	30.00	30.00	30.00	(20.00)	(20.00)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30:00	30.00	30.00	30.00	
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST	(6)=(4)-(5)			000 000	210,294.00	353,214.00	381,901.64	616,590.87	169,644.00	1,934,649.44	1,916,820.92	171,699.50	1,081,280.01	2 446 358 98	36,287.00	6,031,148.98	530,731.80	51,130.06	32,859,815.70		(10,309.42)	316,123.00	39,851.00	213,445.00	5 127 519 19	10,430,149.52	8,432,231.10	14,140,702.66	(122,685.43)	(718,622.63)	12,704,919,36	14,207,146.17	10,327,480.00	18,929,398,21	71,281,341.56	34,094,594.47	18,947,803.37	366,322,996.45
ORIGINAL COST	(2)			000 000 4	2,102,942.00	3,532,140.00	3,819,018.36	6,165,918.13	1,696,435.00	19,346,501.56	19,168,217,08	1,716,995.50	10,812,787.99	24 963 587 02	362,867.00	60,311,484.02	5,307,313.20	511,308.94	328,598,157.30		51,549.42	1,053,742.00	132,837.00	711,484.00	17 091 777 81	34,767,159.48	28,107,437.90	47,135,674.34 32,184,156,61	613,424.43	3,593,111.63	47,339,197,98	47,357,145.83	34,424,938,00	63,097,998,79	237,604,471.44	113,648,645.53	63,159,341,63	1,230,676,390.55
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS	(4)=(2)+(3)			000 530 8	4,657,380	3,885,354	4,200,920	6,782,509	1,866,079	21,281,151	21,085,038	1,888,695	11,894,068	1,332,743	399,154	66,342,633	5,838,045 176,547,848	562,439	361,457,973		41,240	1,369,865	172,688	924,929	22,000,001	45,197,309	36,539,669	61,276,377	490,739	2,874,489	55.054.650	61,564,292	44,752,418	82,027,397	308,885,813	147,743,240	82,107,145	1,596,999,387
FUTURE	(3)			c	00	0	548,727	1,880,404	426,905	6,991,936	6.211.894	565,650	3,063,264	300,208	154,266	32,670,270	2,725,880	344,362	166,411,089		7,978	0,1078	0	0 21 071 814	10 337 734	31,692,551	17,441,331	38,498,125	126,329	1,541,532	35,481,522	39,710,608	26,467,678 130,037,286	60,445,168	226,008,940	103,640,119	55,693,861	1,074,179,780
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE	(2)			000 439 4	2,313,236	3,885,354	3,652,193	4,902,105	1,439,174	14,289,215	14.873.144	1,323,045	8,830,804	16 492 690	244,888	33,672,363	3,112,165	218,077	195,046,884		33,262	1,369,865	172,688	924,929 18 288 583	11 881 513	13,504,758	19,098,338	19,088,684	364,410	1,332,957	26,339,437	21,853,684	18,284,740	21,582,229	82,876,873	44,103,121	26,413,284	522,819,607
ACCOUNT	E)	DEPRECIABLE PLANT	STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT	S	CANE YOU ON! 1	CANE RUN UNIT 3	CANE BUN SOOTHWITA	CANE RUN UNIT 5	CANE RUN-SO2 UNIT 5	CANE PLIN SOOTHINTS	MILL CREEK UNIT 1	MILL CREEK-SO2 UNIT 1	MILL CREEK UNIT 2	MILL ORGEN-SOZ ONI! Z	MILL CREEK-SO2 UNIT 3	MILL CREEK UNIT 4	MILL CREEK-SO2 UNIT 4 TRIMBLE COLINTY - LIMIT 1	TRIMBLE COUNTY - SO2 UNIT 1	TOTAL ACCOUNT 311 - STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	E	CANE RUN LOCOMOTIVE	CANE RUN UNIT 1	CANE RUN UNIT 2	CANE RUN UNIT 3	CANE RIN-SOUTH 4	CANE RUN UNIT 5	CANE RUN-SO2 UNIT 5	CANE KUN UNIT 6 CANE RUN-SO2 UNIT 6	MILL CREEK-LOCOMOTIVE	MILL CREEK-LOCOMOTIVE RAILCARS	MILL CREEK ON! 1	MILL CREEK UNIT 2	MILL CREEK-SO2 UNIT 2	MILL CREEK-SO2 UNIT 3	MILL CREEK UNIT 4	MILL CREEK-SO2 UNIT 4 TDIMBLE COUNTY - HNIT 4	TRIMBLE COUNTY - SO2 UNIT 1	TOTAL ACCOUNT 312 - BOILER PLANT EQUIPMENT
				311.00																312.00																		

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC ELECTRIC PLANT

PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)	0.00				00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)	10,601.01 2,000.00 58,118.00 912.288.95 737,538.26 1,498.496.27 1,483.207.64 1,662.601.9 2,771,231.94 4,210,881.85 6,685,410.48	19,932,474.59	94,551.00 63,861.00 38,366.00 273,715,94 49,397.00 342,813,95 110,827,02 428,577.29 126,289,00 126,589,00	8,135,458.20	1,937.00 583.00 3,556.62 323.00 4,042.49 2,364.00 135,398.52 1,579.00 3,800.84 5,601.20 15,932.00 259,929.23 2,650.34	597,429.43 427,848,174.37
ORIGINAL COST (5)	106,008.99 19,999.00 581,177.00 9,122,982.05 7,375,364,74 14,984,949,73 14,332,084,36 16,526,878,81 27,112,329,06 42,108,819,15 66,954,098,52	199,324,692.41	1,891,012,00 7,277,223,00 7,677,223,00 7,677,223,00 5,474,319,06 897,949,00 6,865,291,05 2,216,498,98 8,571,566,71 2,124,667,00 14,26,50 5,541,695,00 6,428,715,51 4,505,053,40 13,405,053,40 13,405,053,40 13,405,053,40 13,505,053,40 13,505,053,505 5,864,978,52 5,864,978,52 5,277,95 5,864,978,52 5,277,95 5,277,95	162,709,107.80	38,746.00 11,665.00 71,143.38 6,464.00 80,865.51 47,299.00 2,707,943.48 31,569.00 696,198.16 112,007.80 318,625.00 5,188,564.77 5,3006.66	11,948,544.57 1,933,256,892.63
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)	116,610 21,999 639,295 10,035,281 8,112,903 16,483,446 15,765,292 18,289,570 29,823,561 46,319,701 73,649,509	219,257,167	1,985,563 1,341,084 8,6591 5,748,035 1,037,346 7,199,105 2,327,326 9,000,144 2,230,901 15,146,551 5,818,780 6,750,152 4,730,306 14,156,847 2,658,362 21,793,041 6,188,227 59,083,339 2,873,766	170,844,566	40,683 12,248 74,700 6,787 84,908 49,663 2,843,342 33,148 731,008 117,609 334,557 5,458,494 55,657 2,703,170	12,545,974 2,361,105,067
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)	0 3,339,265 2,381,080 7,856,948 5,183,552 7,081,084 12,876,153 22,471,905	102,637,709	2,110,606 111,931 3,200,040 495,413 3,941,467 474,070 7,482,552 1,599,562 2,343,119 1,321,880 4,297,834 789,255 7,953,796 7,953,796 7,953,796 1,563,796 1,563,796 1,663,719 1,664,422	69,894,389	0 0 1,846 67,330 17,112 1,861,444 10,933 37,439 129,352 3,817,319 29,156 1,693,644	8,065,842
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)	116,610 21,999 639,295 6,696,016 5,731,823 8,62,498 10,582,040 11,208,486 16,947,408 23,847,796	116,619,458	1,985,563 1,941,084 805,691 3,637,429 925,415 3,999,065 1,831,913 1,756,831 7,756,831 7,756,831 7,766,831 1,756,831 1,756,831 1,756,831 1,756,831 1,766,831 1,869,013 1,869,013 1,869,013 1,869,013 1,869,013 1,909,24 28,992,620	100,950,177	40,683 12,248 22,270 4,941 16,978 32,551 981,898 22,215 393,771 70,170 205,205 1,641,175 26,501 1,009,526	4,480,132 939,916,258
ACCOUNT (1)	TURBOGENERATOR UNITS CANE RUN UNIT 1 CANE RUN UNIT 3 CANE RUN UNIT 3 CANE RUN UNIT 4 CANE RUN UNIT 5 CANE RUN UNIT 6 MILL CREEK UNIT 1 MILL CREEK UNIT 2 MILL CREEK UNIT 3	TOTAL ACCOUNT 314 - TURBOGENERATOR UNITS	CANE RUN UNIT 1 CANE RUN UNIT 2 CANE RUN UNIT 3 CANE RUN UNIT 3 CANE RUN SOZ UNIT 4 CANE RUN-SOZ UNIT 5 CANE RUN-SOZ UNIT 5 CANE RUN-SOZ UNIT 6 CANE RUN-SOZ UNIT 6 CANE RUN-SOZ UNIT 6 CANE RUN-SOZ UNIT 6 MILL CREEK-SOZ UNIT 1 MILL CREEK-SOZ UNIT 1 MILL CREEK-SOZ UNIT 3 MILL CREEK-SOZ UNIT 4 MILL CREEK-SOZ U	TOTAL ACCOUNT 315 - ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	-	TOTAL ACCOUNT 316 - MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT TOTAL STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT
	314.00		315.00		316.00	

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC ELECTRIC PLANT

PERCENT DIFFERENCE	S	5.00		5.00		10.00		5.00		10.00		0.00				6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST	(6)=(4)-(5)	3,289.86 270,617.31	273,907.17	247,458.65	247,458.65	267,458.38	267,458.38	219,642.29	219,642.29	781.33 17,116.75	17,898.08	0.02	(0.97)	1,026,363.60		3,446.29 411.86 2,143.47 107.934.88 42.927.36 5,299.14 7,218.71
ORIGINAL COST	(c)	65,796.14 5,412,307.69	5,478,103.83	4,949,177.35	4,949,177.35	2,674,579.62	2,674,579.62	4,392,875.71	4,392,875.71	7,813.67	178,992.92	1,133.98 178,846.99	179,980.97	17,853,710.40		68,931.71 8,241.14 42,864.53 2,158,698.12 858,538.64 105,977.86 144,356.29
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS	(4)=(2)+(3)	69,086	5,752,011	5,196,636	5,196,636	2,942,038	2,942,038	4,612,518	4,612,518	8,595 188,296	196,891	1,134	179,980	18,880,074		72,378 8,653 45,008 2,266,633 901,466 111,277
FUTURE	$\widehat{\mathbb{R}}$	10,563	132,893	4,798,465	4,798,465	194,997	194,997	3,752,888	3,752,888	3,227	110,636	0 (41,027)	(41,027)	8,948,852		5,475 436 2,266 1,876,525 746,301 96,072
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE	Ŝ.	58,523 5,560,595	5,619,118	398,171	398,171	2,747,041	2,747,041	859,630	859,630	5,368	86,255	1,134	221,007	9,931,222		66,903 8,217 42,742 390,108 155,165 15,205 22,970
ACCOUNT	(1) HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION PLANT	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS OHIO FALLS - NON-PROJECT OHIO FALLS - PROJECT 289	TOTAL ACCOUNT 331 - STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	RESERVOIRS, DAMS & WATERWAY OHIO FALLS - PROJECT 289	TOTAL ACCOUNT 332 - RESERVOIRS, DAMS & WATERWAY	WATER WHEELS, TURBINES & GENERATORS OHIO FALLS - PROJECT 289	TOTAL ACCOUNT 333 - WATER WHEELS, TURBINES & GENERA?	ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT OHIO FALLS - PROJECT 289	TOTAL ACCOUNT 334 - ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT OHIO FALLS - NON-PROJECT OHIO FALLS - PROJECT 289	TOTAL ACCOUNT 335 - MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT	ROADS, RAILROADS & BRIDGES OHIO FALLS - NON-PROJECT OHIO FALLS - PROJECT 289	TOTAL ACCOUTN 336 - ROADS, RAILROADS & BRIDGES	TOTAL HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION PLANT	OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS CANE RUN GT 11 ZORN AND RIVER ROAD GAS TURBINE PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 12 PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 BROWN COMBUSTION TURBINE #5 E W BROWN # 7
		331.00		332.00		333.00		334.00		335.00		336.00				341.00

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC ELECTRIC PLANT

PERCENT DIFFERENCE		5.00		5.00 5.00 5.00	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	5.00 5.00 5.00	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00		00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00		50 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)	77,782.92	104,184.87 103,776.50 106,869.67 106,639.31	742,031.09	5,943.19 640.23 461.43	609.89 112.767.83 41,129.08 18,187.96	5,102.97 4,900.10 4,893.42	99,919,38 16,920,93 16,854,82 17,357,47 17,319,54	363,008.24	985,048.76 715,528.48 796,884.45 1,129,361.93 626,091.66 620,871.24 666,456.15 660,187.17 654,719.08 652,784.59	7,507,883.51	124,624,58 91,379,12 76,155,44 149,588,23 292,592,57 160,390,10 120,899,46 121,053,74 76,964,76 76,868,40
ORIGINAL COST (5)	1,555,655.08 1,467,923.89	2,083,698.13 2,075,526.50 2,137,402.33 2,132,789.69	14,840,603.91	118,873.81 12,801.77 9,237.57	12,197.11 2,255,338.17 822,580.92 363,762.04	102,065.03 97,996.90 97,861.58	1,998,390,62 338,423.07 337,096.18 347,146.53 346,397.46	7,260,168.76	19,700,979.24 14,310,573.52 15,937,077.55 22,587,247.07 12,521,829.34 12,477,418.76 13,328,713.85 13,094,377.92 13,055,699.41	150,157,665.49	2,492,497,42 1,827,580.88 1,523,115,56 2,991,745.77 5,859,887,43 3,219,204.90 2,417,994,54 2,421,079.26 1,539,285.24 1,537,167.60
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)	1,633,438 1,541,320	2,187,883 2,179,303 2,244,272 2,239,429	15,582,635	124,817 13,442 9,699	12,807 2,368,106 863,710 381,950	107,168 102,897 102,755	2,098,310 355,344 353,951 364,504 363,717	7,623,177	20,686,028 15,026,102 16,733,932 23,716,609 13,147,921 13,095,150 13,895,150 13,895,150 13,749,097	157,665,549	2,617,122 1,918,960 1,599,271 3,141,334 6,152,850 3,380,165 2,538,894 2,542,133 1,616,260 1,614,026
FUTURE ACCRUALS	1,405,400 1,318,287	2,000,792 1,992,946 2,052,359 2,047,930	13,673,394	20,140 722 520	807 1,957,883 713,064 305,259	85,649 87,875 87,748	1,807,142 324,698 323,425 333,068 332,349	6,380,349	17,325,697 12,614,360 14,028,210 19,185,054 11,364,859 11,362,441 12,857,352 12,740,019 12,634,324	136,609,353	500,308 173,080 145,822 275,334 5,142,627 2,627,923 2,067,923 2,060,548 1,393,738 1,393,738
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE	228,038 223,033	187,091 186,357 191,913 191,499	1,909,241	104,677 12,720 9.179	12,000 410,223 150,646 76,691	21,519 15,022 15,007	291,168 30,646 30,526 31,436 31,368	1,242,828	3,360,331 2,411,742 2,05,722 4,531,555 1,775,849 1,137,798 1,123,917 1,114,773	21,056,196	2,116,814 1,745,880 1,453,449 2,886,000 1,010,223 555,053 480,971 481,585 222,522
ACCOUNT	(1) STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS, cont. TRIMBLE COUNTY #5 TRIMBLE COUNTY #6	TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #8 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9	TOTAL ACCOUNT 341 - STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS	FUEL HOLDERS, PRODUCERS AND ACCESSORIES CANE RUN GT 11 ZORN AND RIVER ROAD GAS TURBINE DADNOS BI INL.CENERATOR 11	PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 12 PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 BROWN COMBUSTION TURBINE #5 E. W. REONWIL #6	E W BROWN # 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #5 TRIMBLE COUNTY #6	TRIMBLE COUNTY CT PIPELINE TRIMBLE COUNTY #8 TRIMBLE COUNTY #8 TRIMBLE COUNTY #8 TRIMBLE COUNTY #10	TOTAL ACCOUNT 342 - FUEL HOLDERS, PRODUCERS AND ACC	PRIME MOVERS PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 BROWN COMBUSTION TURBINE #5 E W BROWN # 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #5 TRIMBLE COUNTY #6 TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9	TOTAL ACCOUNT 343 - PRIME MOVERS	GENERATORS CANE RUN GT 11 ZORN AND RUPER ROAD GAS TURBINE ZORN AND RUPER ROAD GAS TURBINE PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 11 PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 BROWN COMBUSTION TURBINE #5 E W BROWN # 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #5 TRIMBLE COUNTY #5
	341.00			342.00					343.00		344.00

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC ELECTRIC PLANT

PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)	5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00		0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000		0.02 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 (0.01) 0.01 (0.01)				0.00 10.00 10.00 40.00 50.00 40.00 0.00	
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)	86,341.12 85,864.28 86,400.63 86,133.71	1,636,216.14	(0.82) (0.08) (0.03) (0.63) (0.42) (0.42) (0.42) (0.42) (0.03) (0.03) (0.15) (0.09)	(0.39)	0.26 0.15 (0.38) 0.23 (0.78) (0.45) 0.49 (0.44)	(0.80)	10,249,137.19		0.19 342,626,11 13,224,661,19 9,882,397,43 16,349,067,45 14,527,724,06 0.51	54,326,477.17
ORIGINAL COST (5)	1,726,823.88 1,71,276.72 1,728,008.37 1,722,674.29	32,724,321.86	113,683.82 40,936.08 68,093.60 114,337.63 2,778,992.60 2,575.301.42 942,530.142 943,792.03 685,978.69 685,031.13 1,834,731.90 1,834,731.90 1,899,431.09	16,400,223.99	1,140,74 1,260,054,85 2,370,656,38 22,45,77 23,047,78 8,937,45 5,06,51 5,182,59 5,328,44 5,316,29	3,707,324.80	225,090,308.81		2,592,773.81 3,426,227.89 132,246,587.81 24,705,991.57 32,698,136,55 36,319,311.94 1,880,752.49 5,303,988.77	239,173,770.83
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)	1,813,165 1,803,141 1,814,409 1,808,808	34,360,538	113,683 40,936 68,093 148,337 2,778,993 2,575,301 942,589 942,589 943,792 685,979 685,072 1,841,955 1,834,732 1,889,431 1,889,431	16,400,223	1,141 1,260,055 2,370,656 22,456 23,047 8,937 5,205 5,183 5,328	3,707,324	235,339,446		2,592,774 3,768,854 145,471,249 34,588,389 49,047,204 50,847,036 1,880,753 5,303,989	293,500,248
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)	1,665,580 1,656,371 1,666,722 1,661,578	22,616,477	15,976 5,572 13,979 21,797 2,255,824 2,090,412 736,238 731,779 578,580 577,742 1,675,662 1,693,091 1,718,852 1,718,852	13,812,047	0 1,021,276 1,921,342 18,596 19,110 8,421 4,700 4,700 4,830	3,007,814	196,099,434		1,425,733 1,956,505 72,163,005 14,292,355 35,493,941 31,025,673 1,435,282 3,736,229	161,528,723
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)	147,585 146,770 147,687 147,230	11,744,061	97,707 35,364 54,130 92,540 523,169 484,889 206,351 206,613 107,390 107,290 107,290 107,290 107,290 107,290 107,290 107,290	2,588,176	1,141 238,779 449,314 3,937 516 486 488 498	699,510	39,240,012		1,167,041 1,812,349 73,308,244 20,266,034 13,632,263 19,821,363 445,471 1,567,760	131,971,525
ACCOUNT (1)	GENERATORS, cont. TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #8 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9	TOTAL ACCOUNT 344 - GENERATORS	ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT CANE RUN GT 11 ZORN AND RIVER ROAD GAS TURBINE PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 11 PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 BROWN COMBUSTION TURBINE #5 E W BROWN # 6 E W BROWN # 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #6 TRIMBLE COUNTY #6 TRIMBLE COUNTY #8	TOTAL ACCOUNT 345 - ACCESSORY ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT	MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT PADDY'S RUN-GENERATOR 13 BROWN COMBUSTION TURBINE #5 E W BROWN # 6 E W BROWN # 7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #7 TRIMBLE COUNTY #3 TRIMBLE COUNTY #3 TRIMBLE COUNTY #3 TRIMBLE COUNTY #3 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9 TRIMBLE COUNTY #9	TOTAL ACCOUNT 346 - MISCELLANEOUS PLANT EQUIPMENT	TOTAL OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT	TRANSMISSION PLANT	LAND AND LAND RIGHTS STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS STATION EQUIPMENT TOWERS AND FIXTURES POLES AND FIXTURES OVERHEAD CONDUCTORS AND DEVICES UNDERGROUND CONDUIT UNDERGROUND CONDUIT	TOTAL TRANSMISSION PLANT
	344.00		345.00		346.00				350.10 352.10 353.10 354.00 355.00 356.00 357.00 358.00	

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC ELECTRIC PLANT

COMPARISON OF FUTURE ACCRUAL PERCENTAGE AS DETERMINED BY KENTUCKY COMMISSION STAFF

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC GAS PLANT

PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)	0.00 5.00 5.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 20.00 20.00 10.00 10.00 15.00 15.00	0.00	0.00 5.00 30.00 11.00 15.00 55.00 0.00 5.00 6.00 6.00 6.00
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)	(0.14) 84,816.80 544.39 61,817.51 (0.14) (0.40) 524,577.39 1,228,555.46 1,228,655.46 1,228,675.27 698,094.08 19,391,53 1,490,137.15	5,386,609,32 (0.05) 1,267,347,70 1,267,347,65	(1.23) 11,200.49 25,270.05 78,700,374.43 785,338.86 576,579.03 68,951,338.86 1.50 (0.11) 229,902.39 235,371.35 0.12 0.66
ORIGINAL COST (5)	63,678.14 1,696,319.20 10,879.61 1,236,84.9 548,241.14 400,511.40 9,648,855.00 2,672,887,61 6,142,762.54 12,766,744,73 13,961,769.92 387,809.47 9,934,266.85 1,033,211.58	60,474,293.68 220,659.05 12,673,432.30 12,894,091.35	74,018.23 224,018.51 505,354,95 262,334,573.57 7,833,390.14 3,846,544,97 125,366,007.7 21,171,719.50 9,136,341.11 4,536,091.61 4,707,358.65 159,361.88 51,112.34
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)	63,678 1,781,136 11,424 1,298,174 548,241 9,648,855 3,147,475 7,371,318 14,665,420 14,665,420 14,665,420 14,665,420 14,665,420 14,665,420 11,424,394 11,424,394 11,424,394	65,860,903 220,659 13,940,780	74,017 235,219 530,625 341,034,948 8,538,729 4,423,524 194,317,172 21,171,721 9,136,341 4,942,730 159,362 51,113
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)	(6,773) 1,037,855 (3,050) 491,085 (21,349) (45,759) 2,483,150 437,125 6,642,963 7,421,838 7,421,838 7,421,838 7,421,838 7,421,838 7,421,838 7,431,402 7,330,742 763,476	34,367,123 21,282 2,362,536 2,383,818	1,242 122,443 434,139 248,362,426 6,777,193 3,121,721 147,260,348 17,299,033 9,954,158 3,925,064 4,429,471 44,825 40,311
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)	70,451 743,281 14,474 807,089 569,580 446,270 7,165,705 2,710,350 728,355 6,473,582 6,978,446 252,799 4,093,652 269,736	31,493,780 199,377 11,578,244 11,777,621	72,775 112,776 96,486 92,672,525 1,861,536 1,301,803 47,057,089 3,872,688 (817,817) 1,202,930 513,259 114,537 10,802
ACCOUNT (1) DEPRECIABLE PLANT PRODUCTION PLANT	RIGHTS OF WAY COMPRESSOR STATION STRUCTURES MEASURING AND REGULATING STATION STRUCTURES OTHER STRUCTURES OTHER STRUCTURES OTHER STRUCTURES ON OND RECOVERABLE NATURAL GAS NONRECOVERABLE NATURAL GAS ON WELL EQUIPMENT LINES COMPRESSOR STATION EQUIPMENT DO MEASURING AND REGULATING EQUIPMENT PURIFICATION EQUIPMENT OTHER EQUIPMENT	TOTAL PRODUCTION PLANT TRANSMISSION PLANT TRANSMISSION PLANT MAINS TOTAL TRANSMISSION PLANT DISTRIBUTION PLANT	OTHER DISTRIBUT STRUCTURES & IM STRUCTURES & IM MAINS MEASURING AND F MEASURING AND F SERVICES METERS METERS METER INSTALLAT HOUSE REGULATC HOUSE REGULATC MEASURING AND F OTHER EQUIPMEN
	350.20 351.20 351.30 351.40 352.10 352.20 352.20 352.40 352.40 352.60 355.00 355.00 355.00	365.20	374.22 375.10 375.00 376.00 378.00 381.00 381.00 382.00 383.00 385.00 385.00

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC GAS PLANT

GAS PLANT

PERCENT	(2)		(5.00)	0.00 (5.00)		
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST	(6)=(4)-(5)		(23,741.36)	(0.20)	(26,409.71)	156,143,331,09
ORIGINAL COST	(5)		474,814.36 3.474.777.85	439,513,20 53,369,30	4,442,474.71	517.838,835.91
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS	(4)=(2)+(3)		451,073 3.474,778	439,513 50,701	4,416,065	673.982.167
FUTURE	1		319,157	180,583	2,852,939	481.076.254
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE	(2)	ı	131,916	258,930 32,879	1,563,126	192.905.913
ACCOUNT	(1)	GENERAL PLANT	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT - TRAILERS TOO! S. SHOP AND GARAGE FOLIEMENT		TOTAL GENERAL PLANT	TOTAL DEPRECIABLE PLANT
			392.20	395.00 396.20		

LOUISVILLE GAS AND ELECTRIC COMMON PLANT

COMPARISON OF FUTURE ACCRUAL PERCENTAGE AS DETERMINED BY KENTUCKY COMMISSION STAFF

PERCENT DIFFERENCE (7)		10.00 5.00 5.00 5.00 5.00	00.0 00.0 00.0	(5.00) 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
DIFFERENCE DEPRECIATION VS. ORIGINAL COST (6)=(4)-(5)		4,932,501.13 21,580.38 546,456.38 29,474.45 42,785.24	(0.03) (1.27) 0.01 0.63	(3,170.28) (0,40) (0,20) (0,20) (1,415,00) 1,54 (0,51) (0,05) 5,568,213.94
ORIGINAL COST (5)		49,324,994.87 431,573.62 10,929,115.62 589,466.55 855,652.76	12,512,975.03 3,342,047.27 19,219,330,99 1,217,943.37 2,554,508.44	63,404.28 1,210,653.40 3,470,384.28 22,281.50 14,147.08 36,367,603.46 5,784.764.49 594,390.05
TOTAL BOOK RESERVE AND FUTURE ACCRUALS (4)=(2)+(3)		54,257,496 453,154 11,475,572 618,941 898,438	12,512,975 3,342,046 19,219,231 1,217,944 2,554,509	60,234 1,210,653 3,470,364 22,282 12,732 36,367,605 5,74,755 594,390
FUTURE ACCRUALS (3)		39,300,806 1,204,355 4,717,604 317,476 756,754	4,953,428 908,331 9,525,555 946,249 851,844	32,608 796,509 2,797,454 13,645 5,787 23,627,517 629,236 749,225
BOOK DEPRECIATION RESERVE (2)		14,956,690 (751,201) 6,757,968 301,465 141,684	7,559,547 2,433,715 9,693,876 271,695 1,702,665	27,626 414,144 672,910 8,637 6,945 12,740,088 5,155,519 (154,835) 61,938,938
ACCOUNT (1)	DEPRECIABLE PLANT	STRUCTURES AND IMPROVEMENTS GENERAL OFFICE TRANSPORTATION STORES SHOPS MICROWAVE	OFFICE FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT FURNITURE EQUIPMENT COMPUTER EQUIPMENT PERSONAL COMPUTER SECURITY EQUIPMENT	TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT - TRAILERS STORES EQUIPMENT TOOLS, SHOP AND GARAGE EQUIPMENT LABORATORY EQUIPMENT POWER OPERATED EQUIPMENT COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT TOTAL DEPRECIABLE PLANT
		390.10 390.20 390.30 390.40	391.10 391.20 391.30 391.31	392.00 393.00 394.00 395.00 396.00 397.00 397.00

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Case No. 2007-00564

Question No. 8

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-8. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-LG&E, pages III-6 through III-8. LG&E jointly owns 10 combustion turbines ("CTs") with Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU"). The CTs are Paddy's Run Generator 13, E. W. Brown CTs 5 through 7, and Trimble County CTs 5 through 10. A comparison of the depreciation information on pages III-6 through III-8 with the corresponding pages in the KU 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 LG&E and KU to have different depreciation rates for the same jointly owned assets.
- A-8. 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 that 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. Because history is clear that the two Companies did not have identical recovery patterns since the initial year of installation, 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 future accruals (original cost times net salvage minus book reserve) over the remaining life of an 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.

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Question No. 9

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-9. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-LG&E, pages III-8 through III-10. For each of the accounts listed below, explain in detail why the Future Accrual is larger than the Original Cost. In addition, explain why the result is reasonable and why the proposed level of Future Accrual should be reflected in the approved depreciation rates.
 - a. Account No. 355.00 Poles and Fixtures.
 - b. Account No. 364.00 Poles, Towers, and Fixtures.
 - c. Account No. 265.00 Overhead Conductors and Devices.
 - d. Account No. 369.20 Services Overhead.
 - e. Account No. 352.50 Well Equipment.
 - f. Account No. 380.00 Services.
- A-9. As discussed in response to Staff-7, 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 electric accounts 355, 364, and 365, and gas accounts 369.20, 352.50 and 380, the full recovery of all assets currently in service with a negative net salvage percent could have future accruals larger than original cost. Considering the appropriate recovery level, the resulting future accruals are reasonable for these Accounts.

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Question No. 10

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-10. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-LG&E. 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-48, Account No. 341 Structures and Improvements.
 - b. Page III-66, Account No. 350 Land and Land Rights.
 - c. Page III-70, Account No. 352 Structures and Improvements.
 - d. Page III-76, Account No. 354 Towers and Fixtures.
 - e. Page III-82, Account No. 356 Overhead Conductors and Devices.
 - f. Page III-152, Account No. 351.30 Measuring and Regulating Station Structures.
 - g. Page III-168, Account No. 352.50 Well Equipment.
 - h. Page III-261, Account No. 385 Measuring and regulating Station Equipment.
 - i. Page III-282, Account No. 390.30 Structures and Improvements Stores.
- A-10. The statistical analyses for the accounts listed above in all parts, except g., were not fit statistically due to limited data to analyze. Therefore, other Iowa curves were considered but not fit or plotted. In part g, there were other Iowa Curves fitted, but not considered reasonable. The curve fitting analysis was included in response to AG-1.
 - a-f. 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 III-48, III-66, III-70, III-76, III-82 and III-152 of Exhibit JJS-LGE, the statistical indications for these accounts were inconclusive. Based on the nature of the assets in these accounts and the relationship these assets have with other accounts within the function, it was determined that the curve plotted on each page was most appropriate.

- g. The statistical analysis on page III-168, Account 352.50 Well Equipment, was a strong indicator of the life characteristics, but statistical data was not the only indicator. The first 30 age intervals are quite close statistically to the 50-R2.5 smooth curve. However, it was not possible to statistically match a smooth curve to the remaining 32 age intervals, as well as the first 30 age intervals, so judgment was utilized to best fit the 31-62 age intervals. A 50-year average life and 88-year maximum life is very realistic for well equipment and comparable to others within the industry. The 50-R2.5 survivor curve is a reasonable estimate for this asset class.
- h&i. The life analysis performed 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 III-261 and III-282 of Exhibit JJS-LG&E, the statistical indications for these accounts were inconclusive. Based on the nature of the assets in these accounts and the relationship these assets have with the other functional accounts, it was determined that the 40-S2.5 survivor curve for Account 385 and the 45-R3 survivor curve for Account 390.3 was most appropriate.

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Question No. 11

Witness: John J. Spanos

- Q-11. Refer to the Spanos Testimony, Exhibit JJS-LG&E. For each of the accounts listed below, explain how the net salvage percentage shown for the account on pages III-4 through III-12 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. 331 Structures and Improvements, pages III-310 and III-311.
 - b. Account No. 332 Reservoirs, Dams and Waterway, page III-312.
 - c. Account No. 333 Water Wheels, Turbines, and Generators, page III-313.
 - d. Account No. 334 Accessory Electric Equipment, pages III-314 and III-315.
 - e. Account No. 335 Miscellaneous Plant Equipment, pages III-316 and III-317.
 - f. Account No. 343 Prime Movers, pages III-321 and III-322.
 - g. Account No. 362 Station Equipment, pages III-341 and III-342.
 - h. Account No. 364 Poles, Towers, and Fixtures, pages III-343 and III-344.
 - i. Account No. 367 Underground Conductors and Devices, pages III-349 and III-350.
 - Account No. 351.20 Compressor Station Structures, pages III-369 and III-370.
 - k. Account No. 367 Mains, pages III-387 and III-388.
 - 1. Account No. 375.20 Structures and Improvements Other, pages III-389 and III-390.

- m. Account No. 378 Measuring and Regulating Station Equipment General, pages III-393 and III-394.
- n. Account No. 396.20 Power Operated Equipment Other, pages III-410 and III-411.
- o. Account No. 390.30 Structures and Improvements Stores, page III-417.
- p. Account No. 390.40 Structures and Improvements Shops, pages III-418 and III-419.
- q. Account No. 392.20 Transportation Equipment Trailers, pages III-422 and III-423.
- A-11. 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-e.As stated on pages II-29 through II-33, the statistical data set forth on pages III-310 through III-317 was not a major indicator of the net salvage estimates for Accounts 331 through 335. The historical data was not conclusive for statistical indications. The most important factors were informed judgment based on estimates of others and Company expectations in the future.
 - f. As stated on pages II-29 through II-33, the statistical data set forth on pages III-321 and III-322 was not a major indicator of the net salvage estimate of Account 343. The overall historical data shows negative 1%, however, there was limited activity until 2006, thus, informed judgment based on estimates of others and Company expectations in the future were critical.
 - g. The statistical data set forth on pages III-341 and III-342, and the estimates of others were the strong indicators of the net salvage percent for Account 362. The overall period, 1972-2006 net salvage indication is negative 6%; however, the trend toward the most recent five years is negative 35%. It has been determined the most recent five-year period is more indicative of future net salvage percents, however, negative 35% is above the industry averages, therefore, negative 15% is estimated until additional data continues to support the most recent statistics.
 - h. As stated on pages II-29 through II-33, the statistical data set forth on pages III-343 through III-344 was not a major indicator of future net salvage

estimates for Account 364. The overall period, 1972-2006, sets forth statistical net salvage indications of negative 120% and the most recent five-year period indicates negative 743%. These indications are unrealistic for future net salvage percents. Therefore, industry averages were incorporated to establish the best estimate of negative 60%.

- i. The statistical indications on pages III-349 and III-350 were utilized, but not the only indicator as the overall period, 1972-2006, calculates at positive 4% and the most recent five-year period calculates at negative 69%. The trend to zero gross salvage is expected to continue in the future. The recent trends for cost of removal have been very high, however, it is not expected to continue in years to come, therefore, industry averages were considered in extrapolating the most appropriate future net salvage of negative 15%.
- j. The statistical data on pages III-369 and III-370 were good indicators for the net salvage percent for Account 351.20, however, there was limited data so industry averages were also strongly considered when determining the final estimate of negative 5%.
- k&l. The statistical analysis for Account 367, and Account 375.20 were not considered conclusive to make a determination of future net salvage estimates for these accounts. The most recent years had limited to no net salvage or retirement activity, therefore, informed judgment was utilized based on estimates of others. A negative 10% was recommended for Account 367, and negative 5% for Account 375.20.
- m. The statistical analysis for Account 378 was a strong indicator for the negative 10% net salvage utilized for future expectations. The overall period, 1972-2006, indicates negative 6% and the most recent five-year period indicates negative 9%. These statistical indications coupled with the industry averages established the negative 10% estimate.
- n-q. The statistical analysis for gas plant account 396.20, and common plant accounts 390.3, 390.4 and 392.2, were too limited to base estimates solely on the statistics. Therefore, informed judgment of estimates of other utilities was used to establish the most appropriate estimate for each account.