

"Quarterly Review"

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Selected Financial and Operational Data:

Re:

Electric Companies

- *Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.*
- *Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC*
- *Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power*

Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies

- *Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.*
- *Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.*

Telecommunications Companies

- *Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink*
- *Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink*
- *Citizens Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium*
- *Mehtel, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink*
- *North State Telephone Company, d/b/a North State Communications*
- *Verizon South Inc.*
- *Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc.*
- *Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc.*
- *Windstream North Carolina, LLC*

■ *Quarter Ending September 30, 2010* ■



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Operations Division

The Operations Division hereby presents for your consideration the *Quarterly Review* for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 2010. Such report, which has been prepared by the Operations Division, presents an overview of selected financial and operational information and data for 14 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the Commission.

Should you have questions concerning the report, Freda Hilburn, Bliss Kite, or I will be pleased to be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Part I

Introduction

- *The purpose, structure, focus, and an abbreviated synopsis of the nature of the contents of this report is presented here.*

The *Quarterly Review* has been designed and is structured so as to provide, in a clear and concise format, relevant and useful financial and operational information pertaining to 14 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission): three electric companies, two natural gas local distribution companies, and nine telecommunications companies. The primary focus of this report is one of a jurisdictional financial nature. However, albeit limited, certain jurisdictional operational information is also included.

To a vast extent the information presented herein is organized into individual company overviews. The data presented covers a period of five years, except for one telephone company, Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc. (Windstream Lexcom)¹ for which only one year of data is available as a result of Windstream Lexcom's election for price plan regulation which became effective June 8, 2009.² From a general viewpoint, the individual company overviews, excluding to a certain extent those of the price plan regulated telephone companies, for which information is strictly limited, provide information that users of this report will find helpful from the standpoint of gaining insight into each company's jurisdictional financial standing and in acquiring a sense of the magnitude of each company's overall jurisdictional economic dimension.

Significant changes have taken place with regard to reporting requirements for the price plan regulated telephone companies, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003, as a result of further relaxed regulation of the telecommunications industry. Due to these changes, the financial and operational data submitted to the Commission by such companies are significantly less comprehensive than that previously provided.

The aforementioned reporting requirement changes for the price plan regulated telephone companies were implemented by Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814 (An Act to Clarify the Law Regarding Competitive and Deregulated Offerings of Telecommunications Services), and as previously indicated, were effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. Specifically, in the present regard, the April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for the price plan companies, which effectively replaced the TS-1 Report previously submitted annually by the price plan regulated telephone companies. Consequently, beginning

¹ Formerly known as LEXCOM Telephone Company (LEXCOM) prior to its name change which became effective December 7, 2009.

² On April 22, 2009, in Docket No. P-31, Sub 145, the Commission issued an Order Approving Price Regulation Plan for implementation by LEXCOM, effective no later than July 1, 2009. LEXCOM elected for its price regulation plan to be effective June 8, 2009. Consequently, beginning with the reporting period ending December 31, 2009, Windstream Lexcom began providing its annual report in accordance with the reporting requirements for the price plan regulated telephone companies.

with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 *Quarterly Review*, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided. Further, the financial and operational data provided by eight of the nine³ price plan regulated telephone companies included in this report is for the calendar year periods 2003 through 2009 and is presented on a total North Carolina combined basis, including both their regulated and nonregulated operations, as that is what is now being provided to the Commission. During that time period, Citizens Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium (Comporium) was a rate of return regulated telephone company; consequently, the financial and operational data for Comporium is reported as such and reflects, in comparative form, the 12-month periods ended September 30, 2006 through September 30, 2010.

Furthermore, on June 30, 2009, House Bill 1180 (HB1180) became law as set forth in Session Law 2009-238. Said law, entitled "An Act Establishing the Consumer Choice and Investment Act of 2009," created a new category of price plan operation whereby any local exchange carrier or competing local provider may choose to adopt by simply "filing notice of its intent to do so with the Commission," with such election being effective immediately upon filing. Subsection (h) price plans⁴ provide for extensive deregulation of an eligible telecommunications company's "terms, conditions, rates, or availability" relating to its retail services. A local exchange company electing Subsection (h) is required to continue to offer stand-alone basic residential lines to all customers who subscribe to that service at rates that can be increased annually by no more than the percentage increase over the prior year in the Gross Domestic Product Price Index (GDP-PI). While such deregulation is very extensive by historical standards, it is not a complete deregulation of the telecommunications industry.⁵

Currently, Verizon South Inc. (Verizon South) and Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. (Frontier) are the only incumbent local exchange carriers operating under Subsection (h) price plans. On July 21, 2010, in Docket No. P-19, Sub 277M and on January 30, 2012, in Docket No. P-1488, Sub 1A, Verizon South⁶ and Frontier, respectively, filed their notices of election of a Subsection (h) price plan pursuant to G.S. 62-133.5(h), which

³ On September 8, 2010, in Docket No. P-12, Sub 111, the Commission issued an Order Approving Price Regulation Plan for implementation by Citizens Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium (Comporium), effective no later than October 1, 2010. Comporium elected for its price regulation plan to be effective October 1, 2010.

⁴ In general, the Commission refers to the new price plan category which resulted from the passage of HB1180 as "Subsection (h) price plans".

⁵ See Docket No. P-100, Sub 165 for additional information regarding the implications of the enactment of HB1180 and the implementation of Subsection (h) price plans.

⁶ Such election relates only to Verizon South's Knotts Island exchange. Effective July 1, 2010, Verizon South has transferred control of its local telephone operations in North Carolina, excluding its Knotts Island exchange, to Frontier Communications Corporation through a parent company merger. The resulting new incumbent local exchange carrier is Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. (Frontier). During the time period of July 1, 2010 through January 30, 2012, Frontier adopted and operated under the price regulation plan previously approved for Verizon South.

became effective upon filing. As a result of such elections, Verizon South and Frontier are no longer required to provide an annual report to the Commission as directed by Commission Rule R1-32, commencing with the calendar year in which such election was made (Verizon South-2010 and Frontier-2012). Alternatively, as required by the Commission's March 30, 2010 Order, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 165, Verizon South and Frontier will provide the Commission, on an annual basis, a link to their financial filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

On April 26, 2011, Senate Bill 343 (SB 343) became law as set forth in Session Law 2011-52. Said law, entitled "An Act Establishing the Communications Reform and Investment Act of 2011," created a new category of price plan operation outlined in G.S. 62-133.5(l) whereby any local exchange company who forgoes receipt of any funding from a state universal service fund or alternative funding mechanism and whose territory is open to competition from competing local providers may choose to adopt by simply "filing notice of its intent to do so with the Commission," with such election being effective immediately upon filing. Subsection (l) price plans⁷ provide, among other things, that "the Commission shall not impose any requirements related to the terms, conditions, rates, or availability of any of the local exchange company's retail services"⁸

Currently, BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, d/b/a AT&T North Carolina⁹ (AT&T North Carolina) is the only incumbent local exchange carrier operating under a Subsection (l) price plan. On October 14, 2011, in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1013M, AT&T North Carolina filed its notice of election of a Subsection (l) price plan. Prior to such election, AT&T North Carolina was operating under a Subsection (h) price plan.¹⁰ As set forth by the Commission's November 22, 2011 Order, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 165A, AT&T North Carolina will continue to provide the Commission, on an annual basis, a link to its financial filings with the SEC.

This report has been prepared solely for the use of the Commission. The responsibility for developing and preparing the report is that of the Commission's Operations Division (Division). The preponderance of the information and data included in and/or on which the

⁷ In general, the Commission refers to the new price plan category which resulted from the passage of SB 343 as "Subsection (l) price plans".

⁸ Such retail services include stand-alone basic residential lines. See Docket No. P-100, Sub 165A for additional information regarding the implications of the enactment of SB 343 and the implementation of Subsection (l) price plans.

⁹ Effective July 1, 2011, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T North Carolina changed its legal classification from a corporation to a LLC and began transacting business as BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC d/b/a AT&T North Carolina.

¹⁰ On October 5, 2009, in Docket No. P-55, Sub 1013M, AT&T North Carolina filed its notice of election of a Subsection (h) price plan.

report is based has been provided by the companies. Such data has not been audited or otherwise verified. Therefore, the Division, although it believes the aforesaid data to be true and correct in each and every respect, cannot and does not offer any attestation in that regard.

A Specific Objective

A specific objective of this reporting process is to present to the Commission, on an ongoing basis, meaningful information regarding the financial viability of the subject companies, including the reasonableness of the overall levels of rates and charges currently being charged by jurisdictional utilities, whose rates are cost based, for their sales of services. Cost based regulation is synonymous with rate base, rate of return regulation.

Under rate base, rate of return regulation, the cost of service of a public utility is defined as the sum total of reasonable operating expenses, depreciation, taxes, and a reasonable return on the net valuation of property used and useful in providing public utility services. Therefore, the reasonableness of a public utility's rates is a function of the reasonableness of the level of each individual component of its cost of service.

The reasonable return component of the cost of service equation refers to the overall rate of return related to investment funded by all investors, including debt investors as well as preferred and common equity investors. The costs of debt capital and preferred stock, which are essentially fixed by contract, must be deducted from revenue, like all other components of the cost of service, in determining income available for distribution to common stockholders. Therefore, generally speaking, a very meaningful measure of the profitability of any utility, and consequently the reasonableness of its overall rates and charges, is the return earned on its common shareholders' investment, i.e., its return on common equity, over some specified period of time. Typically, such returns are measured over a period of one year. Thus, annual returns on common equity and certain other key financial ratios, which among other things give significant perspective to the common equity returns, are the focal points of this report.

The Key Financial Ratios

Specifically, the key financial ratios presented herein for use in reviewing the companies' financial viabilities, including their profitability and consequently the reasonableness of their rates and charges are (1) the return on common equity, (2) the common equity capitalization ratio, (3) the pretax interest coverage ratio, and (4) the overall rate of return.

The Return on Common Equity

As indicated, the return on common equity is a key financial indicator which measures the profitability of an enterprise from the standpoint of its common stockholders over some specified period of time. That return or earnings rate reflects the ratio of earnings available for common equity to the common-equity investors' capital investment. As previously stated,

the ratio is significant because it traditionally represents profitability after all revenues and costs, other than the cost of common equity capital, have been considered. From the standpoint of measuring profitability, return on common equity is indeed "the bottom line".

The Common Equity Capitalization Ratio

The common equity capitalization ratio is the ratio of common equity capital to total investor-supplied capital of the firm. That ratio is significant because it is a major indicator of the financial riskiness of the firm, particularly from the standpoint of the common stockholders. The issuance of debt capital, assuming no offsetting decrease in preferred stock, decreases the common equity capitalization ratio, and its existence creates what has come to be known as financial leverage. The risk borne by shareholders that accompanies that leverage is known as financial risk. As the proportion of debt in the capital structure increases, so does the degree of financial leverage and thus shareholders' risk and consequently the shareholders' requirements regarding expected return, i.e., the expected return on common equity or, in regulatory jargon, the cost of common equity capital.

Alternatively, the financial riskiness of the firm, some might argue, is more appropriately revealed when expressed in terms of debt leverage, particularly when preferred stock is present in the capital structure. Such leverage is the ratio of long-term debt capital to total investor-supplied capital. Both approaches are clearly insightful and useful. In evaluating the superiority of one approach in comparison to the other, one should consider the context within which the information is to be used. Since a major objective of this report is to review the reasonableness of the levels of earnings of the companies' common stockholders, and in consideration of the other key financial benchmarks which are also presented herein, the common equity capitalization ratio appears to be the most appropriate and meaningful measure of the financial riskiness of the companies for use in this regard.

The Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio

The pretax interest coverage ratio is the number of times earnings, determined before consideration of income taxes and interest charges, cover annual interest charges. That financial indicator is particularly important to debt investors because holders of the company's outstanding debt, including long-term bonds, receive interest payments from the company before any earnings are determined to be available for distribution to preferred or common equity investors. Pretax interest coverage is measured before income taxes because interest expense is deductible in arriving at taxable income. Therefore, generally speaking, debt holders can expect to be paid before the company incurs any liability for the payment of income taxes. From the debt holder's perspective, all other things remaining equal, the higher the pretax interest coverage the better.

The Overall Rate of Return

The overall rate of return measures the profitability of a firm from the standpoint of earnings on total investment, including investment funded by both debt and equity investors. Specifically, in the public utility regulatory environment, it is the ratio of operating income to total investment.

The Propriety of the Methodology

The foregoing financial benchmarks, as presented in this report, have been determined on the basis of the companies' actual operating experience. Under rate base, rate of return regulation, North Carolina statutes require that the companies' rates be determined on a normalized, pro forma, end-of-period basis based upon an historical test period. Stated alternatively, the Commission, in setting prospective rates, essentially, must take into account the company's current level of operations adjusted for known and material changes in the levels of revenues and costs that the company can reasonably be expected to experience over a reasonable period of time into the future. Thus, rates, which are established for use prospectively, are set, to a certain extent and within certain constraints, on the basis of revenue and cost expectations, including investor expectations regarding their return requirements, as opposed to simply setting prospective rates solely on the basis of actual operating experience.

The process of setting prospective rates is inherently and exceedingly time consuming, difficult, and otherwise costly to both companies and regulators. It involves the assimilation, investigation, and evaluation of enormous amounts of complex information and data which invariably leads to multifarious issues; many, if not most, of which must be resolved through adjudication.

It is far less difficult and costly to perform an intellectual, financial analysis of the need to undertake the aforesaid process. Such preliminary analysis avoids the unnecessary incursion of the immense costs of setting prospective rates. Those are precisely the reasons why this report is focused on a review of the returns on common equity and other key financial ratios which the companies are currently earning or achieving under their existing rates and charges. Those ratios, when considered in conjunction with statutory ratemaking requirements, prevailing economic conditions, and certain other financial indicators, including returns on common equity and overall rates of return currently being authorized by other public utility regulatory agencies, are meaningful indicators of the need, if any, for further, more extensive regulatory review.

From the standpoint of giving an added measure of meaning to the aforesaid ratios of the individual companies and in the interest of providing a sense of current financial market conditions, certain financial information has been included herein as notes to the first statement included in Part II of this report. Such notes are an integral part of this report.

Additionally, also from the standpoint of providing perspective, returns on common equity and overall rates of return currently being authorized by a number of other public utility regulatory agencies are provided in the second statement presented in Part II.

A Final Note

It is emphasized that the information contained in this report is not intended and should not be construed to be all inclusive from the standpoint of the criteria to be used in assessing the reasonableness of the companies existing rates. But rather, it is submitted that such information is clearly relevant to such a determination and as such should be considered in conjunction with all other pertinent information and data.

The Operations Division will be pleased to receive and respond to any questions or comments.

Part II

A Review of Key Financial Ratios

- *Summary Statement of Key Financial Ratios For Six Selected Companies For The Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2010 — Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios — And Certain Rate Case Data*

- *Statement of Authorized Returns on Common Equity and Overall Rates of Return Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported By Public Utilities Reports, Volume Nos. 284-292 from November 2010 Through November 2011*

Summary Statement
Of Key Financial Ratios Achieved By
And Authorized For Selected Companies

"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return,
Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2010,
Except for Certain Telecommunications Companies - See Note [1]"

"Rate Case Data are from Orders with Various Issue Dates as Indicated in Column (i)"

Line No.	Item (a)	Estimated for 12 Months Ended 09/30/2010				Authorized - Last Rate Case			
		Return On Equity (b)	Overall Rate of Return (c)	Equity Ratio (d)	Debt Ratio (e)	Return On Equity (f)	Overall Rate of Return (g)	Equity Ratio (h)	Date of Last Order (i)
Electric Companies									
1.	Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.	13.41%	9.93%	57.55%	41.78%	12.75%	10.45%	44.00%	08/05/1988
2.	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	10.19%	8.01%	52.85%	47.15%	10.50%	8.11%	53.00%	01/27/2012
3.	Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power	7.05%	6.39%	52.72%	45.51%	10.70%	8.22%	51.00%	12/13/2010
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies									
4.	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	10.52%	8.08%	50.16%	49.84%	10.60%	8.55%	51.00%	10/24/2008
5.	Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.	11.22%	8.90%	54.97%	45.03%	10.60%	8.54%	54.00%	10/24/2008
Telecommunications Companies									
<u>Rate of Return Regulated Company</u>									
6.	Citizens Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium	4.23%	4.23%	100.00%	0.00%	12.70%	10.11%	44.95%	02/26/1991
<u>Price Plan Regulated Companies</u> --- Data is not available. See Note [1] ---									
7.	Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, d/b/a CenturyLink								
8.	Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink								
9.	Mebtel, Inc., d/t/a CenturyLink								
10.	North State Telephone Company, d/b/a North State Communications								
11.	Verizon South Inc.								
12.	Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc.								
13.	Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc.								
14.	Windstream North Carolina, LLC								

NOTES: [1] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[2] By letter dated June 25, 2010, Citizens Telephone Company (Citizens) notified the Commission that it is now providing services under the trade name Comporium. On September 8, 2010, in Docket No. P-12, Sub 111, the Commission issued an Order Approving Price Regulation Plan. Comporium elected for its price regulation plan to be effective October 1, 2010.

Summary Statement
Of Key Financial Ratios Achieved by
And Authorized for Selected Companies

"Estimated Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return,
Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Debt Ratios are for Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2010,
Except for Certain Telecommunications Companies - See Note.[1]"

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NOTES: [3] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Trends" updated on February 6, 2012 follow:

Part I

Line No.	Date (a)	U.S. Treasury Securities			Dealer-Placed	Moody's
		3-Month	10-Year	30-Year	3-Month	Long-Term
		Bill	Note	Bond	CP	Corporate
		%	%	%	%	Bond Yield
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)
1.	February 3, 2012	0.08	1.97	3.13	0.15	4.50
2.	February 2, 2012	0.08	1.86	3.01	0.16	4.37
3.	February 1, 2012	0.06	1.87	3.01	0.14	4.39
4.	January 31, 2012	0.06	1.83	2.94	0.13	4.32
5.	January 30, 2012	0.05	1.87	2.99	0.15	4.37
6.	Month of January 2012	0.04	1.98	3.04	0.50	4.45
7.	Month of December 2011	0.01	1.98	2.99	0.61	4.47

Part II

Moody's public utility long-term bond yield averages (%):

Line No.	Rating (a)	2/06/2012 (b)	Past 12 Months		Monthly Average	
			High (c)	Low (d)	Feb. 2012 (e)	Jan. 2012 (f)
1.	Aa	4.01	5.33	3.92	4.02	4.03
2.	A	4.36	5.56	4.25	4.34	4.34
3.	Baa	5.01	5.98	4.93	5.01	5.06

[4] Most recent data available when this edition of the *Quarterly Review* was prepared. According to "Moody's Credit Trends", updated on February 7, 2012, such long-term bond yield averages are derived from pricing data on a regularly-replenished population of nearly 90 seasoned corporate bonds in the United States market, each with current outstandings over \$100 million. Further, the bonds have maturities as close as possible to 30 years; bonds are dropped from the list if their remaining life falls below 20 years or if their ratings change.

Statement of Authorized Returns
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Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported In
Public Utilities Reports, Volume Nos. 284-292, from November 2010 through November 2011
(Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

Line No.	Company (Jurisdiction) (a)	Authorized Returns		Date Of Order (d)	Volume No. Public Utilities Reports (e)
		Common Equity (b)	Overall (c)		
Electric Companies					
1.	Alaska Power Company (AK)	12.80%	9.78%	09/29/2010	Volume 284
2.	Northern Indiana Public Service Company (IN)	9.90%	7.29%	08/25/2010	Volume 284
3.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (ID)	N/A	[1] N/A	09/27/2010	Volume 285
4.	Allete, Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power (MN)	N/A	8.18%	11/02/2010	Volume 285
5.	Consumers Energy Company (MI)	10.70%	6.98%	11/14/2010	Volume 286
6.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (WA)	10.20%	7.91%	11/19/2010	Volume 286
7.	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WI)	10.30%	7.90%	01/13/2011	Volume 286
8.	Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NY)	9.30%	[2] 6.51%	01/24/2011	Volume 286
9.	Dominion North Carolina Power (NC)	10.70%	8.22%	12/13/2010	Volume 286
10.	Interstate Power and Light Company (IA)	10.00%	N/A	01/10/2011	Volume 287
11.	PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company (WA)	9.80%	7.81%	03/25/2011	Volume 287
12.	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (MD)	9.86%	[3] 8.06%	03/09/2011	Volume 288
13.	Appalachian Power Company and Wheeling Power Company both d/b/a American Electric Power (WV)	10.00%	7.36%	03/30/2011	Volume 288
14.	Otter Tail Power Company (MN)	10.74%	8.61%	04/25/2011	Volume 288
15.	Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Company, d/b/a Vectren Energy Delivery of Indiana, Inc. (IN)	10.40%	7.29%	04/27/2011	Volume 289
16.	CenterPoint Electric Delivery Company, LLC (TX)	10.00%	8.21%	05/12/2011	Volume 289
17.	Northwestern Energy (MT)	10.25%	7.92%	06/28/2011	Volume 290
18.	Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (NH)	9.70%	8.39%	04/26/2011	Volume 290
19.	Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (NY)	9.20%	7.22%	06/17/2011	Volume 290
20.	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (AR)	9.95%	5.93%	06/17/2011	Volume 290
21.	Rocky Mountain Power (UT)	10.00%	7.94%	09/13/2011	Volume 292
22.	The Detroit Edison Company (MI)	10.50%	6.59%	10/20/2011	Volume 292
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies					
23.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (ID)	N/A	[1] N/A	09/27/2010	Volume 285
24.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (WA)	10.20%	7.91%	11/19/2010	Volume 286

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Line No.	Company (Jurisdiction) (a)	Authorized Returns		Date Of Order (d)	Volume No. Public Utilities Reports (e)
		Common Equity (b)	Overall (c)		
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies (continued)					
25.	Chattanooga Gas Company (TN)	10.05%	[4] 7.41%	11/08/2010	Volume 286
26.	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WI)	10.30%	7.90%	01/13/2011	Volume 286
27.	Atlanta Gas Light Company (GA)	10.75%	8.10%	10/27/2010	Volume 286
28.	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (MD)	9.56%	7.90%	03/09/2011	Volume 288
29.	EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (NH)	9.67%	8.33%	03/10/2011	Volume 289
30.	Yankee Gas Services Company (CT)	8.83%	7.48%	06/29/2011	Volume 291
31.	St. Croix Valley Natural Gas Company (WI)	11.75%	10.17%	09/16/2011	Volume 292
Water Companies					
32.	Arizona Water Company (AZ)	9.50%	7.87%	08/24/2010	Volume 284
33.	United Water Arkansas, Inc. (AR)	N/A	5.18%	10/08/2010	Volume 285
34.	Bella Vista Water Company, Inc. (AZ)	9.50%	8.80%	04/07/2011	Volume 288
35.	West Virginia-American Water Company (WV)	9.75%	7.94%	04/18/2011	Volume 290

Notes:

- [1] The Order adopted a settlement that permits the utility to increase its electric rates by 9.25% over three years and its gas rates by 2.6% over two years. Such settlement allows for annual revenue increases for electric and natural gas service of \$21.25 million and \$1.85 million respectively. However, to mitigate the rate increases, the settlement parties agreed to offset the increases with \$17.5 million of deferred state income taxes (DSIT) over a two-year period. The increase for electric customers will be offset with \$17 million of DSIT - \$13 million in year one and \$4 million in year two. The remaining \$500,000 in DSIT will be used to mitigate the year one increase in natural gas revenues.
- [2] The return on common equity (ROE) includes a premium contingent upon the utility agreeing to refrain from filing another rate case until after 2011. Should the utility elect not to refrain from filing another rate case until after 2011, a 9.1% ROE would be allowed.
- [3] The ROE reflects a 50 basis point reduction to account for the risk-reducing effects of a bill stabilization adjustment mechanism that decouples income from changes in customer usage, including reductions in usage due to energy efficiency and conservation programs.
- [4] The ROE includes a 25 basis point reduction for reduced risk resulting from the adoption of a revenue decoupling mechanism.
- [5] N/A denotes that information is not available.

Part III

Overviews of Selected Financial and Operational Data by Utility:

- *Electric Companies*
 - *Carolina Power & Light Company,
d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.*
 - *Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC*
 - *Virginia Electric and Power Company,
d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power*

- *Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies*
 - *Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.*
 - *Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.*

- *Telecommunications Companies*
 - *Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC,
d/b/a CenturyLink*
 - *Central Telephone Company, d/b/a CenturyLink*
 - *Citizens Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium*
 - *Mehtel, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink*
 - *North State Telephone Company, d/b/a
North State Communications*
 - *Verizon South Inc.*
 - *Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc.*
 - *Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc.*
 - *Windstream North Carolina, LLC*

**CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, d/b/a
PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)**

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2010 (b)	September 2009 (c)	September 2008 (d)	September 2007 (e)	September 2006 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$3,571,805	\$3,342,905	\$3,179,844	\$3,101,593	\$2,906,457	5.29%	6.85%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	1,197,585	1,093,070	908,238	903,272	765,440	11.84%	9.56%
4.	Purchased Power	178,796	184,875	217,858	201,841	227,508	-5.85%	-3.29%
5.	Maintenance	254,801	229,885	221,464	212,531	184,905	8.35%	10.84%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>628,595</u>	<u>560,079</u>	<u>552,864</u>	<u>516,916</u>	<u>521,457</u>	<u>4.78%</u>	<u>12.23%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	2,259,777	2,067,909	1,900,424	1,834,560	1,699,310	7.39%	9.28%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>326,686</u>	<u>360,612</u>	<u>419,679</u>	<u>423,779</u>	<u>438,748</u>	-7.11%	-9.41%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,586,463	2,428,521	2,320,103	2,258,339	2,138,058	4.87%	6.50%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>448,238</u>	<u>427,507</u>	<u>387,999</u>	<u>381,977</u>	<u>358,515</u>	<u>5.74%</u>	<u>4.85%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>3,034,701</u>	<u>2,856,028</u>	<u>2,708,102</u>	<u>2,640,316</u>	<u>2,496,573</u>	<u>5.00%</u>	<u>6.26%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$537,104</u>	<u>\$486,877</u>	<u>\$471,742</u>	<u>\$461,277</u>	<u>\$409,884</u>	<u>6.99%</u>	<u>10.32%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$5,295,383</u>	<u>\$5,260,230</u>	<u>\$4,908,246</u>	<u>\$4,745,861</u>	<u>\$4,713,823</u>	<u>2.95%</u>	<u>0.67%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	63.27%	61.86%	59.76%	59.15%	58.47%	1.99%	2.28%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.48	\$1.57	\$1.54	\$1.53	\$1.62	-2.23%	-5.73%
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16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included):							
17.	Residential	1,103,946	1,095,481	1,083,172	1,063,520	1,039,781	1.51%	0.77%
18.	Commercial	191,804	190,627	190,093	188,805	185,318	0.86%	0.62%
19.	Industrial	3,970	4,026	3,940	3,461	3,532	2.97%	-1.39%
20.	Other	<u>1,748</u>	<u>1,818</u>	<u>1,875</u>	<u>1,961</u>	<u>2,024</u>	<u>-3.60%</u>	<u>-3.85%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>1,301,468</u>	<u>1,291,952</u>	<u>1,279,080</u>	<u>1,257,747</u>	<u>1,230,655</u>	<u>1.41%</u>	<u>0.74%</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	16,282	15,165	14,799	14,789	14,237	3.41%	7.37%
24.	Commercial	12,237	11,984	12,281	12,011	11,627	1.29%	2.11%
25.	Industrial	8,349	8,181	9,102	9,116	9,290	-2.63%	2.05%
26.	Other	<u>2,181</u>	<u>1,838</u>	<u>2,312</u>	<u>2,273</u>	<u>2,661</u>	<u>-4.85%</u>	<u>18.66%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>39,049</u>	<u>37,168</u>	<u>38,494</u>	<u>38,189</u>	<u>37,815</u>	<u>0.81%</u>	<u>5.06%</u>
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.93%	8.95%	8.51%	8.01%	7.69%	6.60%	10.95%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	13.41%	11.78%	10.80%	10.21%	9.70%	8.43%	13.84%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	57.55%	55.35%	52.73%	48.18%	46.79%	5.31%	3.97%
31.	Debt Ratio	41.78%	43.94%	46.48%	50.99%	52.34%	-5.48%	-4.92%
32.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	6.77	5.65	4.51	3.84	3.71	16.23%	19.82%
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33.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. E-2, Sub 537)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.75%, Overall 10.45%; Equity Ratio: 44.00%; Date of Order: 8-5-88						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 73% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2010 (b)	September 2009 (c)	September 2008 (d)	September 2007 (e)	September 2006 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$4,331,882	\$3,909,940	\$4,050,819	\$3,927,726	\$3,712,822	3.93%	10.79%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	1,146,651	1,020,584	1,055,629	907,920	842,866	8.00%	12.35%
4.	Purchased Power	155,923	146,653	157,334	125,767	82,860	17.12%	6.32%
5.	Maintenance	416,893	380,985	393,346	334,764	333,419	5.74%	9.43%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>856,699</u>	<u>730,098</u>	<u>696,816</u>	<u>667,680</u>	<u>737,386</u>	<u>3.82%</u>	<u>17.34%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	2,576,166	2,278,320	2,303,225	2,036,131	1,996,531	6.58%	13.07%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>495,266</u>	<u>473,504</u>	<u>568,745</u>	<u>701,339</u>	<u>711,013</u>	<u>-8.64%</u>	<u>4.80%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	3,071,432	2,751,824	2,869,970	2,737,470	2,707,544	3.20%	11.61%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>556,923</u>	<u>505,208</u>	<u>498,345</u>	<u>485,599</u>	<u>445,899</u>	<u>5.72%</u>	<u>10.24%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>3,628,355</u>	<u>3,257,032</u>	<u>3,368,315</u>	<u>3,223,069</u>	<u>3,153,443</u>	<u>3.57%</u>	<u>11.40%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$703,527</u>	<u>\$652,908</u>	<u>\$682,504</u>	<u>\$704,657</u>	<u>\$559,378</u>	<u>5.90%</u>	<u>7.75%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$10,972,871</u>	<u>\$9,817,185</u>	<u>\$9,224,000</u>	<u>\$8,683,428</u>	<u>\$8,231,182</u>	<u>7.45%</u>	<u>11.77%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	59.47%	58.27%	56.86%	51.84%	53.77%	2.55%	2.06%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.53	\$2.51	\$2.28	\$2.21	\$2.22	3.32%	0.80%
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included):							
17.	Residential	1,582,462	1,574,597	1,566,757	1,481,556	1,451,353	2.19%	0.50%
18.	Commercial	249,322	248,662	256,182	240,348	236,558	1.32%	0.27%
19.	Industrial	5,370	5,538	5,584	5,262	5,531	-0.74%	-3.03%
20.	Other	<u>10,821</u>	<u>10,753</u>	<u>10,559</u>	<u>10,172</u>	<u>9,968</u>	<u>2.07%</u>	<u>0.63%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>1,847,975</u>	<u>1,839,550</u>	<u>1,839,082</u>	<u>1,737,338</u>	<u>1,703,410</u>	<u>2.06%</u>	<u>0.46%</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	22,586	21,012	20,620	20,006	19,308	4.00%	7.49%
24.	Commercial	21,966	21,387	21,586	20,806	20,141	2.19%	2.71%
25.	Industrial	12,066	11,693	13,862	14,064	14,621	-4.89%	3.19%
26.	Other	<u>1,234</u>	<u>1,172</u>	<u>2,980</u>	<u>1,573</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>12.37%</u>	<u>5.29%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>57,852</u>	<u>55,264</u>	<u>59,048</u>	<u>56,449</u>	<u>54,844</u>	<u>1.34%</u>	<u>4.68%</u>
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.01%	7.56%	8.05%	9.01%	7.93%	0.25%	5.53%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	10.19%	9.47%	10.17%	11.86%	10.28%	-0.22%	7.60%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	52.85%	52.03%	53.24%	53.26%	52.00%	0.41%	1.58%
31.	Debt Ratio	47.15%	47.97%	46.76%	46.74%	47.10%	0.03%	-1.71%
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.33	3.98	4.20	4.54	4.29	0.23%	8.79%
33.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. E-7, Sub 989)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 10.50%, Overall 8.11%; Equity Ratio: 53.00%; Date of Order: 1-27-12						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 70% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.
[4] The estimated ROE impacts of the BPM net revenues under the sharing arrangement approved in Docket No. E-7, Sub 751 are as follows for the 12-month periods ending September 30th: 2010 - N/A; 2009 - N/A; 2008 - 0.07%; 2007 - 0.05%; and 2006 - 0.93%. Such impacts are not included in the estimated ROEs presented on Line 29 above. Pursuant to the Commission's final Order in Docket No. E-7, Sub 828, effective January 1, 2008, 90% of the North Carolina retail BPM Net Revenues earned after December 31, 2007, are now included in the North Carolina retail cost of service for ratemaking and reporting purposes.
[5] Columns (b), (c), and (d) reflect that, pursuant to the Commission's December 20, 2007 Order in Docket No. E-7, Sub 828, all North Carolina jurisdictional reporting and accounting for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC - Nantahala Area is consolidated with Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, d/b/a
DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2010 (b)	September 2009 (c)	September 2008 (d)	September 2007 (e)	September 2006 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$343,641	\$322,191	\$309,767	\$312,033	\$287,710	4.54%	6.66%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	95,514	82,803	59,751	89,379	63,117	10.91%	15.35%
4.	Purchased Power	75,588	68,524	105,650	80,495	76,530	-0.31%	10.31%
5.	Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>78,796</u>	<u>72,339</u>	<u>70,381</u>	<u>64,045</u>	<u>55,281</u>	<u>9.27%</u>	<u>8.93%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	249,898	223,666	235,782	233,919	194,928	6.41%	11.73%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>34,575</u>	<u>33,621</u>	<u>30,915</u>	<u>29,109</u>	<u>25,792</u>	<u>7.60%</u>	<u>2.84%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	284,473	257,287	266,697	263,028	220,720	6.55%	10.57%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>26,602</u>	<u>32,704</u>	<u>24,372</u>	<u>29,787</u>	<u>28,229</u>	<u>-1.47%</u>	<u>-18.66%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>311,075</u>	<u>289,991</u>	<u>291,069</u>	<u>292,815</u>	<u>248,949</u>	<u>5.73%</u>	<u>7.27%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$32,566</u>	<u>\$32,200</u>	<u>\$18,698</u>	<u>\$19,218</u>	<u>\$38,761</u>	<u>-4.26%</u>	<u>1.14%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$661,174</u>	<u>\$633,374</u>	<u>\$612,432</u>	<u>\$599,061</u>	<u>\$599,013</u>	<u>2.50%</u>	<u>4.39%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	72.72%	69.42%	76.12%	74.97%	67.75%	1.79%	4.75%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.92	\$1.97	\$1.98	\$1.92	\$2.08	-1.98%	-2.54%
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16.	Number of Customers Served (000s included):							
17.	Residential	100,933	100,727	100,687	100,140	99,458	0.37%	0.20%
18.	Commercial	15,432	15,486	15,513	15,487	15,408	0.04%	-0.35%
19.	Industrial	58	59	60	66	69	-4.25%	-1.69%
20.	Other	<u>2,252</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>2,256</u>	<u>2,244</u>	<u>0.09%</u>	<u>-0.40%</u>
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>118,675</u>	<u>118,533</u>	<u>118,521</u>	<u>117,949</u>	<u>117,179</u>	<u>0.32%</u>	<u>0.12%</u>
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	1,690	1,597	1,532	1,546	1,504	2.96%	5.82%
24.	Commercial	825	804	810	795	778	1.48%	2.61%
25.	Industrial	1,624	1,464	1,783	1,737	1,751	-1.86%	10.93%
26.	Other	<u>148</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>148</u>	<u>0.00%</u>	<u>2.07%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>4,287</u>	<u>4,010</u>	<u>4,271</u>	<u>4,224</u>	<u>4,181</u>	<u>0.63%</u>	<u>6.91%</u>
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	6.39%	6.41%	3.87%	3.84%	7.73%	-4.65%	-0.31%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	7.05%	7.08%	2.33%	2.14%	9.70%	-7.67%	-0.42%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	52.72%	50.49%	50.41%	53.10%	50.23%	1.22%	4.42%
31.	Debt Ratio	45.51%	47.56%	45.38%	40.75%	43.71%	1.01%	-4.31%
32.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	2.87	3.39	2.12	2.77	4.08	-8.42%	-15.34%
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33.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. E-22, Sub 459)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity - 10.70%, Overall - 8.22%; Equity Ratio: 51%; Date of Order: 12-13-10						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 5% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

PIEDMONT NATURAL GAS COMPANY, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (e)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2010	September 2009	September 2008	September 2007	September 2006	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$532,561	\$558,664	\$532,594	\$529,740	\$578,173	-2.03%	-4.67%
3.	Commercial	313,645	337,268	318,123	300,243	342,590	-2.18%	-7.00%
4.	Industrial	37,985	51,334	116,471	100,459	127,842	-26.17%	-26.00%
5.	Public Authorities	983	215	396	397	444	21.98%	357.21%
6.	Other	80,152	78,138	86,192	84,774	86,129	-1.78%	2.58%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	965,326	1,025,619	1,053,776	1,015,613	1,135,178	-3.97%	-5.88%
8.	Cost of Gas	583,167	642,695	692,691	655,626	781,160	-7.05%	-9.26%
9.	Margin	382,159	382,924	361,085	359,987	354,018	1.93%	-0.20%
10.	O & M Expenses	160,334	149,163	148,772	147,633	152,609	1.24%	7.49%
11.	Other Deductions	123,870	128,733	114,846	111,866	109,520	3.13%	-3.78%
12.	Operating Income	\$97,955	\$105,028	\$97,467	\$100,488	\$91,889	1.61%	-6.73%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$1,606,257	\$1,569,133	\$1,507,347	\$1,404,261	\$1,310,536	5.22%	2.37%
14.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	41.95%	38.95%	41.20%	41.01%	43.11%	-0.68%	7.70%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$4.20	\$4.10	\$4.17	\$3.90	\$3.70	3.22%	2.44%
16.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
17.	Residential	39,249	37,186	33,403	34,736	32,639	4.72%	5.55%
18.	Commercial	28,407	27,562	23,293	24,423	23,262	5.12%	3.07%
19.	Industrial	4,559	5,305	10,286	10,334	10,810	-19.41%	-14.06%
20.	Public Authorities	82	16	29	30	30	28.58%	412.50%
21.	Other	122,802	98,193	89,220	87,621	78,607	11.80%	25.06%
22.	Total DTs	195,099	168,262	156,231	157,144	145,348	7.64%	15.95%
23.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
24.	Residential	587,461	580,665	580,039	569,801	555,562	1.41%	1.17%
25.	Commercial	62,790	63,041	62,678	62,334	61,766	0.41%	-0.40%
26.	Industrial	1,076	1,101	1,727	1,722	1,722	-11.09%	-2.27%
27.	Public Authorities	1,609	360	451	571	571	29.56%	346.94%
28.	Other	569	557	546	551	569	0.00%	2.15%
29.	Total Number of Customers	653,505	645,724	645,441	634,979	620,190	1.32%	1.21%
30.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.08%	8.38%	8.02%	8.78%	8.47%	-1.17%	-3.58%
31.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	10.52%	12.13%	10.05%	11.14%	10.47%	0.12%	-13.27%
32.	Common Equity Ratio	50.16%	45.33%	47.28%	48.44%	50.25%	-0.04%	10.66%
33.	Debt Ratio	49.84%	54.67%	52.72%	51.56%	49.75%	0.05%	-8.83%
34.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.13	4.20	3.42	3.63	3.71	2.72%	-1.67%
35.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 10.60%, Overall 8.55%; Equity Ratio: 51.00%; Date of Order: 10-24-08						
	(Docket No. G-9, Sub 550)							

Notes:

- [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 72% of total company gas utility revenue.
- [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
- [3] Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCU CGS-1 Reports.
- [4] The increase from September 2009 to September 2010 in the public authorities data was primarily due to the fact that Piedmont discovered in December 2009 that certain public authorities customers acquired in the acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation were erroneously classified as residential customers in its books and records. Beginning with its December 31, 2009 NCU CGS-1 Report, Piedmont began appropriately classifying such customers as public authorities.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Jurisdiction -
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2010	September 2009	September 2008	September 2007	September 2006	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$332,587	\$388,730	\$380,342	\$354,378	\$378,786	-3.07%	-14.44%
3.	Commercial	129,870	157,891	169,735	152,537	194,279	-9.58%	-17.75%
4.	Industrial	22,109	28,468	47,752	34,883	38,870	-13.16%	-22.34%
5.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	6	4	5	9	7	-3.78%	50.00%
7.	Other	<u>26,177</u>	<u>26,155</u>	<u>29,793</u>	<u>34,559</u>	<u>49,167</u>	<u>-14.58%</u>	<u>0.08%</u>
8.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>510,749</u>	<u>601,248</u>	<u>627,627</u>	<u>576,366</u>	<u>659,109</u>	<u>-6.18%</u>	<u>-15.05%</u>
9.	Cost of Gas	<u>288,801</u>	<u>382,886</u>	<u>423,943</u>	<u>376,529</u>	<u>484,189</u>	<u>-12.12%</u>	<u>-24.57%</u>
10.	Margin	221,948	218,362	203,684	199,837	174,920	6.13%	1.64%
11.	O & M Expenses	85,301	83,838	85,725	84,749	80,057	1.60%	1.75%
12.	Other Deductions	<u>74,091</u>	<u>72,130</u>	<u>83,154</u>	<u>81,933</u>	<u>54,587</u>	<u>7.94%</u>	<u>2.72%</u>
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$62,556</u>	<u>\$82,384</u>	<u>\$54,805</u>	<u>\$53,155</u>	<u>\$40,276</u>	<u>11.64%</u>	<u>0.26%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$768,185</u>	<u>\$770,970</u>	<u>\$755,845</u>	<u>\$696,137</u>	<u>\$649,952</u>	<u>4.27%</u>	<u>-0.36%</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	38.43%	38.39%	42.09%	42.41%	45.77%	-4.28%	0.10%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.46	\$3.53	\$3.71	\$3.48	\$3.72	-1.80%	-1.98%
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):							
18.	Residential	28,544	28,683	23,544	24,070	22,424	6.22%	6.97%
19.	Commercial	14,169	13,423	12,529	12,629	13,986	0.33%	5.56%
20.	Industrial	3,200	3,165	4,353	3,730	2,963	1.94%	1.11%
21.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
22.	Resale	0	0	0	1	1	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	<u>28,924</u>	<u>27,303</u>	<u>29,071</u>	<u>29,231</u>	<u>26,909</u>	<u>1.82%</u>	<u>5.94%</u>
24.	Total DTs	<u>74,837</u>	<u>70,574</u>	<u>69,497</u>	<u>69,661</u>	<u>66,283</u>	<u>3.08%</u>	<u>6.04%</u>
25.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
26.	Residential	427,873	420,807	415,352	402,244	385,969	2.81%	1.68%
27.	Commercial	39,219	38,994	38,756	38,377	37,996	0.80%	0.58%
28.	Industrial	170	172	193	211	69	25.29%	-1.16%
29.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	2	2	2	2	3	-9.64%	0.00%
31.	Other	<u>465</u>	<u>456</u>	<u>454</u>	<u>440</u>	<u>382</u>	<u>5.04%</u>	<u>1.97%</u>
32.		<u>467,729</u>	<u>460,431</u>	<u>454,757</u>	<u>441,274</u>	<u>424,419</u>	<u>2.46%</u>	<u>1.59%</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.80%	8.32%	7.55%	7.85%	6.45%	6.38%	6.97%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.22%	11.82%	9.08%	9.15%	6.30%	15.52%	-5.08%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	54.97%	49.47%	49.84%	47.68%	49.88%	2.46%	11.12%
36.	Debt Ratio	45.03%	50.53%	50.16%	52.32%	50.12%	-2.64%	-10.88%
37.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.63	4.79	3.37	2.99	2.55	16.08%	-3.34%
38.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. G-5, Sub 495)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 10.60%, Overall 8.54%; Equity Ratio: 54.00%; Date of Order: 10-24-08						

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.

[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' Reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.

[4] The increase from September 2006 to September 2007 in the industrial customer data was primarily due to the fact that the threshold for qualifying as a large quantity general service customer was reduced from 120,000 therms per year to 60,000 therms per year (see Docket No. G-5, Sub 481).

[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

**CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY LLC, d/b/a
CENTURYLINK**
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009 (b)	December 2008 (c)	December 2007 (d)	December 2006 (e)	December 2005 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$307,651	\$332,818	\$344,580	\$358,259	\$376,281	-4.91%	-7.56%
3.	Network Access	225,425	244,664	246,659	278,006	284,709	-5.67%	-7.86%
4.	Long Distance Message	3,095	3,163	3,842	4,655	5,459	-13.23%	-2.15%
5.	Miscellaneous	214,569	225,106	225,434	179,227	169,894	6.01%	-4.68%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(12,923)</u>	<u>(15,184)</u>	<u>(12,025)</u>	<u>(8,599)</u>	<u>(11,813)</u>	<u>2.27%</u>	<u>-14.89%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>737,817</u>	<u>790,567</u>	<u>808,490</u>	<u>811,548</u>	<u>824,530</u>	<u>-2.74%</u>	<u>-6.67%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	362,538	392,485	431,514	444,989	445,857	-5.03%	-7.63%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	132,360	124,233	119,120	117,925	116,747	3.19%	6.54%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>98,258</u>	<u>110,789</u>	<u>102,982</u>	<u>97,514</u>	<u>105,954</u>	<u>-1.87%</u>	<u>-11.31%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>593,156</u>	<u>627,507</u>	<u>653,616</u>	<u>660,408</u>	<u>668,358</u>	<u>-2.94%</u>	<u>-5.47%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$144,661</u>	<u>\$163,060</u>	<u>\$154,874</u>	<u>\$151,140</u>	<u>\$156,172</u>	<u>-1.90%</u>	<u>-11.28%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$819,550</u>	<u>\$842,224</u>	<u>\$855,670</u>	<u>\$856,004</u>	<u>\$846,627</u>	<u>-0.81%</u>	<u>-2.69%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	49.14%	49.65%	53.37%	54.83%	54.05%	-2.35%	-1.03%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.11	\$1.07	\$1.06	\$1.05	\$1.03	1.89%	3.74%

Notes: [1] Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company elected price plan regulation in June 1996. Effective November 15, 2007, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company was converted into a North Carolina limited liability company named Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC. On October 15, 2009, Embarq Corporation filed a letter with the Commission indicating that, in conjunction with the merger of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc., the incumbent local exchange company, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company LLC, is doing business under the name CenturyLink.

[2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 18, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

[4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$66,467,000; 2008 - \$16,173,000; 2007 - \$28,543,000; 2006 - \$29,368,000; and 2005 - \$33,444,000.

**CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a
CENTURYLINK**
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009 (b)	December 2008 (c)	December 2007 (d)	December 2006 (e)	December 2005 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$69,535	\$75,189	\$79,008	\$83,081	\$88,473	-5.84%	-7.52%
3.	Network Access	38,780	45,175	45,829	52,643	54,503	-8.16%	-14.16%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,165	1,238	1,302	1,892	2,020	-12.85%	-5.90%
5.	Miscellaneous	42,582	43,026	41,075	32,741	31,132	8.14%	-1.03%
6.	Uncollectibles	(2,350)	(2,660)	(2,722)	(1,617)	(2,186)	1.83%	-11.65%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>149,712</u>	<u>161,968</u>	<u>164,492</u>	<u>168,740</u>	<u>173,942</u>	<u>-3.68%</u>	<u>-7.57%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	82,677	87,451	92,476	97,759	98,066	-4.18%	-5.46%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	38,760	37,538	36,036	36,868	44,695	-3.50%	3.26%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	10,435	13,973	13,919	12,200	11,887	-3.20%	-25.32%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>131,872</u>	<u>138,962</u>	<u>142,431</u>	<u>146,827</u>	<u>154,648</u>	<u>-3.90%</u>	<u>-5.10%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$17,840</u>	<u>\$23,006</u>	<u>\$22,061</u>	<u>\$21,913</u>	<u>\$19,294</u>	<u>-1.94%</u>	<u>-22.46%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$179,988</u>	<u>\$198,568</u>	<u>\$213,679</u>	<u>\$226,183</u>	<u>\$239,649</u>	<u>-6.91%</u>	<u>-9.36%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	55.22%	53.99%	56.22%	57.93%	56.38%	-0.52%	2.28%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.20	\$1.23	\$1.30	\$1.34	\$1.38	-3.43%	-2.44%

- Notes: [1] Central Telephone Company elected price plan regulation in June 1996. On October 15, 2009, Embarq Corporation filed a letter with the Commission indicating that, in conjunction with the merger of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel, Inc., the incumbent local exchange company, Central Telephone Company, is doing business under the name CenturyLink.
- [2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.
- [3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.
- [4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$13,273,000; 2008 - \$3,284,000; 2007 - \$8,016,000; 2006 - \$5,240,000; and 2005 - \$5,060,000.

**CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a
COMPORIUM
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts In Thousands)**

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual	
		September 2010 (b)	September 2009 (c)	September 2008 (d)	September 2007 (e)	September 2006 (f)	Growth Four Year (g)	Rate Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$4,736	\$4,927	\$5,155	\$5,194	\$5,359	-3.04%	-3.88%
3.	Network Access	4,226	4,058	4,541	4,340	4,261	-0.21%	4.14%
4.	Long Distance Message	629	764	422	1,051	1,314	-16.82%	-17.67%
5.	Miscellaneous	849	1,130	1,147	1,072	1,148	-7.27%	-24.87%
6.	Uncollectibles	(25)	(27)	(10)	(21)	(9)	29.10%	-7.41%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>10,415</u>	<u>10,852</u>	<u>11,255</u>	<u>11,636</u>	<u>12,073</u>	<u>-3.63%</u>	<u>-4.03%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	5,523	6,882	6,437	6,506	6,090	-2.41%	-19.75%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	2,834	2,823	2,820	2,777	2,786	0.43%	0.39%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>1,032</u>	<u>(25)</u>	<u>894</u>	<u>931</u>	<u>1,404</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>9,389</u>	<u>9,680</u>	<u>10,151</u>	<u>10,214</u>	<u>10,280</u>	<u>-2.24%</u>	<u>-3.01%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$1,026</u>	<u>\$1,172</u>	<u>\$1,104</u>	<u>\$1,422</u>	<u>\$1,793</u>	<u>-13.03%</u>	<u>-12.46%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$27,023</u>	<u>\$28,753</u>	<u>\$28,413</u>	<u>\$28,487</u>	<u>\$28,419</u>	<u>-1.25%</u>	<u>-6.02%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	53.03%	63.42%	57.19%	55.91%	50.44%	1.26%	-16.38%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.59	\$2.65	\$2.52	\$2.45	\$2.35	2.46%	-2.26%
16.	Total Access Lines (000s included):							
17.	Residential	13,643	14,731	15,816	16,309	16,588	-4.77%	-7.39%
18.	Business	<u>4,272</u>	<u>4,319</u>	<u>4,482</u>	<u>4,514</u>	<u>4,486</u>	<u>-1.21%</u>	<u>-1.09%</u>
19.	Total Access Lines	<u>17,915</u>	<u>19,050</u>	<u>20,298</u>	<u>20,823</u>	<u>21,074</u>	<u>-3.98%</u>	<u>-5.96%</u>
20.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	4.23%	4.64%	4.40%	5.63%	6.82%	-11.26%	-8.84%
21.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	4.23%	4.64%	4.40%	5.49%	6.37%	-9.73%	-8.84%
22.	Common Equity Ratio	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	95.84%	78.91%	6.10%	0.00%
23.	Debt Ratio	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	4.16%	21.09%	N/A	N/A
24.	Estimated Pretax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.59	N/A	N/A
25.	LAST RATE CASE (Docket No. P-12, Sub 89)	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.70%, Overall 10.11%; Equity Ratio: 44.95%; Date of Order: 2-26-91						

Notes: [1] On December 1, 2008, the transfer of control of Citizens Telephone Company (Citizens) to Rock Hill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications was consummated, as approved by Order issued November 13, 2008, in Docket No. P-12, Sub 109. By letter dated June 25, 2010, Citizens notified the Commission that it is now providing services under the trade name Comporium. On September 8, 2010, in Docket No. P-12, Sub 111, the Commission issued an Order Approving Price Regulation Plan. Comporium elected for its price regulation plan to be effective October 1, 2010.

[2] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 62% of total North Carolina revenue i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.

[3] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

[4] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

**MEBTEL, INC., d/b/a
CENTURYLINK**
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009 (b)	December 2008 (c)	December 2007 (d)	December 2006 (e)	December 2005 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$4,182	\$4,529	\$4,790	\$4,863	\$4,918	-3.97%	-7.66%
3.	Network Access	7,758	7,319	6,933	6,480	5,014	11.53%	6.00%
4.	Long Distance Message	58	74	76	73	71	-4.93%	-21.62%
5.	Miscellaneous	1,429	1,861	1,676	1,663	1,611	-2.95%	-23.21%
6.	Uncollectibles	(130)	(58)	7	(4)	(176)	N/A	124.14%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>13,297</u>	<u>13,725</u>	<u>13,482</u>	<u>13,075</u>	<u>11,438</u>	<u>3.84%</u>	<u>-3.12%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	6,119	6,518	7,986	5,841	5,860	1.09%	-6.12%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3,599	3,613	3,650	3,031	2,436	10.25%	-0.39%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	1,421	1,410	845	2,354	1,314	1.98%	0.78%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>11,139</u>	<u>11,541</u>	<u>12,481</u>	<u>11,226</u>	<u>9,610</u>	<u>3.76%</u>	<u>-3.48%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$2,158</u>	<u>\$2,184</u>	<u>\$1,001</u>	<u>\$1,849</u>	<u>\$1,828</u>	<u>4.24%</u>	<u>-1.19%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$15,389</u>	<u>\$17,403</u>	<u>\$19,380</u>	<u>\$21,341</u>	<u>\$22,393</u>	<u>-8.95%</u>	<u>-11.57%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	46.02%	47.49%	59.23%	44.67%	51.23%	-2.65%	-3.10%
15.	Net Telecom. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.16	\$1.27	\$1.44	\$1.63	\$1.96	-12.29%	-8.66%

Notes: [1] Mebtel Communications elected price plan regulation in September 1999. Effective April 30, 2007, CenturyTel, Inc. acquired all the stock of Madison River Communications Corporation, the ultimate parent of Mebtel, Inc. and its affiliates, which affected the indirect transfer of control of each of these entities, including Mebtel, Inc., d/b/a Mebtel Communications, to CenturyTel, Inc. On December 1, 2008, CenturyTel, Inc. filed a letter with the Commission indicating that the incumbent local exchange company, Mebtel, Inc., is doing business under the name CenturyTel. On October 15, 2009, Embarq Corporation filed a letter with the Commission indicating that, in conjunction with the merger of Embarq Corporation and CenturyTel Inc., the incumbent local exchange company, Mebtel, Inc., is doing business under the name CenturyLink.

[2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

[4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for North Carolina regulated operations only, including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$757,341; 2008 - \$797,686; 2007 - \$821,831; 2006 - \$536,834; and 2005 - \$1,052,185.

[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

**NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a
NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts in Thousands)**

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009 (b)	December 2008 (c)	December 2007 (d)	December 2006 (e)	December 2005 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$28,259	\$30,609	\$32,946	\$34,147	\$35,625	-5.63%	-7.68%
3.	Network Access	28,071	31,285	33,575	35,000	37,882	-7.22%	-10.27%
4.	Long Distance Message	868	854	904	1,021	1,354	-10.52%	1.64%
5.	Miscellaneous	44,701	43,035	40,744	37,217	34,236	6.90%	3.87%
6.	Uncollectibles	(1,597)	(1,637)	(1,555)	(1,110)	(876)	16.20%	-2.44%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>100,302</u>	<u>104,146</u>	<u>106,614</u>	<u>106,275</u>	<u>108,221</u>	<u>-1.88%</u>	<u>-3.69%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	65,751	63,756	64,555	61,672	62,113	1.43%	3.13%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	20,124	19,068	17,533	15,822	21,482	-1.62%	5.54%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>6,326</u>	<u>9,325</u>	<u>10,304</u>	<u>12,762</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>-11.37%</u>	<u>-32.16%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>92,201</u>	<u>92,149</u>	<u>92,392</u>	<u>90,256</u>	<u>93,845</u>	<u>-0.44%</u>	<u>0.06%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$8,101</u>	<u>\$11,997</u>	<u>\$14,222</u>	<u>\$16,019</u>	<u>\$14,376</u>	<u>-13.36%</u>	<u>-32.47%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$129,508</u>	<u>\$133,317</u>	<u>\$133,116</u>	<u>\$124,413</u>	<u>\$114,675</u>	<u>3.09%</u>	<u>-2.86%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	65.55%	61.22%	60.55%	58.03%	57.39%	3.38%	7.07%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.29	\$1.28	\$1.25	\$1.17	\$1.06	5.03%	0.78%

Notes: [1] North State Communications elected price plan regulation in December 2002.

[2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously provided. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

[4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations, including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$11,714,588; 2008 - \$9,858,815; 2007 - \$6,983,609; 2006 - \$6,493,809; and 2005 - \$2,851,674.

VERIZON SOUTH INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	December 2006	December 2005	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$92,207	\$98,276	\$107,049	\$111,919	\$118,145	-6.01%	-6.18%
3.	Network Access	101,691	102,239	104,293	105,858	112,867	-2.57%	-0.54%
4.	Long Distance Message	4,728	6,572	4,915	2,502	2,089	22.65%	-28.06%
5.	Miscellaneous	32,880	33,324	33,216	33,100	29,234	2.98%	-1.33%
6.	Uncollectibles	(2,420)	(2,634)	1,636	(3,600)	(4,405)	N/A	-8.12%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>229,086</u>	<u>237,777</u>	<u>251,109</u>	<u>249,779</u>	<u>257,930</u>	<u>-2.92%</u>	<u>-3.66%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	107,573	149,341	136,861	128,848	149,029	-7.83%	-27.97%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	81,664	61,547	63,662	73,454	78,390	-5.82%	0.19%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>22,431</u>	<u>15,021</u>	<u>17,719</u>	<u>14,799</u>	<u>8,689</u>	<u>26.76%</u>	<u>49.33%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>191,668</u>	<u>225,909</u>	<u>218,242</u>	<u>217,101</u>	<u>238,108</u>	<u>-5.08%</u>	<u>-15.16%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$37,418</u>	<u>\$11,868</u>	<u>\$32,867</u>	<u>\$32,678</u>	<u>\$21,822</u>	<u>14.43%</u>	<u>215.28%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$246,268</u>	<u>\$298,781</u>	<u>\$324,977</u>	<u>\$335,075</u>	<u>\$365,007</u>	<u>-9.37%</u>	<u>-17.57%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	46.96%	62.81%	54.50%	51.58%	57.78%	-5.05%	-25.23%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.08	\$1.26	\$1.29	\$1.34	\$1.42	-6.61%	-14.29%

Notes: [1] Verizon South Inc. (Verizon South) elected price plan regulation in June 1996. Effective July 1, 2010, Verizon South has transferred control of its local exchange telephone operations in North Carolina, excluding its Knotts Island exchange, to Frontier Communications Corporation through a parent company merger. The resulting new incumbent local exchange carrier is Frontier Communications of the Carolinas Inc. (Frontier). The above information represents Verizon South's operations for the calendar years of 2005 through 2009.

[2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

[4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$618,245; 2008 - \$206,889; 2007 - \$2,307,401; 2006 - \$2,068,101; and 2005 - \$1,426,199.

[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

WINDSTREAM CONCORD TELEPHONE, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	December 2006	December 2005	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$28,618	\$30,623	\$36,222	\$51,502	\$50,128	-13.08%	-6.55%
3.	Network Access	37,693	41,978	42,458	30,852	31,924	4.24%	-10.21%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,399	1,957	728	2,110	2,255	-11.25%	-28.51%
5.	Miscellaneous	15,947	12,649	11,392	12,781	11,246	9.12%	26.07%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(1,286)</u>	<u>(399)</u>	<u>(252)</u>	<u>(313)</u>	<u>(285)</u>	<u>45.75%</u>	<u>222.31%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>82,371</u>	<u>86,808</u>	<u>90,548</u>	<u>96,932</u>	<u>95,268</u>	<u>-3.57%</u>	<u>-5.11%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	33,329	47,179	67,250	52,103	50,025	-9.65%	-29.36%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	11,316	17,511	19,444	22,853	19,836	-13.09%	-35.38%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>9,134</u>	<u>6,301</u>	<u>198</u>	<u>7,894</u>	<u>7,933</u>	<u>3.59%</u>	<u>44.96%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>53,779</u>	<u>70,991</u>	<u>86,892</u>	<u>82,850</u>	<u>77,794</u>	<u>-8.82%</u>	<u>-24.25%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$28,592</u>	<u>\$15,817</u>	<u>\$3,656</u>	<u>\$14,082</u>	<u>\$17,474</u>	<u>13.10%</u>	<u>80.77%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$51,638</u>	<u>\$55,804</u>	<u>\$69,459</u>	<u>\$82,404</u>	<u>\$80,438</u>	<u>-10.49%</u>	<u>-7.47%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	40.46%	54.35%	74.27%	53.75%	52.51%	-6.31%	-25.56%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$0.63	\$0.64	\$0.77	\$0.85	\$0.84	-6.94%	-1.56%

- Notes: [1] Concord Telephone Company elected price plan regulation in June 1997. Due to the August 31, 2007 acquisition of CT Communications, Inc., the parent company of The Concord Telephone Company, Inc., by Windstream Corporation, effective on that same date, The Concord Telephone Company, Inc. changed its name to Windstream Concord Telephone, Inc.
- [2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.
- [3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.
- [4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant in service for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$2,240,608; 2008 - \$1,457,131; 2007 - \$6,751,518; 2006 - \$7,563,825; and 2005 - \$3,926,131.

WINDSTREAM LEXCOM COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended December	
		2009 (b)	
1.	Operating Revenue:		
2.	Basic Local Service		\$8,204
3.	Network Access		18,205
4.	Long Distance Message		104
5.	Miscellaneous		3,700
6.	Uncollectibles		(296)
7.	Total Operating Revenue		<u>29,917</u>
8.	Operating Expenses		14,586
9.	Depreciation & Amortization		4,411
10.	Total Operating Taxes		<u>7,817</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes		<u>26,794</u>
12.	Operating Income		<u>\$3,123</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant		<u>\$36,930</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue		48.69%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue		\$1.23
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Notes: [1] LEXCOM Telephone Company elected price plan regulation in June 2009; consequently, comparisons to years prior to 2009 are not meaningful due to the significant differences in reporting requirements for price regulated telephone companies and rate of return regulated telephone companies. On February 4, 2010, LEXCOM Telephone Company filed with the Commission a copy of the Articles of Amendment that were filed with the North Carolina Secretary of State on December 7, 2009, that effected a name change to Windstream Lexcom Communications, Inc.

[2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

[4] Net Telecommunications Plant at December 31, 2009, reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction of \$349,748.

WINDSTREAM NORTH CAROLINA, LLC
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 2009	December 2008	December 2007	December 2006	December 2005	Four Year	Current Year
		(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$56,857	\$62,899	\$66,926	\$70,624	\$73,646	-6.26%	-9.61%
3.	Network Access	46,684	56,596	62,849	65,326	64,125	-7.63%	-17.51%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,079	2,116	2,555	3,971	4,024	-28.04%	-49.01%
5.	Miscellaneous	22,980	15,971	18,013	18,373	15,993	9.49%	43.89%
6.	Uncollectibles	(1,466)	(1,415)	(1,029)	(547)	(1,135)	6.61%	3.60%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>126,134</u>	<u>136,167</u>	<u>149,314</u>	<u>157,747</u>	<u>156,653</u>	<u>-5.27%</u>	<u>-7.37%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	62,465	59,926	63,330	68,347	59,350	1.29%	4.24%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	32,579	31,752	36,602	23,978	32,696	-0.09%	2.60%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>12,056</u>	<u>19,286</u>	<u>18,058</u>	<u>23,431</u>	<u>19,283</u>	<u>-11.08%</u>	<u>-37.49%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>107,100</u>	<u>110,964</u>	<u>117,990</u>	<u>115,756</u>	<u>111,329</u>	<u>-0.96%</u>	<u>-3.48%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$19,034</u>	<u>\$25,203</u>	<u>\$31,324</u>	<u>\$41,991</u>	<u>\$45,324</u>	<u>-19.50%</u>	<u>-24.48%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$221,243</u>	<u>\$234,089</u>	<u>\$244,381</u>	<u>\$253,564</u>	<u>\$251,877</u>	<u>-3.19%</u>	<u>-5.49%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	49.52%	44.01%	42.41%	43.33%	37.89%	6.92%	12.52%
15.	Net Telecom. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.75	\$1.72	\$1.64	\$1.61	\$1.61	2.11%	1.74%

Notes: [1] ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. elected price plan regulation in June 1998. Due to the separation of its wireline business from its wireless business, effective July 12, 2006, ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. changed its name to Windstream North Carolina, Inc. Effective November 29, 2007, Windstream North Carolina, Inc. was converted into a North Carolina limited liability company named Windstream North Carolina, LLC.

[2] Reporting requirement changes for the major price regulated telephone companies were implemented, in response to passage of Senate Bill 814, by Commission Orders dated January 2 and April 16, 2004, in Docket No. P-100, Sub 72b, effective for reporting periods beginning with calendar year 2003. The April 16, 2004 Order approved an Annual Report format for price plan companies which effectively replaced the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the Commission's 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price plan regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

[4] Net Telecommunications Plant reflects net plant for total North Carolina operations (regulated and nonregulated), including plant under construction as follows for the 12-month periods ending December 31st: 2009 - \$4,854,817; 2008 - \$6,314,709; 2007 - \$14,362,281; 2006 - \$18,512,749; and 2005 - \$13,189,584.

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