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FROM: Donald R. Hoover *DRH*
Operations Director

Attached for your information is a copy of the *Quarterly Review* for the calendar quarter ending September 30, 2000. Such report, which has been prepared by the Operations Division, presents an overview of selected financial and operational information and data for 18 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the Commission.

Should you have questions concerning the report, Linda Haywood, Barbara Sharpe, or I will be pleased to be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Attachment

Quarterly Review

Selected Financial and Operational Data:

Re:

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- *Carolina Power & Light Company*
- *Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation*
- *Nantahala Power and Light Company*
- *North Carolina Power*

Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies

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

Telecommunications Companies

- *ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.*
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■ *Quarter Ending September 30, 2000* ■

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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 18 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission): four electric companies, four natural gas local distribution companies, and ten 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. From a general viewpoint, such overviews 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.

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 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 pre-tax 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 Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio

The pre-tax 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. Pre-tax 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 pre-tax 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 a historical test year. 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 rate making 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 a 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 respond to any questions or comments.

Part II

A Review of Key Financial Ratios

- ▣ ***Summary Statement of Key Financial Ratios For 18 Selected Companies For The Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2000 — Returns on Common Equity, Overall Rates of Return, Common Equity Capitalization Ratios, and Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratios — And Certain Rate Case Data***

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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 Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratios are for
Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2000, 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 9/30/00				Authorized - Last Rate Case			
		Return On Equity (b)	Overall Rate of Return (c)	Equity Ratio (d)	Pre-tax Interest Coverage 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	12.42%	9.61%	53.16%	5.10	12.75%	10.45%	44.00%	08/05/88
2.	Duke Power, a Division of Duke Energy Corporation	11.84%	9.86%	59.17%	5.61	12.50%	10.44%	49.82%	11/12/91
3.	Nantahala Power and Light Company	8.83%	8.22%	57.46%	3.68	12.10%	10.32%	56.11%	06/18/93
4.	North Carolina Power	12.07%	9.50%	48.32%	4.36	11.80%	9.48%	44.82%	02/26/93
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies									
5.	North Carolina Gas Service, Division of NUI	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.40%	9.16%	47.57%	09/20/95
6.	North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation	13.67%	10.09%	50.21%	4.45	N/A	10.09%	N/A	10/27/95
7.	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	10.27%	8.95%	51.44%	3.27	11.30%	9.70%	52.71%	10/05/00
8.	Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.	11.04%	9.15%	47.37%	3.17	11.40%	9.82%	51.91%	10/30/98
Telecommunications Companies									
9.	* ALLTEL Carolina, Inc.	14.90%	13.52%	65.39%	4.24	13.20%	10.33%	42.11%	11/25/86
10.	* BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.	27.75%	18.37%	55.12%	9.08	15.00%	12.51%	54.80%	11/09/84
11.	* Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company	15.96%	12.36%	62.08%	7.35	15.25%	11.82%	48.40%	03/30/83
12.	* Central Telephone Company	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	15.50%	12.09%	48.30%	06/22/83
13.	Citizens Telephone Company	10.05%	9.41%	63.94%	4.12	12.70%	10.11%	44.95%	02/26/91
14.	* Concord Telephone Company	21.76%	18.12%	75.41%	17.89	15.50%	12.11%	58.59%	06/17/83
15.	Lexcom Telephone, Inc.	11.07%	10.83%	93.43%	48.94	16.25%	12.77%	37.22%	06/14/82
16.	* MEBTEL Communications	55.31%	17.95%	23.07%	4.98	16.50%	5.92%	16.92%	11/26/79
17.	North State Telephone Company	18.50%	18.17%	97.32%	313.49	N/A	N/A	N/A	06/13/52
18.	* Verizon South Inc.	4.36%	6.46%	55.81%	2.23	13.90%	11.82%	50.00%	09/16/86

NOTES:

- * [1] Companies electing price regulation are denoted above with an asterisk. For those companies, with the exception of Concord Telephone Company, ALLTEL Carolina, Inc., and MEBTEL Communications, the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996; therefore, the data for such companies included herein is updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996. Concord Telephone Company elected price regulation during 1997, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1997. Thus, the data for Concord Telephone Company will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1997. ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. elected price regulation during 1998, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1998. Thus, the data for ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1998. MEBTEL Communications elected price regulation during 1999, and the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 1999. Thus, the data for MEBTEL Communications will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1999.
- [2] Information presented is on a North Carolina jurisdictional basis except for MEBTEL Communications and North State Telephone Company which are presented on a total company basis.
- [3] On June 30, 2000, by amendment of its articles of incorporation, the name of GTE South Incorporated was changed to Verizon South Inc. as a result of the merger between GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation, effective August 1, 2000.
- [4] N/A denotes that information is not available.

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NOTES: [5] Standard and Poor's 1994 annual "Global Sector Review" reflects the following benchmark-ratio ranges for total debt capitalization ratios and pre-tax interest coverage ratios for electric utilities and natural gas local distribution companies; telecommunications utilities are not included in that publication:

Line No.	Item (a)	RANGE	
		BONDS RATED "AA" (b)	BONDS RATED "A" (c)
1.	Electric utilities:		
2.	Pre-tax interest coverage ratio (times)	3.50 - 4.00	2.75 - 4.50
3.	Total debt ratio (%)	42.00 - 47.00	41.00 - 52.00
4.	Natural gas local distribution companies:		
5.	Pre-tax interest coverage ratio (times)	3.75 - 4.25	3.00 - 4.25
6.	Total debt ratio (%)	41.00 - 46.00	42.00 - 51.00

[6] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 94, No. 9, February 26, 2001 follow:

Part I

Line No.	Date (a)	U.S. Treasury Securities			Dealer-Placed 3-Month CP (e)	Moody's Long-Term Corporate Bond Yield (f)
		3-Month Bill (b)	10-Year Note (c)	30-Year Bond (d)		
1.	February 16, 2001	4.89	5.10	5.46	5.25	7.54
2.	February 20, 2001	4.91	5.10	5.45	5.22	7.53
3.	February 21, 2001	4.89	5.12	5.48	5.22	7.57
4.	February 22, 2001	4.90	5.15	5.53	5.21	7.60
5.	Month of January 2001	5.15	5.15	5.54	5.51	7.55
6.	Month of December 2000	5.77	5.23	5.49	6.33	7.65

Part II

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

Line No.	Rating (a)	92/22/01 (b)	Past 12-Months		Monthly	
			High (c)	Low (d)	Jan. 2001 (e)	Dec. 2000 (f)
1.	Aaa	7.47	8.22	7.51	7.53	7.51
2.	Aa	7.73	8.44	7.73	7.73	7.79
3.	A	7.82	8.70	7.80	7.80	7.84

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Part III

New offerings by public utilities - listing is all inclusive for week of February 26, 2001:

Line No.	Company Name (a)	Amount (b)	Term (c)	Yield		Rating (f)
				Current (d)	Maturity (e)	
1.	Southern Natural Gas Company	\$300 Million	30 Years	7.350%	7.358%	Baa1
2.	Progress Energy, Inc.	\$500 Million	3 Years	6.550%	6.554%	Baa1
3.	Progress Energy, Inc.	\$800 Million	5 Years	6.750%	6.771%	Baa1
4.	Progress Energy, Inc.	\$1,250 Million	10 Years	7.100%	7.119%	Baa1
5.	Progress Energy, Inc.	\$650 Million	30 Years	7.750%	7.760%	Baa1

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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)		
Electric Companies					
1.	West Plains Energy Kansas (KS)	10.55%	N/A	01/19/00	Volume 198
2.	Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company (WY)	12.00%	8.29%	02/28/00	Volume 199
3.	PacificCorp, dba Utah Power & Light Co. (UT)	11.00%	9.02%	05/24/00	Volume 201
4.	Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WI)	12.20%	10.52%	08-30-00	Volume 204
Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies					
5.	Northwest Natural Gas Co. (OR)	10.25%	8.90%	11/12/99	Volume 197
6.	Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc. (KY)	11.60%	N/A	12/27/99	Volume 198
7.	Southern Connecticut Gas Company (CT)	10.71%	N/A	01/28/00	Volume 198
8.	Connecticut Natural Gas Corporation (CT)	10.80%	N/A	05/25/00	Volume 201
9.	Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (MD)	11.05%	8.61%	06/19/00	Volume 203
10.	Questar Gas Company (UT)	11.00%	9.82%	08/11/00	Volume 203
11.	Louisville Gas and Electric Company (KY)	11.25%	N/A	09/27/00	Volume 204
12.	Avista Corporation (WA)	11.16%	9.03%	09/29/00	Volume 204
13.	Wisconsin Public Service Corporation (WI)	12.10%	9.74%	12/22/00	Volume 206
Water Companies					
14.	New Jersey-American Water Company (NJ)	10.80%	N/A	04/06/99	Volume 193
15.	Pennsgrove Water Supply Company (NJ)	10.80%	9.79%	06/30/99	Volume 194

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		Common Equity (b)	Overall (c)		
Water Companies - continued					
16.	Unionville Water Co. (CT)	12.35%	N/A	08/25/99	Volume 196
17.	Central Water Company, Inc. (NH)	8.49%	9.17%	10/25/99	Volume 198
18.	Long Neck Water Company (DE)	10.00%	N/A	01/19/00	Volume 198
19.	Connecticut-American Water Company (CT)	10.65%	9.31%	03/23/00	Volume 200
20.	Jewett City Water Company (CT)	12.30%	N/A	04/26/00	Volume 201
21.	Consumers Maine Water Company (ME)	10.00%	9.64%	09/26/00	Volume 204

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CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$2,274,372	\$2,240,690	\$2,289,595	\$2,131,983	\$2,105,277	1.95%	1.50%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	428,935	417,231	420,393	350,518	329,441	6.82%	2.81%
4.	Purchased Power	228,847	280,777	284,725	260,645	275,774	-4.56%	-18.50%
5.	Maintenance	138,940	154,940	141,546	168,833	166,358	-4.40%	-10.33%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	369,849	338,186	332,654	375,804	370,397	-0.04%	9.36%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,166,571	1,191,134	1,179,318	1,155,800	1,141,970	0.53%	-2.06%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	385,830	357,841	363,395	354,352	280,462	8.30%	7.82%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	1,552,401	1,548,975	1,542,713	1,510,152	1,422,432	2.21%	0.22%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	338,269	336,477	351,795	286,584	320,821	1.33%	0.53%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	1,890,670	1,885,452	1,894,508	1,796,716	1,743,253	2.05%	0.28%
12.	Operating Income	\$383,702	\$355,238	\$395,087	\$335,267	\$362,024	1.46%	8.01%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$4,240,797	\$4,354,495	\$4,318,472	\$4,366,726	\$4,200,392	0.24%	-2.61%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	51.29%	53.16%	51.51%	54.21%	54.24%	-1.39%	-3.52%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.88	\$1.94	\$1.89	\$2.05	\$2.00	-1.80%	-4.12%
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16.	Number of Customers Served:							
17.	Residential	907	882	859	836	811	2.84%	2.83%
18.	Commercial	158	154	149	145	140	3.07%	2.80%
19.	Industrial	4	4	4	4	4	0.00%	0.00%
20.	Other	2	2	2	2	2	0.00%	0.00%
21.	Total Number of Customers	1071	1042	1014	987	957	2.85%	2.78%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	11,756	11,394	11,402	10,393	10,835	2.06%	3.18%
24.	Commercial	9,774	9,339	9,004	8,343	8,155	4.63%	4.66%
25.	Industrial	11,107	11,247	11,521	11,525	11,087	0.05%	-1.24%
26.	Other	4,436	4,797	6,036	4,645	4,342	0.54%	-7.53%
27.	Total Sales	37,073	36,777	37,963	34,906	34,419	1.87%	0.80%
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.61%	9.02%	10.08%	8.80%	9.89%	-0.72%	6.54%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.42%	10.82%	12.72%	10.62%	12.61%	-0.38%	14.79%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	53.16%	56.99%	55.68%	54.51%	51.31%	0.89%	-6.72%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.10	5.19	5.44	4.61	4.72	1.95%	-1.73%
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32.	LAST RATE CASE	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 71% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

DUKE POWER, A DIVISION OF DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$3,088,381	\$3,009,267	\$2,965,193	\$2,877,223	\$2,875,104	1.81%	2.63%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	434,887	438,740	454,059	452,153	477,988	-2.35%	-0.92%
4.	Purchased Power	302,042	287,854	288,559	288,848	270,528	2.79%	12.78%
5.	Maintenance	285,322	274,772	283,983	290,108	298,837	-1.15%	3.84%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	699,211	664,234	581,904	584,864	555,844	5.91%	5.27%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,721,262	1,645,600	1,586,505	1,615,771	1,602,995	1.80%	4.60%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	367,262	352,725	348,474	327,952	315,853	3.88%	4.12%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,088,524	1,998,325	1,934,979	1,943,723	1,918,848	2.14%	4.51%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	481,978	472,201	486,901	431,492	437,855	1.35%	-2.16%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	2,550,502	2,470,526	2,421,880	2,375,215	2,356,503	2.00%	3.24%
12.	Operating Income	\$537,879	\$538,741	\$543,313	\$502,008	\$518,601	0.92%	-0.16%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$6,228,978	\$6,157,048	\$6,161,401	\$6,069,841	\$5,938,479	1.20%	1.17%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	55.73%	54.88%	53.50%	56.16%	55.75%	-0.01%	1.92%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.02	\$2.05	\$2.08	\$2.11	\$2.07	-0.61%	-1.46%
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16.	Number of Customers Served:							
17.	Residential	1,300	1,272	1,268	1,214	1,180	2.45%	2.20%
18.	Commercial	210	204	201	192	188	3.08%	2.94%
19.	Industrial	8	8	7	7	7	-3.78%	0.00%
20.	Other	8	7	7	7	7	3.39%	14.29%
21.	Total Number of Customers	1,524	1,489	1,483	1,420	1,380	2.51%	2.35%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	16,397	16,128	16,358	14,977	15,748	1.01%	1.87%
24.	Commercial	17,445	16,888	16,088	15,123	14,953	3.93%	4.86%
25.	Industrial	17,898	17,788	18,135	17,705	17,504	0.27%	-0.52%
26.	Other	234	225	219	211	201	3.87%	4.00%
27.	Total Sales	51,772	50,809	50,788	48,018	48,408	1.89%	1.80%
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.86%	9.92%	10.09%	9.55%	9.92%	-0.15%	-0.60%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.84%	12.30%	12.48%	11.37%	12.12%	-0.58%	-3.74%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	59.17%	55.78%	54.12%	54.10%	53.44%	2.58%	6.12%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	5.81	5.31	5.14	4.83	5.01	2.67%	5.65%
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32.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.50%, Overall 10.44%; Equity Ratio: 49.82%; Date of Order: 11-12-91						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 86% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

NANTAHALA POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$68,011	\$65,190	\$66,413	\$60,063	\$66,231	0.67%	4.33%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Purchased Power - Special Contract	0	0	324	9	7,242	N/A	N/A
4.	Purchased Power - Regular	27,644	25,843	26,782	23,538	26,444	1.12%	7.80%
5.	Maintenance	5,627	5,341	4,341	4,944	5,564	0.28%	5.35%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	8,325	7,619	7,455	8,007	7,323	3.26%	9.27%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	41,596	38,603	38,902	36,498	46,573	-2.79%	7.75%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	6,348	5,995	5,630	4,328	5,476	3.76%	5.89%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	47,944	44,598	44,532	40,826	52,049	-2.03%	7.50%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	8,394	9,252	9,698	8,711	6,415	6.95%	-9.27%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	56,338	53,850	54,230	49,537	58,464	-0.92%	4.62%
12.	Operating Income	\$11,673	\$11,340	\$12,183	\$10,526	\$7,787	10.72%	2.94%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$150,984	\$145,227	\$133,938	\$125,574	\$111,356	7.91%	3.96%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	61.16%	59.22%	58.58%	60.77%	70.32%	-3.43%	3.28%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.22	\$2.23	\$2.02	\$2.09	\$1.68	7.22%	-0.45%
16.	Number of Customers Served:							
17.	Residential	55	53	52	51	50	2.41%	3.77%
18.	Commercial	7	7	6	6	6	3.93%	0.00%
19.	Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
20.	Other	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
21.	Total Number of Customers	62	60	58	57	56	2.58%	3.33%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	525	499	504	457	492	1.64%	5.21%
24.	Commercial	368	348	343	314	321	3.48%	5.75%
25.	Industrial	141	137	135	124	114	5.46%	2.92%
26.	Other	2	2	2	2	2	0.00%	0.00%
27.	Total Sales	1,036	986	984	897	929	2.76%	5.07%
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.22%	8.41%	9.50%	8.94%	7.04%	3.95%	-2.26%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.83%	9.25%	11.53%	10.35%	6.48%	6.38%	-4.54%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	57.46%	54.28%	50.83%	51.16%	63.66%	-2.53%	5.86%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.68	3.47	3.66	3.44	2.97	5.50%	6.05%
32.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.10%, Overall 10.32%; Equity Ratio: 56.11%; Date of Order: 6-18-93						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 96% 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.

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 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$223,016	\$220,328	\$222,135	\$218,060	\$210,060	1.51%	1.22%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	34,469	29,808	28,379	28,892	27,985	5.35%	15.64%
4.	Purchased Power	48,244	50,678	52,679	51,595	50,334	-1.05%	-4.80%
5.	Maintenance	0	14,534	10,721	12,047	12,897	N/A	N/A
6.	Other Operating Expenses	47,992	32,817	30,348	31,378	30,128	12.34%	46.24%
7.	Total Operating Expenses	130,705	127,837	122,127	121,912	121,344	1.88%	2.24%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	28,448	25,107	27,350	25,935	24,761	1.66%	5.33%
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	157,151	152,944	149,477	147,847	146,105	1.84%	2.75%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	29,098	28,734	35,812	28,917	27,101	1.79%	1.27%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	186,249	181,678	185,089	174,764	173,206	1.83%	2.52%
12.	Operating Income	\$36,767	\$38,650	\$37,046	\$43,296	\$36,854	-0.06%	-4.87%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$364,043	\$407,592	\$430,799	\$442,927	\$436,216	-4.42%	-10.68%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	58.61%	58.02%	54.98%	55.91%	57.77%	0.36%	1.02%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.83	\$1.85	\$1.94	\$2.03	\$2.08	-5.91%	-11.89%
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16.	Number of Customers Served:							
17.	Residential	92	91	89	88	86	1.70%	1.10%
18.	Commercial	14	14	13	13	13	1.87%	0.00%
19.	Industrial	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
20.	Other	2	2	2	2	2	0.00%	0.00%
21.	Total Number of Customers	108	107	104	103	101	1.69%	0.83%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	1,238	1,197	1,179	1,088	1,138	2.17%	3.43%
24.	Commercial	670	650	653	621	637	1.27%	3.08%
25.	Industrial	1,197	1,191	1,268	1,278	1,216	-0.39%	0.50%
26.	Other	128	128	116	111	121	1.81%	2.38%
27.	Total Sales	3,234	3,164	3,214	3,094	3,110	0.88%	2.21%
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.50%	9.34%	8.57%	9.91%	8.80%	1.93%	1.71%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.07%	11.88%	10.05%	12.82%	10.44%	3.69%	1.60%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	48.32%	47.00%	47.34%	47.28%	48.03%	1.22%	2.81%
31.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.36	3.19	4.08	3.86	3.48	5.80%	36.68%
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32.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.80%, Overall 9.48%; Equity Ratio: 44.82%; Date of Order: 2-26-93						

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.

NORTH CAROLINA GAS SERVICE, DIVISION OF NUI
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	N/A	N/A	\$6,909	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
3.	Commercial	N/A	N/A	3,148	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4.	Industrial	N/A	N/A	3,458	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
5.	Public Authorities	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	N/A	N/A	1,280	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	N/A	N/A	2,293	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
8.	Total Operating Revenue	N/A	N/A	17,088	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
9.	Cost of Gas	N/A	N/A	9,927	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
10.	Margin	N/A	N/A	7,161	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
11.	O & M Expenses	N/A	N/A	4,411	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
12.	Other Deductions	N/A	N/A	1,747	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
13.	Operating Income	N/A	N/A	\$1,003	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
14.	Net Plant Investment	N/A	N/A	\$14,810	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	N/A	N/A	61.60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	N/A	N/A	\$2.07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:							
18.	Residential	N/A	N/A	905	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
19.	Commercial	N/A	N/A	515	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
20.	Industrial	N/A	N/A	1,470	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
21.	Public Authorities	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
22.	Resale	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	N/A	N/A	1,807	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
24.	Total DTs	N/A	N/A	4,697	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
27.	Commercial	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
28.	Industrial	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
29.	Public Authorities	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	N/A	N/A	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
35.	Common Equity Ratio	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.40%, Overall 9.16%; Equity Ratio: 47.57%; Date of Order: 9-20-95						

Notes: [1] The percentage of North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue to total company gas utility revenue is not available.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that the data has not been provided due to ongoing changes occurring within the Company's internal operational structure.

NORTH CAROLINA NATURAL GAS CORPORATION
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$51,443	N/A	\$46,816	\$46,670	\$44,981	N/A	N/A
3.	Commercial	34,017	N/A	30,995	31,055	28,809	N/A	N/A
4.	Industrial	100,752	N/A	52,225	57,522	72,608	N/A	N/A
5.	Public Authorities	2,065	N/A	1,858	1,993	2,032	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	20,164	N/A	18,483	21,847	28,731	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	<u>60,759</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>26,091</u>	<u>22,817</u>	<u>19,477</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
8.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>269,200</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>174,448</u>	<u>181,704</u>	<u>196,638</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
9.	Cost of Gas	<u>195,070</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>99,339</u>	<u>108,497</u>	<u>128,228</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
10.	Margin	74,130	N/A	75,109	73,207	68,410	N/A	N/A
11.	O & M Expenses	38,384	N/A	25,151	25,454	23,088	N/A	N/A
12.	Other Deductions	<u>24,899</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>29,262</u>	<u>27,865</u>	<u>26,576</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$13,087</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$20,696</u>	<u>\$19,888</u>	<u>\$18,746</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$227,520</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>\$207,471</u>	<u>\$199,387</u>	<u>\$181,635</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	49.05%	N/A	33.49%	34.77%	33.75%	N/A	N/A
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.07	N/A	\$2.78	\$2.72	\$2.66	N/A	N/A
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:							
18.	Residential	6,152	N/A	6,065	5,886	6,752	N/A	N/A
19.	Commercial	5,404	N/A	5,248	5,089	5,511	N/A	N/A
20.	Industrial	24,238	N/A	13,494	13,126	19,589	N/A	N/A
21.	Public Authorities	284	N/A	309	320	388	N/A	N/A
22.	Resale	4,859	N/A	3,028	4,094	7,765	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	<u>18,479</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>26,833</u>	<u>28,953</u>	<u>13,077</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
24.	Total DTs	<u>57,396</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>54,977</u>	<u>55,458</u>	<u>53,080</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	98	N/A	92	89	85	N/A	N/A
27.	Commercial	14	N/A	13	13	12	N/A	N/A
28.	Industrial	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
29.	Public Authorities	4	N/A	4	4	5	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	44	N/A	47	45	41	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	<u>158</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	10.09%	N/A	11.03%	11.71%	10.84%	N/A	N/A
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	13.87%	N/A	13.05%	13.97%	12.21%	N/A	N/A
35.	Common Equity Ratio	50.21%	N/A	60.87%	60.89%	60.02%	N/A	N/A
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.45	N/A	5.19	5.31	4.66	N/A	N/A
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity N/A, Overall 10.09%; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 10-27-95						

- 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] Data provided on Lines 33-36, Column (b), is based on calculations derived from use of Carolina Power & Light Company's capital structure. The acquisition of North Carolina Natural Gas Corporation by Carolina Power & Light Company was approved by the Commission on July 13, 1999.
[5] N/A denotes that the information to date has not been made available by the Company.

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

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$208,264	\$174,560	\$194,193	\$193,809	\$172,468	4.83%	19.31%
3.	Commercial	116,391	89,406	102,921	105,511	96,410	4.82%	30.18%
4.	Industrial	118,514	74,164	90,390	94,056	96,475	5.28%	59.80%
5.	Public Authorities	2,770	2,677	3,110	3,413	2,876	-0.93%	3.47%
6.	Resale	0	0	0	0	2,216	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	16,700	23,549	78,850	64,960	27,104	-11.40%	-29.08%
8.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>462,639</u>	<u>364,356</u>	<u>469,464</u>	<u>461,749</u>	<u>397,549</u>	<u>3.85%</u>	<u>26.97%</u>
9.	Cost of Gas	<u>286,195</u>	<u>183,474</u>	<u>264,130</u>	<u>279,915</u>	<u>231,763</u>	<u>5.42%</u>	<u>55.99%</u>
10.	Margin	176,444	180,882	205,334	181,834	165,786	1.57%	-2.45%
11.	O & M Expenses	74,293	68,772	69,490	71,043	69,164	1.80%	8.03%
12.	Other Deductions	52,445	61,287	72,559	61,507	55,181	-1.26%	-14.43%
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$49,706</u>	<u>\$50,823</u>	<u>\$63,285</u>	<u>\$49,284</u>	<u>\$41,441</u>	<u>4.65%</u>	<u>-2.20%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$559,107</u>	<u>\$519,932</u>	<u>\$473,071</u>	<u>\$449,283</u>	<u>\$415,623</u>	<u>7.70%</u>	<u>7.53%</u>
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	42.11%	38.02%	33.84%	39.07%	41.72%	0.23%	10.76%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.17	\$2.87	\$2.30	\$2.47	\$2.51	6.01%	10.45%
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:							
18.	Residential	24,488	22,768	24,631	23,012	25,462	-0.97%	7.55%
19.	Commercial	17,089	14,917	16,036	15,398	16,827	0.39%	14.56%
20.	Industrial	23,647	19,731	23,138	20,177	23,490	0.17%	19.85%
21.	Public Authorities	378	423	462	482	509	-7.17%	-10.64%
22.	Resale	0	0	0	0	448	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	13,952	22,672	43,557	37,393	17,930	-6.08%	-38.46%
24.	Total DTs	<u>79,554</u>	<u>80,511</u>	<u>107,824</u>	<u>96,462</u>	<u>84,666</u>	<u>-1.54%</u>	<u>-1.19%</u>
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	351	332	314	296	274	6.39%	5.72%
27.	Commercial	40	39	37	36	34	4.15%	2.56%
28.	Industrial	2	2	2	2	2	0.00%	0.00%
29.	Public Authorities	5	6	6	6	6	-4.46%	-16.67%
30.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	<u>398</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>340</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>5.94%</u>	<u>5.01%</u>
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.95%	10.50%	12.31%	10.79%	10.13%	-3.05%	-14.76%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	10.27%	12.90%	16.13%	13.50%	11.89%	-3.60%	-20.39%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	51.44%	53.86%	53.33%	50.32%	51.52%	-0.04%	-4.49%
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.27	4.17	4.77	3.67	3.47	-1.47%	-21.58%
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.30%, Overall 9.70%; Equity Ratio: 52.71%; Date of Order: 10-5-00						

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 57% of total company gas utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: Shareholders' reports and the NCUC GS-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

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

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Residential	\$200,776	\$173,611	\$183,813	\$183,392	\$162,400	5.45%	15.65%
3.	Commercial	92,073	76,073	83,561	66,199	80,607	3.36%	21.03%
4.	Industrial	9,806	7,565	22,021	36,131	38,208	-26.82%	29.62%
5.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
7.	Other	45,415	41,604	41,276	32,209	27,667	13.19%	9.16%
8.	Total Operating Revenue	348,070	288,853	330,671	337,931	308,862	3.03%	16.47%
9.	Cost of Gas	184,506	133,442	174,301	182,004	188,137	2.35%	38.27%
10.	Margin	163,564	165,411	156,370	155,927	140,745	3.83%	-1.12%
11.	O & M Expenses	69,196	70,597	59,917	61,187	55,203	5.81%	-1.98%
12.	Other Deductions	62,257	56,615	57,359	55,023	50,251	5.50%	9.97%
13.	Operating Income	\$32,111	\$38,199	\$39,094	\$39,717	\$35,291	-2.33%	-15.94%
14.	Net Plant Investment	\$493,475	\$510,321	\$495,582	\$459,181	\$418,840	4.18%	-3.30%
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	42.31%	42.68%	38.32%	39.24%	38.22%	1.91%	-0.87%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.02	\$3.09	\$3.17	\$2.94	\$2.98	0.33%	-2.27%
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs:							
18.	Residential	21,294	19,530	20,795	19,761	22,398	-1.26%	9.03%
19.	Commercial	12,958	12,117	12,618	12,373	14,307	-2.45%	6.94%
20.	Industrial	1,547	1,444	4,511	7,456	9,327	-36.18%	7.13%
21.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
22.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
23.	Other	33,705	32,153	29,516	25,524	19,613	14.50%	4.83%
24.	Total DTs	69,504	65,244	67,440	65,114	65,645	1.44%	6.53%
25.	Number of Customers:							
26.	Residential	310	295	279	264	249	5.63%	5.08%
27.	Commercial	42	42	41	39	39	1.87%	0.00%
28.	Industrial	2	2	2	2	0	N/A	0.00%
29.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
30.	Resale	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
31.	Other	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
32.	Total Number of Customers	354	339	322	305	288	5.29%	4.42%
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.15%	9.23%	9.28%	10.20%	10.81%	-3.63%	-0.87%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.04%	11.12%	10.79%	12.55%	12.82%	-3.67%	-0.72%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	47.37%	48.56%	48.97%	48.58%	51.29%	-1.97%	-2.45%
36.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.17	3.20	3.14	3.40	3.63	-3.33%	-0.94%
37.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 11.40%, Overall 9.82%; Equity Ratio: 51.91%; Date of Order: 10-30-98						

- 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 Company has changed, effective March 2000, an accounting procedure such that it now accrues revenues for unbilled deliveries. The change has the effect of accelerating the recognition of margins not yet billed. Also, earnings data reflects treatment of the acquisition adjustment resulting from the merger between SCANA Corporation and Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc., in a manner consistent with the Commission's Order approving the merger (Order dated December 7, 1999, in Docket No. G-5, Sub 400).
[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

ALLTEL CAROLINA, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 1999 (b)	December 1998 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1996 (e)	December 1995 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$63,217	\$63,267	\$57,628	\$50,393	\$42,419	10.49%	-0.08%
3.	Network Access	21,168	20,200	20,706	21,342	20,771	0.47%	4.78%
4.	Long Distance Message	5,643	5,498	5,403	7,927	15,637	-22.49%	2.64%
5.	Miscellaneous	3,636	3,577	2,477	1,286	5,157	-8.37%	1.65%
6.	Uncollectibles	(564)	(580)	(278)	(490)	(1,612)	-23.08%	-2.76%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	93,088	91,962	85,936	80,458	82,372	3.11%	1.24%
8.	Operating Expenses	46,647	42,171	39,913	39,333	36,985	5.97%	10.61%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	16,157	15,276	14,026	13,154	16,360	-0.31%	5.77%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	11,879	13,434	12,171	10,612	11,442	0.94%	-11.58%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	74,683	70,881	66,110	63,099	64,787	3.62%	5.36%
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	0	0	0	0	(187)	N/A	N/A
13.	Operating Income	\$18,415	\$21,081	\$19,826	\$17,359	\$17,772	0.89%	-12.65%
14.	Net Plant Investment	\$153,889	\$146,651	\$145,745	\$134,278	\$133,271	3.66%	4.94%
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15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	50.11%	45.86%	48.45%	48.89%	44.90%	2.78%	9.27%
16.	Net Pft. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.65	\$1.59	\$1.70	\$1.67	\$1.62	0.48%	3.77%
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17.	Local Access Lines:							
18.	Residential	169	158	147	137	130	6.78%	6.96%
19.	Business	52	49	45	41	36	9.63%	6.12%
20.	Total Local Access Lines	221	207	192	178	166	7.42%	6.76%
21.	Total Access Lines:							
22.	Residential	169	158	147	137	130	6.78%	6.96%
23.	Business	52	49	45	41	37	8.88%	6.12%
24.	Total Access Lines	221	207	192	178	167	7.26%	6.76%
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25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	13.52%	16.01%	15.71%	14.29%	13.78%	-0.48%	-15.55%
26.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	14.90%	20.65%	20.90%	18.38%	17.57%	-4.04%	-27.85%
27.	Common Equity Ratio	65.39%	61.69%	60.78%	61.43%	61.33%	1.62%	6.00%
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.24	7.24	6.45	7.61	7.84	-14.24%	-41.44%
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29.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 13.20%, Overall 10.33%; Equity Ratio: 42.11%; Date of Order: 11-25-86						

- Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 79% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1998. The data for ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1998.
[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 1999 (b)	December 1998 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1996 (e)	December 1995 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$1,035,846	\$955,410	\$871,804	\$805,617	\$689,370	10.72%	8.42%
3.	Network Access	144,537	158,061	159,274	163,878	161,256	-2.70%	-8.56%
4.	Long Distance Message	35,137	42,476	49,446	64,674	106,379	-24.19%	-17.28%
5.	Miscellaneous	58,366	47,596	37,573	84,291	89,552	-10.15%	22.63%
6.	Uncollectibles	(9,102)	(6,300)	(13,684)	(12,559)	(5,860)	11.54%	44.48%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	1,264,784	1,197,243	1,104,413	1,105,701	1,040,877	5.00%	5.64%
8.	Operating Expenses	457,763	463,029	457,536	496,646	494,761	-1.92%	-1.14%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	310,910	291,352	290,581	284,607	208,264	10.54%	6.71%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	200,530	186,120	164,263	125,641	139,563	9.48%	20.71%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	969,203	920,501	912,380	907,094	842,588	3.56%	5.29%
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	46	(530)	98	70	(51)	N/A	N/A
13.	Operating Income	\$295,535	\$277,272	\$191,935	\$198,537	\$198,140	10.51%	6.59%
14.	Net Plant Investment	\$1,869,982	\$1,863,734	\$1,864,967	\$1,852,897	\$1,893,522	-0.31%	0.34%
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15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	36.19%	38.67%	41.43%	44.93%	47.54%	-6.59%	-6.41%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.48	\$1.56	\$1.69	\$1.68	\$1.82	-5.04%	-5.13%
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17.	Local Access Lines:							
18.	Residential	1,667	1,600	1,524	1,449	1,396	4.54%	4.19%
19.	Business	694	686	657	598	543	6.33%	1.17%
20.	Total Local Access Lines	2,361	2,286	2,181	2,047	1,939	5.05%	3.28%
21.	Total Access Lines:							
22.	Residential	1,667	1,600	1,524	1,449	1,396	4.54%	4.19%
23.	Business	698	690	663	604	550	6.14%	1.16%
24.	Total Access Lines	2,365	2,290	2,187	2,053	1,946	5.00%	3.28%
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25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	18.37%	17.19%	11.95%	12.46%	12.72%	9.62%	6.86%
26.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	27.75%	25.24%	16.15%	17.54%	16.94%	13.13%	9.94%
27.	Common Equity Ratio	55.12%	57.55%	57.38%	55.69%	58.65%	-1.54%	-4.22%
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	9.08	9.30	7.30	6.62	6.71	7.86%	-2.37%
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29.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.00%, Overall 12.51%; Equity Ratio: 54.80%; Date of Order: 11-9-84						

- Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 75% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.
[5] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 1999 (b)	December 1998 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1996 (e)	December 1995 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$392,091	\$360,990	\$338,308	\$309,556	\$259,741	10.84%	8.62%
3.	Network Access	86,775	89,606	88,775	91,084	86,173	0.17%	-3.16%
4.	Long Distance Message	24,172	24,436	32,804	39,116	67,623	-22.68%	-1.08%
5.	Miscellaneous	32,335	34,582	45,277	51,545	46,873	-8.77%	-6.50%
6.	Uncollectibles	(6,685)	(5,716)	(6,667)	(5,613)	(3,343)	18.83%	18.60%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>528,708</u>	<u>503,898</u>	<u>498,495</u>	<u>485,688</u>	<u>456,867</u>	<u>3.72%</u>	<u>4.92%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	281,128	259,881	250,852	256,783	234,038	4.69%	8.18%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	134,968	129,667	123,663	117,404	95,023	9.17%	4.09%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>47,966</u>	<u>50,037</u>	<u>52,515</u>	<u>48,115</u>	<u>52,547</u>	<u>-2.25%</u>	<u>-4.14%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>464,062</u>	<u>439,585</u>	<u>427,030</u>	<u>422,302</u>	<u>381,608</u>	<u>5.01%</u>	<u>5.57%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$64,646</u>	<u>\$64,313</u>	<u>\$71,465</u>	<u>\$63,386</u>	<u>\$75,259</u>	<u>-3.73%</u>	<u>0.52%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$623,474</u>	<u>\$642,707</u>	<u>\$661,395</u>	<u>\$674,875</u>	<u>\$688,175</u>	<u>-2.44%</u>	<u>-2.99%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	53.17%	51.57%	50.32%	52.87%	51.23%	0.94%	3.10%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.18	\$1.28	\$1.33	\$1.39	\$1.51	-5.94%	-7.54%
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16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	881	844	813	792	762	3.69%	4.38%
18.	Business	297	284	259	230	208	9.31%	4.58%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	<u>1,178</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>1,072</u>	<u>1,022</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>4.98%</u>	<u>4.43%</u>
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	881	844	813	792	762	3.69%	4.38%
22.	Business	298	285	260	231	210	9.14%	4.56%
23.	Total Access Lines	<u>1,179</u>	<u>1,129</u>	<u>1,073</u>	<u>1,023</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>4.95%</u>	<u>4.43%</u>
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24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	12.38%	11.69%	12.53%	11.02%	13.07%	-1.39%	5.73%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	15.96%	15.10%	16.59%	13.60%	16.38%	-0.85%	5.70%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	62.08%	62.09%	60.75%	62.23%	62.60%	-0.21%	-0.02%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	7.35	7.59	7.65	6.45	6.93	1.48%	-3.16%
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28.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.25%, Overall 11.82%; Equity Ratio: 48.40%; Date of Order: 3-30-83						

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 74% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.

CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 1999 (b)	December 1998 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1996 (e)	December 1995 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$98,597	\$88,288	\$83,322	\$77,233	\$60,431	13.02%	11.68%
3.	Network Access	19,271	19,093	19,320	19,387	20,030	-0.96%	0.93%
4.	Long Distance Message	8,163	7,841	9,543	9,188	22,339	-22.25%	4.11%
5.	Miscellaneous	11,183	12,488	13,219	10,682	10,350	1.95%	-10.45%
6.	Uncollectibles	(1,337)	(1,773)	(1,559)	(1,015)	(732)	16.25%	-24.59%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	135,877	125,937	123,845	115,475	112,418	4.85%	7.89%
8.	Operating Expenses	77,567	70,236	70,435	72,780	68,124	3.30%	10.44%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	23,066	21,629	21,262	20,823	13,911	13.48%	6.64%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	13,145	14,113	13,035	8,780	11,942	2.43%	-6.86%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	113,778	105,978	104,732	102,383	93,977	4.90%	7.38%
12.	Operating Income	\$22,099	\$19,959	\$19,113	\$13,082	\$18,441	4.63%	10.72%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$208,582	\$210,041	\$201,341	\$194,240	\$189,012	2.49%	-0.69%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	57.09%	55.77%	56.87%	63.03%	60.60%	-1.48%	2.36%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.54	\$1.67	\$1.63	\$1.68	\$1.68	-2.25%	-7.96%
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16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	204	196	190	185	179	3.32%	4.08%
18.	Business	73	70	63	56	52	8.85%	4.29%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	277	266	253	241	231	4.64%	4.14%
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	204	196	190	185	179	3.32%	4.08%
22.	Business	73	70	63	57	52	8.85%	4.29%
23.	Total Access Lines	277	266	253	242	231	4.64%	4.14%
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24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	N/A	12.84%	12.60%	8.86%	13.05%	N/A	N/A
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	N/A	12.39%	12.60%	8.40%	15.10%	N/A	N/A
26.	Common Equity Ratio	N/A	89.13%	88.21%	80.85%	65.95%	N/A	N/A
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	N/A	10.79	12.61	5.92	6.22	N/A	N/A
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28.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.50%, Overall 12.09%; Equity Ratio: 48.30%; Date of Order: 6-22-83						

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 78% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] Central Telephone Company has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for Central Telephone Company included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.
[5] N/A denotes that the information to date has not been made available by the Company.

CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$5,067	\$4,720	\$4,522	\$4,227	\$3,762	7.73%	7.35%
3.	Network Access	3,392	3,863	3,512	3,184	2,754	5.35%	-12.19%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,303	1,204	1,156	1,173	1,379	-1.41%	8.22%
5.	Miscellaneous	932	900	848	810	811	3.54%	3.56%
6.	Uncollectibles	(13)	(17)	(28)	(32)	(13)	0.00%	-23.53%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>10,681</u>	<u>10,670</u>	<u>10,010</u>	<u>9,362</u>	<u>8,893</u>	<u>5.28%</u>	<u>0.10%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	4,447	4,146	4,016	3,759	3,751	4.35%	7.26%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3,299	2,545	2,705	2,018	2,097	11.99%	29.63%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	1,108	1,328	1,022	1,208	890	5.63%	-16.57%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>8,854</u>	<u>8,019</u>	<u>7,743</u>	<u>6,985</u>	<u>6,738</u>	<u>7.07%</u>	<u>10.41%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$1,827</u>	<u>\$2,651</u>	<u>\$2,267</u>	<u>\$2,377</u>	<u>\$1,955</u>	<u>-1.66%</u>	<u>-31.08%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$20,859</u>	<u>\$19,669</u>	<u>\$18,619</u>	<u>\$18,033</u>	<u>\$17,238</u>	<u>4.88%</u>	<u>6.05%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	41.63%	38.86%	40.12%	40.15%	43.15%	-0.89%	7.13%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.95	\$1.84	\$1.86	\$1.93	\$1.98	-0.38%	5.98%
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16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	17	16	15	15	14	4.97%	6.25%
18.	Business	4	4	4	3	3	7.46%	0.00%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5.42%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	17	16	15	15	14	4.97%	6.25%
22.	Business	4	4	4	3	3	7.46%	0.00%
23.	Total Access Lines	<u>21</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>5.42%</u>	<u>5.00%</u>
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24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.41%	13.76%	12.73%	14.11%	11.76%	-5.42%	-31.61%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	10.05%	17.31%	16.13%	19.23%	15.34%	-10.03%	-41.94%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	63.94%	60.98%	57.39%	54.21%	51.19%	5.72%	4.85%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.12	5.90	4.89	5.38	4.17	-0.30%	-30.17%
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28.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 12.70%, Overall 10.11%; Equity Ratio: 44.95%; Date of Order: 2-26-91						

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 71% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

CONCORD TELEPHONE COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 1999 (b)	December 1998 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1996 (e)	December 1995 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$38,190	\$35,129	\$29,962	\$24,034	\$21,231	15.81%	8.71%
3.	Network Access	6,639	5,836	5,351	4,083	3,618	16.39%	13.76%
4.	Long Distance Message	4,739	4,937	7,113	8,713	5,748	-4.71%	-4.01%
5.	Miscellaneous	7,264	6,970	6,274	5,861	4,760	11.15%	4.22%
6.	Uncollectibles	(178)	(73)	(185)	(132)	(168)	1.46%	143.84%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>56,654</u>	<u>52,799</u>	<u>48,535</u>	<u>42,559</u>	<u>35,189</u>	<u>12.64%</u>	<u>7.30%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	28,107	27,025	24,581	24,155	15,683	15.70%	4.00%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	11,532	11,968	6,881	7,700	9,238	5.70%	-3.64%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>7,810</u>	<u>6,544</u>	<u>7,739</u>	<u>5,077</u>	<u>4,790</u>	<u>13.00%</u>	<u>19.35%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>47,449</u>	<u>45,537</u>	<u>39,201</u>	<u>36,932</u>	<u>29,711</u>	<u>12.42%</u>	<u>4.20%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$9,205</u>	<u>\$7,262</u>	<u>\$9,334</u>	<u>\$5,627</u>	<u>\$5,478</u>	<u>13.85%</u>	<u>28.76%</u>
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$64,987</u>	<u>\$60,644</u>	<u>\$63,801</u>	<u>\$52,363</u>	<u>\$44,072</u>	<u>10.20%</u>	<u>7.16%</u>
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	49.61%	51.18%	50.65%	56.76%	44.57%	2.71%	-3.07%
15.	Net Plt. investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.15	\$1.15	\$1.31	\$1.23	\$1.25	-2.06%	0.00%
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16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	88	84	79	76	73	4.78%	4.76%
18.	Business	25	24	23	21	18	8.56%	4.17%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	<u>113</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>5.56%</u>	<u>4.63%</u>
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	88	84	79	76	73	4.78%	4.76%
22.	Business	25	24	23	21	18	8.56%	4.17%
23.	Total Access Lines	<u>113</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>5.56%</u>	<u>4.63%</u>
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24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	18.12%	15.82%	20.39%	14.91%	16.49%	2.38%	14.54%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	21.76%	18.21%	22.92%	16.04%	18.23%	4.52%	19.49%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	75.41%	78.06%	84.96%	88.35%	84.95%	-2.93%	-3.39%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	17.89	16.77	42.30	44.17	34.01	-14.84%	6.68%
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28.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 15.50%, Overall 12.11%; Equity Ratio: 58.59%; Date of Order: 6-17-83						

Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue equates to approximately 77% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] Concord Telephone Company has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1997. The data for Concord Telephone Company included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1997.

LEXCOM TELEPHONE, INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
Total Company Utility Operations
(Amounts In Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$12,488	\$11,465	\$10,595	\$9,667	\$7,344	14.19%	8.92%
3.	Network Access	2,959	2,956	3,038	2,978	9,968	-28.18%	0.10%
4.	Long Distance Message	417	405	502	614	1,466	-26.97%	2.96%
5.	Miscellaneous	3,893	3,367	3,304	2,703	3,145	5.48%	15.62%
6.	Uncollectibles	(130)	(192)	(117)	(150)	(118)	2.45%	-32.29%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	19,627	18,001	17,322	15,810	21,803	-2.59%	9.03%
8.	Operating Expenses	7,917	8,828	8,831	8,523	11,901	-9.69%	-10.32%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3,234	2,788	3,515	3,001	3,301	-0.51%	16.00%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	5,005	4,398	2,237	2,863	2,651	17.22%	13.80%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	16,156	16,014	14,583	14,387	17,853	-2.47%	0.89%
12.	Operating Income	\$3,471	\$1,987	\$2,739	\$1,423	\$3,950	-3.18%	74.69%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$37,961	\$35,319	\$32,815	\$31,895	\$41,966	-2.48%	7.48%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	40.34%	49.04%	50.98%	53.91%	54.58%	-7.28%	-17.74%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.93	\$1.96	\$1.89	\$2.02	\$1.92	0.13%	-1.53%
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16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	25	24	24	23	22	3.25%	4.17%
18.	Business	10	10	10	9	8	5.74%	0.00%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	35	34	34	32	30	3.93%	2.94%
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	25	24	24	23	22	3.25%	4.17%
22.	Business	10	10	10	9	8	5.74%	0.00%
23.	Total Access Lines	35	34	34	32	30	3.93%	2.94%
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24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	10.83%	7.11%	11.19%	5.97%	12.67%	-3.85%	52.32%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.07%	7.01%	11.78%	5.44%	13.86%	-5.46%	57.92%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	93.43%	91.42%	87.03%	77.68%	79.36%	4.16%	2.20%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	48.94	31.71	21.64	9.82	12.63	40.30%	54.34%
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28.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 16.25%, Overall 12.77%; Equity Ratio: 37.22%; Date of Order: 6-14-82						

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

MEBTEL COMMUNICATIONS
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
Total Company Utility Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		December 1998 (b)	December 1998 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1998 (e)	December 1999 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$2,754	\$2,313	\$2,096	\$1,873	\$1,701	12.80%	19.07%
3.	Network Access	3,717	3,106	3,419	2,831	2,538	10.01%	19.67%
4.	Long Distance Message	739	819	608	612	604	5.17%	-9.77%
5.	Miscellaneous	866	430	207	171	167	50.90%	101.40%
6.	Uncollectibles	29	23	(111)	(60)	(48)	N/A	26.09%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	8,105	6,691	6,219	5,227	4,964	13.04%	21.13%
8.	Operating Expenses	4,970	4,943	4,028	3,493	3,485	9.28%	0.55%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	800	708	701	752	557	9.47%	12.99%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	802	303	544	355	176	48.11%	164.69%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	6,572	5,954	5,273	4,600	4,218	11.72%	10.36%
12.	Operating Income	\$1,533	\$737	\$946	\$827	\$746	19.73%	108.01%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$8,631	\$7,684	\$8,964	\$6,351	\$6,256	8.38%	12.32%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	61.32%	73.88%	64.77%	66.83%	70.21%	-3.33%	-17.00%
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.06	\$1.15	\$1.12	\$1.22	\$1.26	-4.23%	-7.83%
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16.	Local Access Lines:							
17.	Residential	9	8	7	7	6	10.67%	12.50%
18.	Business	3	2	2	2	2	10.67%	50.00%
19.	Total Local Access Lines	12	10	9	9	8	10.67%	20.00%
20.	Total Access Lines:							
21.	Residential	9	8	7	7	6	10.67%	12.50%
22.	Business	3	2	2	2	2	10.67%	50.00%
23.	Total Access Lines	12	10	9	9	8	10.67%	20.00%
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24.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	17.95%	10.06%	15.01%	12.54%	12.01%	10.57%	78.43%
25.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	55.31%	12.74%	23.94%	18.10%	20.03%	28.91%	334.14%
26.	Common Equity Ratio	23.07%	25.06%	49.89%	47.08%	42.44%	-14.13%	-7.94%
27.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.98	1.75	7.08	3.84	3.67	7.93%	184.57%
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28.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 16.50%, Overall 5.92%; Equity Ratio:16.92%; Date of Order: 11-26-79						

- Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] MEBTEL Communications has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after September 30, 1999. The data for MEBTEL Communications included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1999.
[5] Significant changes in data for this reporting period are caused by the recent acquisition of MEBTEL Communications by Madison River Communications, Inc.
[6] N/A denotes that the data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

NORTH STATE TELEPHONE COMPANY
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
Total Company Utility Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual Growth Rate	
		September 2000 (b)	September 1999 (c)	September 1998 (d)	September 1997 (e)	September 1996 (f)	Four Year (g)	Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$34,618	\$31,776	\$28,628	\$26,840	\$20,632	13.81%	8.94%
3.	Network Access	31,484	29,794	28,776	28,105	27,149	3.77%	5.67%
4.	Long Distance Message	2,014	1,989	2,163	2,274	3,701	-14.11%	1.26%
5.	Miscellaneous	8,330	7,686	7,359	6,484	5,854	9.22%	8.38%
6.	Uncollectibles	(893)	(617)	(694)	(594)	(425)	20.40%	44.73%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>75,553</u>	<u>70,628</u>	<u>66,232</u>	<u>63,109</u>	<u>56,911</u>	<u>7.34%</u>	<u>6.97%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	31,301	30,943	28,364	26,036	26,883	3.88%	1.16%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	14,598	13,882	16,479	10,778	12,660	3.63%	5.16%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>12,883</u>	<u>11,126</u>	<u>9,373</u>	<u>11,149</u>	<u>7,614</u>	<u>14.05%</u>	<u>15.79%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>58,782</u>	<u>55,951</u>	<u>54,216</u>	<u>47,963</u>	<u>47,157</u>	<u>5.66%</u>	<u>5.06%</u>
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	(139)	(153)	(224)	81	(532)	-28.50%	-9.15%
13.	Operating Income	<u>\$16,910</u>	<u>\$14,830</u>	<u>\$12,240</u>	<u>\$15,065</u>	<u>\$10,286</u>	<u>13.23%</u>	<u>14.03%</u>
14.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$101,770</u>	<u>\$91,808</u>	<u>\$87,020</u>	<u>\$86,351</u>	<u>\$85,017</u>	<u>4.60%</u>	<u>10.85%</u>
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15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	41.43%	43.81%	42.83%	41.26%	47.24%	-3.23%	-5.44%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.35	\$1.30	\$1.31	\$1.37	\$1.49	-2.55%	3.62%
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17.	Local Access Lines:							
18.	Residential	88	85	81	77	74	4.43%	3.53%
19.	Business	47	43	40	37	34	8.43%	9.30%
20.	Total Local Access Lines	<u>135</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>5.74%</u>	<u>5.47%</u>
21.	Total Access Lines:							
22.	Residential	88	85	81	77	74	4.43%	3.53%
23.	Business	48	43	40	37	34	9.00%	11.63%
24.	Total Access Lines	<u>136</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>108</u>	<u>5.93%</u>	<u>6.25%</u>
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25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	18.17%	17.19%	15.28%	19.09%	13.80%	7.12%	5.70%
26.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	18.50%	17.63%	15.69%	19.77%	14.27%	6.71%	4.93%
27.	Common Equity Ratio	97.32%	95.98%	95.48%	94.84%	93.60%	0.98%	1.40%
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	313.49	150.62	119.84	130.85	67.72	46.68%	108.13%
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29.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity N/A, Overall N/A; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 6-13-52						

Notes: [1] Rates are set on a total company basis.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.
[4] N/A denotes that data is not available or not applicable or that information is, essentially, unmeaningful.

VERIZON SOUTH INC.
SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
Merged North Carolina Intrastate Operations
(Amounts in Thousands)

Line No.	Item (a)	12 Months Ended					Annual	
		December 1999 (b)	December 1999 (c)	December 1997 (d)	December 1996 (e)	December 1995 (f)	Growth Four Year (g)	Rate Current Year (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$123,017	\$117,728	\$111,078	\$103,423	\$91,407	7.71%	4.49%
3.	Network Access	54,976	62,117	57,345	52,637	40,840	7.71%	-11.50%
4.	Long Distance Message	5,229	6,204	9,526	15,488	22,425	-30.51%	-15.72%
5.	Miscellaneous	17,215	18,249	15,993	14,049	14,227	4.88%	-5.87%
6.	Uncollectibles	(3,206)	(3,743)	(1,996)	(1,874)	(3,152)	0.43%	-14.35%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	197,231	200,555	191,946	183,723	165,747	4.44%	-1.66%
8.	Operating Expenses	93,150	100,885	90,819	88,905	82,387	3.12%	-7.48%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	72,622	69,858	62,991	60,916	35,422	19.66%	3.96%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	14,374	9,108	13,584	13,862	20,996	-9.04%	57.82%
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	180,146	179,651	167,404	161,883	138,785	6.74%	0.28%
12.	Other Operating (Income) & Expense	119	60	21	62	(3)	N/A	98.33%
13.	Operating Income	\$16,966	\$20,844	\$24,521	\$21,978	\$26,965	-10.94%	-18.60%
14.	Net Plant Investment	\$331,987	\$340,952	\$351,888	\$355,008	\$355,020	-1.88%	-2.64%
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15.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	47.23%	50.20%	47.31%	47.30%	49.89%	-1.26%	-5.92%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.68	\$1.70	\$1.83	\$1.93	\$2.14	-5.85%	-0.99%
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17.	Local Access Lines:							
18.	Residential	244	231	221	210	199	5.23%	5.63%
19.	Business	141	132	121	109	97	9.80%	6.82%
20.	Total Local Access Lines	385	363	342	319	296	6.79%	6.06%
21.	Total Access Lines:							
22.	Residential	244	231	221	210	199	5.23%	5.63%
23.	Business	251	214	198	164	136	16.56%	17.29%
24.	Total Access Lines	495	445	417	374	335	10.25%	11.24%
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25.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	6.46%	6.74%	6.73%	7.80%	9.82%	-9.94%	-4.15%
26.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	4.36%	4.50%	6.82%	7.84%	11.17%	-20.96%	-3.11%
27.	Common Equity Ratio	55.81%	60.56%	63.23%	62.17%	58.20%	-1.04%	-7.84%
28.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	2.23	1.81	3.58	3.46	4.45	-15.86%	23.20%
29.	LAST RATE CASE	Authorized Returns: Common Equity 13.90%, Overall 11.82%; Equity Ratio: 50.00%; Date of Order: 9-16-88						

- Notes: [1] North Carolina intrastate revenue, i.e., jurisdictional revenue, equates to approximately 69% of total North Carolina revenue, i.e., intrastate and interstate revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
[3] Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports except for data on Lines 2 - 11 and Lines 17 - 24, Column (f) which are the sum total of figures for GTE South, Inc. and GTE of North Carolina, which were being provided on a separated basis prior to January 1996.
[4] Verizon South Inc., formerly known as GTE South Incorporated, has elected price regulation. Under that election the information on which this report is based is filed on an annual calendar-year basis for reporting periods beginning after June 30, 1996. The data for Verizon South Inc. included herein will be updated annually beginning with the calendar year 1996.
[5] On June 30, 2000, by amendment of its articles of incorporation, the name of GTE South Incorporated was changed to Verizon South Inc. as a result of the merger between GTE Corporation and Bell Atlantic Corporation, effective August 1, 2000.
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