# "Quarterly Review"

## Selected Financial and Operational Data:

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### **Electric Companies**

- AUG 0 9 2002
- Carolina Power & Light Company, N.C. Cherk's Office d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
- Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Nantahala Area,
   d/b/a Duke Energy Nantahala Area
- 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

- BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T North Carolina
- Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company
- Central Telephone Company
- Citizens Telephone Company
- Concord Telephone Company
- LEXCOM Telephone Company
- MEBTEL Communications
- North State Communications
- Verizon South Inc.
- Windstream North Carolina, Inc.
  - Quarter Ending December 31, 2006 ■

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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**Operations Division** 

The Operations Division hereby presents for your consideration the *Quarterly Review* for the calendar quarter ending December 31, 2006. Such report, which has been prepared by the Operations Division, presents an overview of selected financial and operational information and data for 16 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 16 major investor-owned public utilities regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission (Commission): four electric companies, two 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, except for (1) one natural gas company for which only two years of data is available as a result of a consolidation in 2005 of three regulated entities into one, and (2) the eight price regulated telephone companies for which only four years of data are presented. From a general viewpoint, the individual company overviews, excluding to a certain extent those of the price 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 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. In consideration of the foregoing and to accommodate the new format in which data for the price regulated telephone companies will now be presented, data for years prior to 2003 are not included herein for the price regulated telephone companies.

The aforementioned reporting requirement changes for the price 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the TS-1 Report previously submitted annually by the price regulated telephone companies. Consequently, beginning with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2003 Quarterly Review, which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided. Further, the information provided by the eight price regulated telephone companies 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.

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 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 Eight Selected Companies For The Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2006 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. 247-256 from March 2006 Through June 2007

#### **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 December 31, 2006, Except for Certain Telecommunications Companies - See Note [1]"

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

		Estimated for 12 Months Ended 12/31/06				Authorized - Last Rate Case			
Line <u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u> (a)	Return On <u>Equity</u> (b)	Overall Rate of <u>Return</u> (c)	Equity <u>Ratio</u> (d)	Debt <u>Ratio</u> (e)	Return On <u>Equity</u> (f)	Overall Rate of <u>Return</u> (g)	Equity <u>Ratio</u> (h)	Date of Last <u>Order</u> (i)
	Electric Companies								
1.	Carolina Power & Light Company, d/b/a Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.	8.50%	7.14%	46.68%	52.47%	12.75%	10.45%	44.00%	08/05/1988
2.	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC	11.54%	8.65%	51.87%	48.13%	12.50%	10.44%	49.82%	11/12/1991
3.	Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Nantahala Area, d/b/a Duke Energy - Nantahala Area	9.96%	8.23%	51.87%	48.13%	11.00%	9,22%	49.61%	11/05/1996
4.	Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power	6.48%	6.12%	51.23%	42.80%	N/A	N/A	N/A	03/18/2005
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies								
5.	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	12.25%	9.31%	49.07%	50.93%	N/A	9.04%	N/A	11/03/2005
6.	Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.	7.66%	7.11%	49.02%	50.98%	N/A	8.90%	N/A	10/23/2006
	Telecommunications Companies								
	Rate of Return Regulated Companies								
7.	Citizens Telephone Company	6.93%	7.47%	83.36%	16.64%	12.70%	10.11%	44.95%	02/26/1991
8.	LEXCOM Telephone Company	15.91%	15.61%	97.49%	2.51%	16.25%	12.77%	37.22%	06/14/1982
	Price Plan Regulated Companies	Data is	not available	. See Note (1	ı]				

Price Plan Regulated Companies

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T North Carolina

- Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company 10
- Central Telephone Company 11.
- Concord Telephone Company 12
- 13. MEBTEL Communications
- 14. North State Communications
- 15. Verizon South Inc.
- 16. Windstream North Carolina, Inc.

#### NOTES:

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- [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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.
- [2] N/A denotes that the data is not available.
- [3] In its March 18, 2005 Order Approving Stipulation, the Commission did not make certain determinations with respect to Dominion North Carolina Power's (Dominion's) capital structure and rates of return. The Commission concluded that the stipulation presented an appropriate resolution of the contested matters in the rate case proceeding and resulted in just and reasonable rates for Dominion, without making specific findings regarding rate base, operating revenues and expenses, the overall rate of return, and the return on common equity.
- [4] In its November 3, 2005 Order Approving Partial Rate Increase and Requiring Conservation Initiative, the Commission authorized the consolidation of the operations, revenues, rate bases, and expenses of North Carolina Natural Gas, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and Eastern North Carolina Natural Gas into a single regulated entity. In said Order, the Commission made specific findings regarding the combined rate bases, operating revenues and expenses, and the overall rate of return; however, specific findings relating to the combined capital structure and return on common equity were not provided therein.
- [5] Effective with the December 2005 NCUC GS-1 Report, financial and operational information for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., North Carolina Natural Gas, and Eastern North Carolina Natural Gas are reported as one consolidated entity under the name, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.
- [6] In its October 23, 2006 Order Approving Partial Rate Increase, the Commission made specific findings regarding rate base, operating revenues and expenses, and the overall rate of return for Public Service Company of North Carolina, Inc.; however, specific findings relating to the capital structure and return on common equity were not provided therein.

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#### NOTES:

[7] In 2004, Standard & Poor's Rating Services assigned new business profile scores to U.S. utility and power companies including investor-owned electric, natural gas, and water utilities in the U.S. and excluding telecommunications utilities, to better reflect the relative business risk among companies in the U.S. utility and power companies sector. The business profile scores assess the qualitative attributes of a company, with "1" being considered lowest risk and "10" highest risk. As of June 2004 the overall median business profile score is "5". The range was 2 to 7 for the six utilities which are, in part, regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission included in the June 2004 article published by Standard & Poor's.

For most companies in this sector, business profile scores are assessed using five categories; specifically, "regulation, markets, operations, competitiveness, and management". The emphasis placed on each category may be influenced by the dominant strategy of the company or other factors. For example, for a regulated transmission and distribution company, regulation may account for 30% to 40% of the business profile score because regulation can be the single-most important credit driver for this type of company. Conversely, competition, which may not exist for a transmission and distribution company, would provide a much lower proportion (e.g., 5% to 15%) of the business profile.

In 2004, Standard & Poor's also revised the key financial guidelines that it uses as an integral part of evaluating the credit quality of U.S. utility and power companies. The financial guidelines for three principal ratios: (1) funds from operations interest coverage, (2) funds from operations to total debt, and (3) total debt to total capital were broadened to be more flexible; and pretax interest coverage as a key credit ratio was eliminated. The rating analysis performed by Standard & Poor's not only takes into account these three financial ratios and other financial ratios that do not have published guidelines for each rating category; but it is also influenced by other factors, including (1) effectiveness of liability and liquidity management, (2) analysis of internal funding sources, (3) return on invested capital, (4) the record of execution of stated business strategies, (5) accuracy of projected performance versus actual results, as well as the trend, (6) assessment of management's financial policies and attitude toward credit, and (7) corporate governance practices.

The published guidelines, as of June 2004, for the three aforementioned financial ratios are, according to Standard & Poor's, only guidelines associated with expectations for various rating levels. Such guidelines, which remain current as of July 2007, for business profiles 1-10 are set forth below:

#### Funds from operations/interest coverage (x):

Business Profile*	A	.A	Α		BE	3B	E	3B
1	3	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	1		
2	4	3	3	2	2	1		
3	4.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	1
4	5	4.2	4.2	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	1.5
5	5.5	4.5	4.5	3.8	3.8	2.8	2.8	1.8
6	6	5.2	5.2	4.2	4.2	3	3	2
7	8	6.5	6.5	4.5	4.5	3.2	3.2	2.2
8	10	7.5	7.5	5.5	5.5	3.5	3.5	2.5
9			10	7	7	4	4	2.8
10			11	8	8	5	5	3

<sup>\*</sup>See Standard & Poor's Rating Services' publications for explanation of this score.

#### Funds from operations/total debt (%):

Business Profile*	AA			Α		3B	BB	
1	20	15	15	10	10	5		
2	25	20	20	12	12	8		
3	30	25	25	15	15	10	10	5
4	35	28	28	20	20	12	12	8
5	40	30	30	22	22	15	15	10
6	45	35	35	28	28	18	18	12
7	55	45	45	30	30	20	20	15
8	70	55	55	40	40	25	25	15
9			65	45	45	30	30	20
10			70	55	55	40	40	25

<sup>\*</sup>See Standard & Poor's Rating Services' publications for explanation of this score.

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#### NOTES: Total debt/total capital (%):

Business Profile*	A	A		A	BE	3B	Ē	3B
1	48	55	55	60	60	70		
2	45	52	52	58	58	68		
3	42	50	50	55	55	65	65	70
4	38	45	45	52	52	62	62	68
5	35	42	42	50	50	60	60	65
6	32	40	40	48	48	58	58	62
7	30	38	38	45	45	55	55	60
8	25	35	35	42	42	52	52	58
9			32	40	40	50	50	55
10			25	35	35	48	48	52

<sup>\*</sup>See Standard & Poor's Ratings Services' publications for explanation of this score.

[8] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 100, No. 21, May 28, 2007 follow:

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		U.S	. Treasury Secur	Dealer- Placed	Moody's Long-Term	
Line No.	<u>Date</u> (a)	3-Month Bill <u>%</u> (b)	10-Year Note <u>%</u> (c)	30-Year Bond <u>%</u> (d)	3-Month CP <u>%</u> (e)	Corporate Bond Yield <u>%</u> (f)
1.	May 18, 2007	4.80	4.80	4.95	n/a	6.05
2.	May 21, 2007	4.83	4.79	4.94	n/a	6.04
3.	May 22, 2007	4.85	4.83	4.98	5.32	6.08
4.	May 23, 2007	4.90	4.86	5.01	5.32	6.11
5.	May 24, 2007	4.88	4.85	5.01	5.31	6.10
6.	Month of April 2007	4.98	4.69	4.86	4.33	5.99
7.	Month of March 2007	5.05	4.57	4.72	5.32	5.84

Part II

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

			Past 12 Months		Monthly Average		
<u>Line No.</u>	Rating (a)	<u>05/23/2007</u> (b)	<u>High</u> (c)	<u>Low</u> (d)	<u>Apr. 2007</u> (e)	<u>Mar. 2007</u> (f)	
1.	Aaa	-	-	-	_	-	
2.	Aa	5.98	6.16	5.61	5.83	5.66	
3.	Α	6.10	6.42	5.80	5.97	5.85	
4.	Baa	6.34	6.61	6.04	6.24	6.10	

[9] According to "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 100, No. 21 as of 12/10/01 the "Aaa" Utilities Index will be discontinued indefinitely.

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NOTES: [10] Selected financial market indicators from "Moody's Credit Perspectives", Volume 100, No. 21, May 28, 2007 follow - continued:

Part III

New offerings by public utilities - listing is all inclusive for week of May 28, 2007:

Line				Yie		
No.	Company Name (a)	Amount (b)	Term (c)	Current (d)	<u>Maturity</u> (e)	Rating (f)
1.	Edison Mission Energy	\$1.2 Billion	10 Years	7.00%	7.00%	В1
2.	Edison Mission Energy	\$800 Million	12 Years	7.20%	7.20%	B1
3.	Edision Mission Energy	\$700 Million	20 Years	7.625%	7. <b>62</b> 5%	<b>B</b> 1
4.	Qwest Corporation	\$500 Million	10 Years	6.50%	6.50%	Ba1
5.	MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company	\$550 Million	30 Years	5.95%	5.98%	Baa1
6.	Wisconsin Energy Corporation	\$500 Million	60 Years	6.25%	6.45%	Baa1
7.	Westar Energy, Inc.	\$150 Million	40 Years	-	-	Aaa
8.	Virginia Electric and Power Company	\$600 Million	30 Years	-	6.01%	Baa1
9.	Jersey Central Power & Light Company	\$250 Million	10 Years	5.65%	5.70%	Baa2
10.	Jersey Central Power & Light Company	\$300 Million	30 Years	6.15%	6.17%	Baa2

#### Statement of Authorized Returns

#### On Common Equity and Overall Rates of Return

# Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported In Public Utilities Reports, Volume Nos. 247-256, from March 2006 through June 2007 (Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

		Authorize	ed Ret	turns		Volume No.	
Line <u>No.</u>	Company (Jurisdiction)	Common <u>Equity</u>		<u>Overall</u>	Date Of <u>Order</u>	Public Utilities Reports	
	(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)	(e)	
	Electric Companies						
1.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (WA)	10.40%		9.11%	12/21/2005	Volume 247	
2.	Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company (WY)	10.75%		8.13%	12/20/2005	Volume 247	
3.	Kentucky Power Company (KY)	10.50%		N/A	03/14/2006	Volume 248	
4.	Commonwealth Edison Company (IL)	10.05%		8.01%	07/26/2006	Volume 250	
<b>5</b> .	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (NY)	9.60%	[1]	N/A	07/24/2006	Volume 251	
6.	New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NY)	9.55%		7.18%	08/23/2006	Volume 252	
7.	Northern States Power Company, d/b/a Xcel Energy, (MN)	10.54%		8.81%	09/01/2006	Volume 253	
8.	Superior Water, Light & Power Company (WI)	11.00%		9.08%	12/26/2006	Volume 254	
9.	PacifiCorp (UT)	10.25%		N/A	12/01/2006	Volume 254	
10.	Portland General Electric Company (OR)	10.10%		8.29%	01/12/2007	Volume 254	
11.	Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (WA)	10.40%		8.40%	01/05/2007	Volume 255	
12.	Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company (AR)	10.00%		5.36%	01/05/2007	Volume 255	
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies						
13.	Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities (WA)	10.40%		9.11%	12/21/2005	Volume 247	
14.	Southern Connecticut Gas Company (CT)	10.00%		N/A	12/28/2005	Volume 247	
15.	Southwest Gas Corporation (AZ)	9.50%		8.40%	02/23/2006	Volume 247	
16.	Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (IA)	N/A		8.88%	03/01/2006	Volume 247	
17.	Sierra Pacific Power Company (NV)	10.60%		N/A	04/27/2006	Volume 248	
18.	Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (NY)	9.60%	[1]	N/A	07/24/2006	Volume 251	
19.	Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc. (NY)	9.80%		N/A	10/20/2006	Volume 252	
20.	Consumers Energy Company (MI)	11.00%		6.69%	11/21/2006	Volume 253	
21.	CenterPoint Energy Minnesota Gas, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corporation (MN)	9.71%		7.54%	11/02/2006	Volume 254	
22.	Superior Water, Light & Power Company (WI)	11.00%		9.08%	12/26/2006	Volume 254	

#### Statement of Authorized Returns

#### On Common Equity and Overall Rates of Return

# Granted By Various Public Utility Regulatory Agencies As Reported In Public Utilities Reports, Volume Nos. 247-256, from March 2006 through June 2007 (Statement Is All Inclusive With Respect To Returns Published)

		Authorized	Returns		Volume No.	
Line <u>No.</u>	Company (Jurisdiction) (a)	<b>Common</b> <u>Equity</u> (b)	Overall (c)	Date Of <u>Order</u> (d)	Public Utilities <u>Reports</u> (e)	
	Natural Gas Local Distribution Companies (continued)					
23.	Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (WA)	N/A	8.85%	01/12/2007	Volume 254	
24.	PPL Gas Utilities Corporation (PA)	10.40%	8.45%	02/08/2007	Volume 255	
25.	Puget Sound Energy, Inc. (WA)	10.40%	8.40%	01/05/2007	Volume 255	
26.	Missouri Gas Energy, a Division of Southern Union Company (MO)	10.50%	N/A	03/30/2007	Volume 256	
	Water Companies					
27.	Arizona Water Company (AZ)	9.10%	8.90%	11/14/2005	Volume 247	
28.	Water and Wastewater Utilities (FL)	[2]	N/A	06/27/2006	Volume 250	
29.	Arizona-American Water Company (AZ)	10.40%	7.24%	07/28/2006	Volume 251	
30.	Aqua Virginia (VA)	10.00%	N/A	09/21/2006	Volume 252	
31.	Superior Water, Light & Power Company (WI)	11.00%	9.08%	12/26/2006	Volume 254	
32.	Wedgewood Park Water Company, Inc. (IN)	11.00%	10.48%	01/03/2007	Volume 256	

#### Notes:

<sup>[1]</sup> The rate plan provides that if the utility achieves a regulatory return on common equity above 10.6%, the earnings would be shared as follows: above 10.6% and up to 11.6%, equal sharing between the utility and ratepayers; above 11.6% and up to 14.0%, 35%/50% sharing between the utility and ratepayers respectively; earnings above 14% would be deferred for the benefit of ratepayers.

<sup>[2]</sup> The Florida Public Service Commission's June 27, 2006 Order established an authorized range of returns on common equity (ROE) for water and wastewater utilities. The authorized range is based upon a leverage formula which, when applied, produces a range of authorized ROEs running from 8.97% at a 100% equity to 11.54% at 40% equity. The ROE is capped at 11.54% for all water and wastewater utilities with equity ratios of less than 40%. The docket (No. 060006-WS) remains open to allow commission staff to monitor capital markets and to readdress the reasonableness of the leverage formula as warranted.

<sup>[3]</sup> 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
  - Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Nantahala Area, d/b/a Duke Energy – Nantahala Area
  - 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
  - BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a AT&T North Carolina
  - Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company
  - Central Telephone Company
  - Citizens Telephone Company
  - Concord Telephone Company
  - LEXCOM Telephone Company
  - MEBTEL Communications
  - North State Communications
  - Verizon South Inc.
  - Windstream North Carolina, Inc.

## CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY, d/b/a PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC.

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

		ı		Annual Growth Rate				
		B	12 Months Ended  December December December					Rate Current
Line	lánus	December	December	December 2004	2003	December 2002	Four	Year
No.	<u>Item</u> (a)	<u>2006</u> (b)	<u>2005</u> (c)	<u>2004</u> (d)	(e)	(f)	<u>Үеаг</u> (g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$2,886,790	\$2,816,219	\$2,610,736	\$2,576,620	\$2,517,739	3.48%	2.51%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	776,689	678,354	622,984	616,343	548,355	9.09%	14.50%
4.	Purchased Power	226,028	240,456	218,266	215,094	253,212	-2.80%	-6.00%
5.	Maintenance	188,544	169,432	171,719	142,542	171,593	2.38%	11.28%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>504,726</u>	<u>528,366</u>	<u>461,688</u>	<u>427,265</u>	<u>417.875</u>	<u>4.83%</u>	<u>-4.47%</u>
7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,695,987	1,616,608	1,474,657	1,401,244	1,391,035	5.08%	4.91%
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>453,675</u>	446,730	<u>457,072</u>	<u>431,233</u>	<u>398,441</u>	<u>3.30%</u>	<u>1.55%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,149,662	2,063,338	1,931,729	1,832,477	1,789,476	4.69%	4.18%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>345,703</u>	<u>348,157</u>	<u>336,098</u>	<u>351,578</u>	<u>346,652</u>	<u>-0.07%</u>	<u>-0.70%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	2,495,365	<u>2,411,495</u>	<u>2,267,827</u>	<u>2,184,055</u>	2,136,128	<u>3.96%</u>	3.48%
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$391.425</u>	<u>\$404.724</u>	\$342,909	\$392.565	<u>\$381.611</u>	0.64%	-3.29%
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$4.722.408</u>	<u>\$4.740.916</u>	<u>\$4.666.843</u>	<u>\$4.644.069</u>	<u>\$4.681.892</u>	0.22%	<u>-0.39%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	58.75%	57.40%	56,48%	54.38%	55.25%	1.55%	2.35%
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15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.64	\$1,68	\$1.79	\$1.80	\$1.86	-3.10%	-2.38%
16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21.	Number of Customers Served (000s inclu Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Number of Customers	nded): 1,046,236 185,665 3,521 1,990 1,237,412	1,022,873 182,482 3,560 <u>2,066</u> 1,210,981	998,684 177,468 3,636 <u>2,178</u> 1,181,966	978,736 171,832 3,730 2,281 1.156.579	960,217 168,056 3,811 <u>2,317</u> 1,134,401	2.17% 2.52% -1.96% <u>-3.73%</u> 2.20%	2.28% 1.74% -1.10% -3.68% 2.18%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	14,135	14,473	13,837	13,210	13,150	1.82%	-2.34%
24.	Commercial	11,612	11,555	11,263	10,863	10,766	1.91%	0.49%
25.	Industrial	9,248	9,469	9,701	9,534	9,896	-1.68%	-2.33%
26.	Other	2,083	2,851	2,400	4,668	4.675	-18.30%	<u>-26.94%</u>
27.	Total Sales	<u>37.078</u>	38.348	37,201	<u>38.275</u>	38.487	-0.93%	<u>-3.31%</u>
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.14%	8.10%	7.28%	8.60%	8.72%	-4.87%	-11.85%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	8.50%	10.55%	8.62%	11.09%	11,16%	-6,58%	-19.43%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	46.68%	48.44%	51.07%	50.75%	49.62%	-1.52%	-3.63%
31.	Debt Ratio	52.47%	50.65%	48.02%	48.33%	49.47%	1.48%	3.59%
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3,37	4.09	4.00	4,55	4.33	-6.07%	-17.60%
33.	LAST RATE CASE Aut (Docket Nos. E-2, Subs 537 & 333)	norized Returns: (	Common Equity	/ 12.75%, Over	all 10.45%; Ec	quity Ratio: 44.00%;	Date of Order:	8-5-88

Notes:

North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 71% of total company electric utility revenue.
 Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
 Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

#### **DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC** SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction

(Amounts In Thousands)

				Annuai Growth Rate				
Line		December	December	12 Months En December	December	December	Four	Current
No.	ltem	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Year	Year
	(a)	(p)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<u>(f)</u>	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue	\$3,716,151	\$3,610,073	\$3,471,808	\$3,485,918	\$3,312,828	2.91%	2.94%
2.	Operating Expenses:							
3.	Fuel	856,527	684,032	631,799	610,721	520,467	13.26%	25.22%
4.	Purchased Power	99,121	58,806	179,674	284,815	297,982	-24.06%	68.56%
5.	Maintenance	319,135	339,542	311,275	327,110	370,765	-3.68%	-6.01%
6.	Other Operating Expenses	682,896	665,071	593,122	661,748	652,886	1.13%	2.68%
о. 7.	Total Operating Expenses	1,957,679	1,747,451	1,715,870	1.884.394	1,842,100	1.53%	12.03%
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8.	Depreciation & Amortization	<u>688,523</u>	<u>755,863</u>	<u>658,828</u>	<u>553,177</u>	<u>424,515</u>	<u>12.85%</u>	<u>-8.91%</u>
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	2,646,202	2,503,314	2,374,698	2,437,571	2,266,615	3,95%	5.71%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>447,198</u>	<u>485,607</u>	<u>482,945</u>	462,240	<u>455,820</u>	<u>-0.48%</u>	<u>-7.91%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	3,093,400	<u>2,988,921</u>	<u>2,857,643</u>	2,899,81 <b>1</b>	<u>2,722,435</u>	<u>3.25%</u>	3.50%
12,	Operating Income	\$622.751	\$621.152	\$614.165	\$586.107	\$590.393	<u>1.34%</u>	0.26%
13.	Net Plant Investment	\$8,588,532	<u>\$8.146.548</u>	\$8,017,329	<u>\$7.426.274</u>	\$6.823.150	<u>5.92%</u>	5.43%
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	52.68%	48.40%	49.42%	54.06%	55.61%	-1.34%	8.84%
15.	Net Pit, Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.31	\$2.26	\$2.31	\$2.13	\$2.06	2.90%	2.21%
16. 17. 18. 19. 20.	Number of Customers Served (000s inclu Residential Commercial Industrial Other	1,458,838 1,458,838 236,814 5,511 <u>9,975</u>	1,429,463 232,663 5,619 9,938	1,401,031 227,619 5,692 9,780	1,373,726 223,097 5,767 8,886	1,376,968 219,406 5,972 8,683	1.45% 1.93% -1.99% 3.53%	2.05% 1.78% -1.92% 0.37%
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>1.711.138</u>	<u>1.677.683</u>	1.644.122	1.611.476	1.611.029	1.52%	1.99%
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)							
23.	Residential	19,038	19,327	18,601	17,700	18,084	1.29%	-1.50%
24.	Commercial	20,092	19,822	19,461	18,856	18,788	1,69%	1.36%
25.	Industrial	14,345	15,052	15,051	14,808	15,696	-2.22%	-4.70%
26.	Other	881	494	1,022	4,941	224	40.83%	78.34%
<b>2</b> 7.	Total Sales	54.356	54.695	54.135	56.305	52.792	0.73%	-0.62%
28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	8.65%	9.19%	9.66%	9.67%	10.07%	-3.73%	-5.88%
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	11.54%	12.71%	13.63%	13.02%	13.23%	-3.36%	-9.21%
30.	Common Equity Ratio	51,87%	53.07%	54.15%	55.23%	58.40%	-2.92%	-2.26%
31.	Debt Ratio	48.13%	45.43%	44.35%	43.27%	39.83%	4.85%	5.94%
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.39	5.63	6.41	5.90	6.55	-9.52%	-22.02%
33.	LAST RATE CASE Autl (Docket No. E-7, Sub 487)	norized Returns: (	Common Equity	/ 12.50%, Over	ali 10.44%, Eq	uity Ratio: 49.82%;	Date of Order: 1	1-12-91

Notes:

[3] Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

<sup>[1]</sup> North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 69% of total company electric utility revenue. [2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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 December 31st: 2006 - 0.36%; 2005 - 1.04%; 2004 - 0.42%; 2003 - N/A; and 2002 - N/A; (N/A denotes not applicable). Such impacts are not included in the estimated ROEs presented on Line 29 above.

#### DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC, NANTAHALA AREA, d/b/a **DUKE ENERGY - NANTAHALA AREA**

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

		12 Months Ended					
December	<del>)</del>	December	December December		December	<u>Growth</u> Four	Current
<u>2006</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	2003	<u>2002</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
(b)	(a)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<b>(f)</b>	(g)	(h)
\$94,606	Operating Revenue	\$89,285	\$82,673	\$80,271	\$77,200	5.21%	5.96%
	Operating Expenses:					7.400/	. =05/
43,677 8,709	Purchased Power	44,444 7,229	37,063 7,586	35,167 6,360	33,200 6,878	7.10% 6.08%	-1.73% 20.47%
7,136	Maintenance Other Operating Expenses	7,229	6,872	7,458	7,888	-2.47%	-6.85 <u>%</u>
59,522	Total Operating Expenses	59,334	51,521	48,985	47,966	5.54%	0.32%
10,280	Depreciation & Amortization	10,340	<u>9,095</u>	8,588	<u>7.922</u>	<u>6.73%</u>	<u>-0.58%</u>
69,802	Total Expenses & Depreciation	69,674	60,616	57,573	55,888	5.72%	0.18%
<u>9,473</u>	Total Operating Taxes	<u>7,127</u>	<u>8,617</u>	<u>8,887</u>	9,233	0.64%	32.92%
<u>79,275</u>	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>76,801</u>	<u>69,233</u>	66,460	65,121	5.04%	3.22%
<u>\$15.331</u>	Operating Income	<u>\$12.484</u>	<u>\$13.440</u>	<u>\$13.811</u>	\$12.079	6.14%	22.81%
<u>\$217.869</u>	Net Plant Investment	\$207.688	<u>\$198.619</u>	<u>\$194.965</u>	<u>\$178.731</u>	<u>5.07%</u>	4.90%
62.92%	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	66.45%	62.32%	61.02%	62.13%	0.32%	-5.31%
\$2.30	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenu	\$2.33	\$2.40	\$2.43	\$2.32	-0.22%	-1.29%
63,475 7,122 14 11 70,622 660 442 138 2 1,242	Number of Customers Served (000s Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Number of Customers Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh Residential Commercial Industrial Other Total Sales	61,978 7,058 14 11 69,061 646 443 134 2 1,225	60,564 6,980 13 11 67,568 611 430 125 2 1,168	59,181 6,953 13 11 66,158 598 425 119 2 1,144	57,821 6,950 13 11 64.795 578 416 119 2 1,115	2.36% 0.61% 1.87% 0.00% 2.18% 3.37% 1.53% 3.77% 0.00% 2.73%	2.42% 0.91% 0.00% 0.00% 2.26% 2.17% -0.23% 2.99% 0.00% 1.39%
8.23%	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	6.94%	7.61%	7.85%	7.15%	3.58%	18.59%
9.96%	Estimated Return on Common Equit	6.50%	7.82%	8.25%	7.04%	7,19%	53.23%
51.87%	Common Equity Ratio	53.07%	54.15%	55.23%	63.86%	-5.07%	-2.26%
48.13%	Debt Ratio	45.43%	44.35%	43.27%	36.14%	7.43%	5.94%
3.67	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	2.57	3.17	3.39	3.79	-0.80%	42,80%
1	-						3.67 2.57 3.17 3.39 3.79 -0.80% thorized Returns: Common Equity 11.00%, Overall 9.22%; Equity Ratio: 49.61%; Date of Order: 1

Notes:

North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 97% of total company electric utility revenue.
 Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.
 Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

#### VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY, d/b/a DOMINION NORTH CAROLINA POWER

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Retail Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

				12 Months Ended					
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current	
No.	Item	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	Year	Year	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	
1.	Operating Revenue	\$286,955	\$290,317	\$283,101	\$256,424	\$234,948	5.13%	-1.16%	
2.	Operating Expenses:								
3.	Fuel	66,344	67,893	57,505	42,044	36,492	16.12%	-2.28%	
4.	Purchased Power	74,869	76,547	52,523	59,568	47,104	12.28%	-2.19%	
5.	Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	
		<del>-</del>	5 <u>6,485</u>	<u>55,209</u>	<del>-</del>	41,753	<u>7.83%</u>	-0.07%	
6.	Other Operating Expenses	<u>56,447</u>			<u>46,098</u>				
7.	Total Operating Expenses	197,660	200,925	165,237	147,710	125,349	12.06%	-1.62%	
8.	Depreciation & Amortization	26,004	<u>23,952</u>	<u>26,152</u>	<u>24,876</u>	<u>24,858</u>	<u>1.13%</u>	<u>8.57%</u>	
9.	Total Expenses & Depreciation	223,664	224,877	191,389	172,586	150,207	10.47%	-0.54%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	32,328	<u>26,832</u>	39,414	<u>40,704</u>	<u>35,441</u>	<u>-2.27%</u>	20.48%	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>255,992</u>	<u>251,709</u>	230,803	<u>213,290</u>	185,648	8.36%	<u>1.70%</u>	
12	Operating Income	\$30,963	<u>\$38.608</u>	\$52.298	<u>\$43.134</u>	<u>\$49.300</u>	<u>-10.98%</u>	-19.80%	
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$601.355</u>	\$615,042	\$566.275	<u>\$558.040</u>	<u>\$420.481</u>	<u>9.36%</u>	-2.23%	
14.	Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	68,88%	69.21%	58.37%	57.60%	53.35%	6.60%	-0,48%	
		\$2.10	\$2.12	\$2.00	\$2.18	\$1,79	4.07%	-0.94%	
15.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue				<del></del>				
16.	Number of Customers Served (000s inclu								
17.	Residential	99,570	98,905	97,527	96,182	95,214	1.12%	0.67%	
18.	Commercial	15,381	15,453	15,323	15,236	15,183	0.32%	-0.47%	
19.	Industrial	69	69	77	79	82	-4.22%	0.00%	
20.	Other	2,254	2,264	2,268	2,279	2,175	0.90%	-0.44%	
21.			116.691	<u>115.195</u>					
21.	Total Number of Customers	<u>117.274</u>	110.091	115.195	<u>113.776</u>	<u>112,654</u>	<u>1.01%</u>	0.50%	
22.	Annual Sales Volume: (Millions kWh)								
23.	Residential	1,476	1,575	1,487	1,423	1,391	1.49%	-6.29%	
24.	Commercial	777	779	771	738	738	1.30%	-0.26%	
25.	Industrial	1,775	1,709	1,792	1,563	1,592	2.76%	3.86%	
26.	Other	145	151	154	150	139	1.06%	-3.97%	
27.	Total Sales	4.173	4.214	4.204	3.874	3.860	1.97%	-0.97%	
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28.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	6.12%	7.60%	11.27%	9.71%	11.89%	-15.30%	-19.47%	
29.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	6.48%	9.67%	17.82%	13.32%	18.16%	-22.71%	-32.99%	
30.	Common Equity Ratio	51.23%	48.42%	47.21%	48.83%	46.73%	2.33%	5.80%	
31.	Debt Ratio	42.80%	45.27%	50.19%	44.90%	47.25%	-2.44%	-5.46%	
32.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	3.87	3.81	6.00	5.36	5.67	-9.11%	1.57%	
33.	LAST RATE CASE Aut (Docket No. E-22, Sub 412)	thorized Returns:	Common Equit	y - N/A, Overa	ll - N/A; Equity	Ratio: N/A; Date of	Order: 03-18-05		

Notes:

<sup>[1]</sup> North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 5% of total company electric utility revenue.
[2] Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: NCUC ES-1 Reports.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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)

		12 Month	s Ended	AnnualGrowth Rate
ine		December	December	Current
<u>lo.</u>	<u>Item</u> (a)	<u>2006</u> (b)	2005 (c)	<u>Year</u> (d)
1.	Operating Revenue:	<b>0</b> 500 847	0554.070	5.400/
2.	Residential	\$522,817	\$551,072	-5.13%
<b>)</b> .	Commercial	296,863	322,049	-7.82%
ŀ.	Industrial	102,619	126,516	-18.89%
5.	Public Authorities	394	409	-3.67%
<b>5</b> .	Other	<u>76,248</u>	104,286	<u>-26.89%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>998,941</u>	<u>1,104,332</u>	<u>-9.54%</u>
3.	Cost of Gas	<u>630,030</u>	<u>763,710</u>	<u>-17.50%</u>
€.	Margin	368,911	340,622	8.31%
0.	O & M Expenses	151,414	145,027	4.40%
1.	Other Deductions	<u>115,542</u>	107,252	<u>7.73%</u>
2.	Operating Income	\$101.955	<u>\$88.343</u>	<u>15.41%</u>
3.	Net Plant Investment	\$1.373.200	<u>\$1.287.132</u>	<u>6.69%</u>
4.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	41.04%	42.58%	-3.62%
5.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.72	\$3.78	-1.59%
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6.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):		****	
7.	Residential	31,774	36,829	-13.73%
8.	Commercial	22,368	24,614	-9.12%
9,	Industrial	9,770	11,545	-15.37%
0.	Public Authorities	29	32	-9.38%
1.	Other	<u>81,536</u>	<u>78,613</u>	<u>3.72%</u>
2.	Total DTs	<u>145.477</u>	<u>151.633</u>	<u>-4.06%</u>
3.	Number of Customers (000s included):			
4.	Residential	575,991	557,850	3.25%
5.	Commercial	63,207	62,415	1.27%
6.	Industrial	1,738	1,748	-0.57%
7.	Public Authorities	571	571	0.00%
8.	Other Total Number of Customers	<u>557</u> <u>642.064</u>	<u>568</u> 623.152	<u>-1.94%</u> 3.03%
0.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	9.31%	8.56%	8.76%
1.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	12.25%	10.36%	18.24%
2.	Common Equity Ratio	49.07%	53.82%	-8.83%
3.	Debt Ratio	50.93%	46.18%	10.29%
4.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	4.00	4.10	-2.44%
34.	Ratio (Times)			-2.44% Overall 9.04%; Equity Ratio: N/A; Date of Order: 11-03-05

Notes: [1] North Carolina retail jurisdictional revenue equates to 58% 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.

<sup>[4]</sup> In its November 3, 2005 Order Approving Partial Rate Increase and Requiring Conservation Initiative, the Commission authorized the consolidation of the operations, revenues, rate bases, and expenses of North Carolina Natural Gas, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., and Eastern North Carolina Natural Gas into a single regulated entity. Consequently, effective with the December 2005 NCUC GS-1 Report, financial and operational information for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., North Carolina Natural Gas, and Eastern North Carolina Gas are reported as one consolidated entity under the name, Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. and consequently, comparisons to prior years are not meaningful.

## PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Jurisdiction (Amounts In Thousands)

				onths Ended		· <u>····</u>	Growt	nual h Rate
Line		December	December	December	December	December	Four	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>Item</u> (a)	<b>2006</b> (b)	2005 (c)	<u>2004</u> (d)	<u>2003</u> (e)	<u>2002</u> (f)	<u>Year</u> (g)	<u>Year</u> (h)
1.	Operating Revenue:						40	
2.	Residential	\$340,161	\$383,028	\$304,475	\$298,028	\$212,407	12.49%	-11.19%
3.	Commercial	166,821	189,952	147,284	143,262	90,748	16.44%	-12.18%
4.	Industrial	23,206	36,126	11,511	9,189	7,818	31.26%	-35.76%
5.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0 6	N/A	N/A
6.	Resale	10	7	11	12	•	13.62%	42.86%
7. 8.	Other	· <u>43,210</u>	<u>50,680</u>	<u>53,210</u>	<u>58,461</u>	<u>44,700</u> 355,679	<u>-0.84%</u> <u>12.68%</u>	<u>-14.74%</u> -13.09%
	Total Operating Revenue	<u>573,408</u>	<u>659,793</u>	<u>516,491</u>	<u>508,952</u>			
9.	Cost of Gas	<u>391,590</u>	<u>477,983</u>	<u>341,569</u>	<u>330,461</u>	<u>189,915</u>	<u>19.83%</u>	<u>-18.07%</u>
10.	Margin	181,818	181,810	174,922	178,491	165,764	2.34%	0.00%
11.	O & M Expenses	78,716	80,589	79,935	74,681	69,912	3.01%	-2.32%
12.	Other Deductions	<u>57,653</u>	<u>58,433</u>	<u>54,118</u>	<u>57.379</u>	<u>54,035</u>	<u>1.63%</u>	<u>-1.33%</u>
13.	Operating Income	\$45,449	\$42.788	\$40.869	<u>\$46.431</u>	<u>\$41.817</u>	2.10%	6.22%
14.	Net Plant Investment	\$670.330	\$619.333	\$594,719	\$579.621	\$567.352	4.26%	8.23%
15.	Operating Exp. as a % of Margin	43.29%	44.33%	45.70%	41.84%	42.18%	0.65%	-2.35%
16.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Margin	\$3.69	\$3.41	\$3.40	\$3.25	\$3.42	1.92%	8.21%
17.	Gas Delivered in DTs (000s omitted):	24.052	25.054	24 224	35 300	23,427	-1.61%	-12.38%
18. 19.	Residential	21,953	25,054	24,321	25,299			
20.	Commercial Industrial	13,180 2,351	14,847 2,776	14,534 1,307	14,708 1,182	13,384 1,510	-0.38% 11.70%	-11.23% -15.31%
21.	Public Authorities	2,331	2,776	1,307	1,182	1,510	N/A	-15.3176 N/A
22	Resale	1	1	1	1	1	0.00%	0.00%
23.	Other	<u>29,196</u>	<u>28, 165</u>	<u>29,653</u>	28,484	<u>31,420</u>	<u>-1.82%</u>	3.66%
24.	Total DTs	<u>66.681</u>	70.843	69.816	69.674	69.742	<u>-1.02%</u> -1.12%	<u>-5.87%</u>
25.	Number of Customers (000s included):							
26,	Residential	401,777	386,235	370,532	357,001	347,021	3.73%	4.02%
27.	Commercial	39,110	38,788	38,101	37,152	36,385	1.82%	0.83%
28.	Industrial	231	55	49	49	38	57.02%	320.00%
29.	Public Authorities	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
30	Resale	3	3	3	3	4	-6.94%	0.00%
31. 32.	Other Total Number of Customers	<u>420</u>	<u>382</u> 425.463	392	<u>406</u> 304 611	<u>414</u> 383 862	<u>0.36%</u> 3.56%	9.95% 3.78%
JZ.	Total Number of Customers	441.541	425.465	409.077	394.611	383.862	<u>3.56%</u>	3.78%
33.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.11%	7.76%	7.41%	8.79%	8.13%	-3.30%	-8.38%
34.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	7.66%	8.92%	8.36%	11.59%	9.50%	-5.24%	-14.13%
35.	Common Equity Ratio	49.02%	50.97%	50.00%	47.73%	48.72%	0.15%	-3.83%
36.	Debt Ratio	50.98%	49.03%	50.00%	52.27%	51.28%	-0.15%	3.98%
<b>3</b> 7.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	2.82	3.31	3.11	3.77	3.15	-2.73%	-14.80%
38.	LAST RATE CASE Autho (Docket No. G-5, Sub 481)	rized Returns: C	ommon Equity	N/A, Overali 8.	90%; Equity F	Ratio: N/A; Date o	f Order: 10-23-06	5

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

## BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., d/b/a AT&T NORTH CAROLINA

SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA
North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts In Thousands)

			12 Month	s Ended			nual h Rate
Line		December	December	December	December	Three	Current
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(p)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	Operating Revenue:						
2.	Basic Local Service	\$750,891	\$789,411	\$846,870	\$929,148	-6.85%	-4.88%
3.	Network Access	427,154	510,471	512,073	521,277	-6.42%	-16.32%
4.	Long Distance Message	24,017	26,283	22,747	23,603	0.58%	-8.62%
5.	Miscellaneous	333,385	245,987	221,007	197,878	18.99%	35.53%
6.	Uncollectibles	(23,209)	(17.871)	(26,672)	(30,816)	<u>-9.02%</u>	<u>29.87%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>1,512,238</u>	<u>1,554,281</u>	<u>1,576,025</u>	<u>1,641,090</u>	<u>-2.69%</u>	<u>-2.70%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	777,295	785,634	763,606	777,313	0.00%	-1.06%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	415,783	421,824	436,997	457,424	-3.13%	-1.43%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>108,514</u>	<u>130,897</u>	<u>140,534</u>	<u>154,937</u>	<u>-11,19%</u>	<u>-17.10%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>1,301,592</u>	<u>1,338,355</u>	<u>1,341,137</u>	<u>1,389,674</u>	<u>-2.16%</u>	<u>-2.75%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$210.646	\$215.926	\$234,888	<u>\$251.416</u>	<u>-5.73%</u>	<u>-2.45%</u>
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$2,110,865	\$2.218.785	\$2.312.145	\$2,452,004	<u>-4.87%</u>	<u>-4.86%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	51.40%	50.55%	48.45%	47.37%	2.76%	1.68%
15.	Net Telecomm, Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.40	\$1.43	\$1.47	\$1.49	-2.06%	-2.10%

Notes: [1] BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. elected price regulation in June 1996. On December 29, 2006, the merger between AT&T Inc. and BellSouth Corporation was completed; consequently, at the holding company level, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. adopted the AT&T brand name for its products and services. While BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. will remain a corporate entity certificated in North Carolina, BellSouth will be doing business as AT&T North Carolina.

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$5,280,000; 2005 - \$8,374,000; 2004 - \$7,630,000; and 2003 - \$5,347,000.

## CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts in Thousands)

						Ann	ual
			12 Months	s Ended		Growti	n Rate
Line		December	December	December	December	Three	Current
No.	ltem	2006	2005	2004	2003	<u>Year</u>	Year
_	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1.	Operating Revenue:						
2.	Basic Local Service	\$358,259	\$376,281	\$397,964	\$409,309	-4.34%	-4.79%
3.	Network Access	278,006	284,709	298,888	279,714	-0.20%	-2.35%
4.	Long Distance Message	4,655	5,459	6,146	6,959	-12.54%	-14.73%
5.	Miscellaneous	179,227	169,894	163,799	176,686	0.48%	5.49%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(8,599)</u>	(11,813)	<u>(12,598)</u>	<u>(6,647)</u>	<u>8.96%</u>	<u>-27.21%</u>
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>811,548</u>	824,530	<u>854,199</u>	<u>866,021</u>	<u>-2.14%</u>	<u>-1.57%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	444,969	445,657	459,569	489,586	-3.13%	-0.15%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	117,925	116,747	110,084	154,692	-8.65%	1.01%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>97,514</u>	<u>105,954</u>	<u>113,408</u>	<u>78,335</u>	<u>7.57%</u>	<u>-7.97%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>660,408</u>	<u>668,358</u>	<u>683,061</u>	<u>722,613</u>	<u>-2.96%</u>	<u>-1.19%</u>
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$151.140</u>	<u>\$156.172</u>	<u>\$171,138</u>	<u>\$143.408</u>	<u>1.77%</u>	-3.22%
13,	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$856.004	\$846.627	\$846,614	<u>\$798.533</u>	2.34%	1.11%
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14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	54.83%	54.05%	53.80%	56.53%	-1.01%	1.44%
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt, per \$ of Revenue	\$1.05	\$1.03	\$0.99	\$0.92	4.50%	1.94%

Notes: [1] Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company elected price regulation in June 1996.

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<sup>[2]</sup> 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$29,368,000; 2005 - \$33,444,000; 2004 - \$35,942,000; and 2003 - \$49,620,000.

# CENTRAL TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts in Thousands)

			40.00			Anr Growt	
4.3		December	12 Months		December	Three	Current
Line	<b>14</b>		December	December		***	
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
1,	Operating Revenue:						
2.	Basic Local Service	\$83,081	\$88,473	\$94,075	\$99,464	-5.82%	-6.09%
3.	Network Access	52,643	54,503	56,879	55,305	-1.63%	-3.41%
4.	Long Distance Message	1,892	2,020	3,099	3,425	-17.95%	-6.34%
5.	Miscellaneous	32,741	31,132	30,091	28,744	4.44%	5.17%
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(1,617)</u>	(2,186)	(2.218)	(1,790)	<u>-3.33%</u>	-26.03%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>168,740</u>	<u>173,942</u>	<u>181,926</u>	<u>185,148</u>	<u>-3.05%</u>	<u>-2.99%</u>
8.	Operating Expenses	97,759	98,066	99,372	101,946	-1.39%	-0.31%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	36,868	44,695	44,237	39,776	-2.50%	-17.51%
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>12,200</u>	<u>11,887</u>	<u>12,587</u>	<u>19,889</u>	<u>-15.03%</u>	<u>2.63%</u>
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	146,827	154,648	<u>156,196</u>	<u>161,611</u>	<u>-3.15%</u>	<u>-5.06%</u>
12.	Operating Income	\$21,913	\$19.294	\$25,730	\$23.537	-2.35%	13.57%
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$226,163	\$239.649	\$264.452	<u>\$281.727</u>	<u>-7.06%</u>	<u>-5,63%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	57.93%	56.38%	54,62%	55.06%	1.71%	2.75%
15,	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.34	\$1.38	\$1.45	\$1.52	-4.11%	-2.90%

Notes: [1] Central Telephone Company elected price regulation in June 1996.

Annual

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$5,240,000; 2005 - \$5,060,000; 2004 - \$6,910,000; and 2003 - \$11,493,000.

## CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Intrastate Operations (Amounts In Thousands)

			12 Months Ended					
Line	•	December	December	December	December	December	Growth Four	Current
No.	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2006</u>	2005	<u>2004</u>	2003	<u>2002</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(1)	(g)	(h)
1.	Operating Revenue:	<b>A</b> E 888	25.010	<b>*</b> 5.057	<b>*= 7</b> 4.	<b>65 704</b>	4.670/	0.040
2.	Basic Local Service	\$5,329	\$5,342	\$5,957	\$5,714	\$5,701	-1.67%	-0.24%
3.	Network Access	4,280	4,122	3,711	3,803	4,743	-2.54%	3.83%
<b>4</b> . 5.	Long Distance Message Miscellaneous	1,345 1,107	1,175 1,134	1,104 1,112	1,145 1,126	1,236 1,070	2.14% 0.85%	14.47% -2.38%
6.	Uncollectibles	1,107 (9)					-14.7 <u>0%</u>	-25.00%
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>12,052</u>	11,761	<u>11,865</u>	11,7 <u>67</u>	12,733	<u>-1.36%</u>	2.47%
8.	Operating Expenses	6,267	5,920	5,221	5,023	4,675	7.60%	5.86%
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	2,750	2,694	2,567	2,452	2,360	3,90%	2.08%
0.	Total Operating Taxes	1,083	1,196	1,311	1,619	1,832	-12.31%	<u>-9.45%</u>
1.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	10,100	9,810	9,099	9,094	8,867	3.31%	2.96%
2.	Operating Income	<u>\$1.952</u>	<u>\$1.951</u>	<u>\$2.766</u>	<u>\$2,673</u>	<b>\$3.866</b>	<u>-15.70%</u>	0.05%
3.	Net Plant Investment	<b>\$</b> 28,508	\$28,124	\$27.162	<u>\$25,733</u>	<u>\$24.495</u>	<u>3.87%</u>	<u>1.37%</u>
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	52.00%	50.34%	44.00%	42.69%	36.72%	9.09%	3.30%
5.	Net Pit. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$2.37	\$2.39	\$2.29	\$2.19	\$1.92	5.41%	-0.84%
16. 17. 18. 19.	Total Access Lines (000s included): Residential Business Total Access Lines	16,506 <u>4,488</u> 20,994	16,670 <u>4,454</u> 21,124	16,865 <u>4,368</u> 21,233	16,932 <u>4,331</u> 21,263	17,046 <u>4,337</u> 21.383	-0.80% <u>0.86%</u> -0.46%	-0.98% <u>0.76%</u> -0.62%
:0.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	7.47%	7.64%	11.12%	10.86%	16.19%	-17.58%	-2.23%
1.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	6.93%	7.37%	12.07%	11,82%	19.64%	-22.93%	-5.97%
2.	Common Equity Ratio	83.36%	75.82%	73.87%	71.89%	69.19%	4.77%	9.94%
3.	Debt Ratio	16.64%	24.18%	26.13%	28.11%	30.81%	-14.27%	-31.18%
4.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	6.70	5.81	7.27	7.12	8.99	-7.09%	15.32%

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.

<sup>[2]</sup> Net Plant Investment reflects net plant in service.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: NCUC TS-1 Reports.

## CONCORD TELEPHONE COMPANY SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

## North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts In Thousands)

<u>Item</u> (a)  Operating Revenue:	December 2006 (b)	December 2005 (c)	December 2004	December 2003	Growth Three	Current
(a)			<u> 2007</u>		<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>
Operating Revenue:	.,,		(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
Basic Local Service	\$51,502	\$50,128	\$48,296	\$51,581	-0.05%	2.74%
Network Access	30,852	31,924	29,766	30,866	-0.02%	-3.36%
Long Distance Message	2,110	2,255	2,839	3,928	-18.71%	-6.43%
Miscellaneous	12,781	11,246	12,313	9,891	8.92%	13.65%
Uncollectibles	<u>(313)</u>	<u>(285)</u>	(222)	<u>(395)</u>	<u>-7.46%</u>	<u>9.82%</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>96,932</u>	<u>95,268</u>	92,992	95,871	0.37%	<u>1.75%</u>
Operating Expenses	52,103	50,025	46,291	43,956	5.83%	4.15%
Depreciation & Amortization	22,853	19,836	22,077	22,928	-0.11%	15.21%
Total Operating Taxes	<u>7,894</u>	<u>7,933</u>	<u>10,193</u>	<u>10,096</u>	<u>-7.87%</u>	<u>-0.49%</u>
Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>82,850</u>	<u>77,794</u>	<u>78,561</u>	<u>76,980</u>	<u>2,48%</u>	<u>6.50%</u>
Operating Income	\$14,082	<u>\$17.474</u>	<u>\$14,431</u>	\$18.891	<u>-9.33%</u>	<u>-19.<b>4</b>1%</u>
Net Telecommunications Plant	\$82,404	\$80.438	\$83,704	\$83.89 <u>7</u>	<u>-0.60%</u>	<u>2.44%</u>
Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	53.75%	52.51%	49.78%	45.85%	5.44%	2.36%
Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$0.85	\$0.84	\$0.90	\$0.88	-1.15%	1.19%
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Notes: [1] Concord Telephone Company elected price regulation in June 1997.

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<sup>[2]</sup> 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$7,563,825; 2005 - \$3,926,131; 2004 - \$3,557,940; and 2003 - \$1,819,772.

#### **LEXCOM TELEPHONE COMPANY** SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

**Total Company Utility Operations** (Amounts In Thousands)

			12 N	12 Months Ended						
_ine		December	December	December	December	December	<u>Growth</u> Four	Current		
No.	<u>ltem</u>	<u>2006</u>	2005	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	Year	<u>Year</u>		
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)		
1. 2.	Operating Revenue: Basic Local Service	640.040	\$12,676	£40.04E	640.740	M40 747	-3.26%	-5.23%		
3.	Network Access	\$12,013 5,303	\$12,676 5.517	\$12,615 5,441	\$12,746 4,973	\$13,717 4,833	-3.26% 2.35%	-5.2 <i>3</i> % -3.88%		
4.	Long Distance Message	5,303 146	3,517 171	166	4,973 215	4,833 331	-18.50%	-3.66%		
5.	Miscellaneous	2,436	2,401	2,304	2,230	2,520	-0.84%	1.46%		
6.	Uncollectibles	(212)	(232)	(308)	(162)	(260)	-4.97%	-8.62%		
	Total Operating Revenue	19,686	20,533	<u>20,218</u>	20,002	<u>21,141</u>	<u>-1.77%</u>	-4.13%		
8	Operating Expenses	6,711	6,641	7,267	7,461	7,865	-3.89%	1.05%		
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	3.747	4,223	3,420	3,354	3,432	2.22%	-11.27%		
10.	Total Operating Taxes	4.711	5.293	5,845	5,277	5, <u>537</u>	-3.96%	-11.00%		
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	15,169	<u>16,157</u>	16,532	16,092	<u>16,834</u>	-2.57%	-6.11%		
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$4.517</u>	<u>\$4.376</u>	\$3,686	<u>\$3.910</u>	\$4.307	1.20%	3.22%		
13.	Net Plant Investment	<u>\$32.134</u>	<u>\$34.514</u>	<u>\$36.036</u>	<u>\$37.633</u>	\$37.932	<u>-4.06%</u>	<u>-6.90%</u>		
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	34.09%	32.34%	35.94%	37.30%	37.20%	-2.16%	5.41%		
15.	Net Plt. Investment per \$ of Revenue	\$1.63	\$1.68	\$1.78	\$1.88	\$1.79	-2.31%	-2.98%		
17. 18.	Total Access Lines (000s included): Residential Business Total Access Lines	20,238 <u>8,242</u> 28,480	21,412 <u>8,500</u> 29,912	22,428 <u>8.670</u> 31.098	23,222 <u>8.854</u> 32.076	23,956 <u>9.057</u> 33.013	-4.13% -2.33% -3.63%	-5.48% -3.04% -4.79%		
20.	Estimated Overall Rate of Return	15.61%	14.32%	11,62%	12.28%	13.72%	3.28%	9.01%		
21.	Estimated Return on Common Equity	15.91%	14.46%	11.72%	12.37%	13.93%	3.38%	10.03%		
22.	Common Equity Ratio	97.49%	97.86%	97.51%	96.98%	96.49%	0.26%	-0.38%		
23.	Debt Ratio	2.51%	2.14%	2.49%	3.02%	3.51%	-8.04%	17.29%		
24.	Estimated Pre-tax Interest Coverage Ratio (Times)	304.05	177.42	145.03	95.84	108.95	29.25%	71.37%		

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

North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated)
(Amounts In Thousands)

						ual	
	12 Months Ended				Growth Rate		
	December	December	December	December	Three	Current	
<u>ltem</u>	2006	2005	2004	2003	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	<b>(f)</b>	(g)	
Operating Revenue:							
Basic Local Service	\$4,863	\$4,918	\$4,753	\$4,922	-0.40%	-1.12%	
Network Access	6,480	5,014	3,931	3,652	21.06%	29.24%	
Long Distance Message	73	71	107	133	-18.12%	2.82%	
Miscellaneous	1,663	1,611	1,578	1,502	3.45%	3.23%	
Uncollectibles	<u>(4)</u>	<u>(176)</u>	(24)	<u>(69)</u>	<u>-61.30%</u>	<u>-97.73%</u>	
Total Operating Revenue	13,075	11,438	10,345	10,140	8.84%	14.31%	
Operating Expenses	5,841	5,860	5,120	4,704	7.48%	-0.32%	
Depreciation & Amortization	3,031	2,436	1,142	1,554	24.94%	24.43%	
Total Operating Taxes	<u>2,354</u>	<u>1,314</u>	<u>2,010</u>	<u>1,555</u>	<u>14.82%</u>	79.15%	
Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	11,226	9,610	<u>8,272</u>	<u>7,813</u>	<u>12.84%</u>	<u>16.82%</u>	
Operating Income	\$1.849	\$1.828	\$2,073	\$2.327	<u>-7.38%</u>	1.15%	
Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$21.341</u>	\$22,393	<u>\$10.646</u>	<u>\$10.931</u>	24.98%	<u>-4.70%</u>	
	<u> </u>						
Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	44.67%	51.23%	49.49%	46,39%	-1.25%	-12.80%	
Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.63	\$1.96	\$1.03	\$1.08	14.71%	-16.84%	
	Operating Revenue: Basic Local Service Network Access Long Distance Message Miscellaneous Uncollectibles Total Operating Revenue  Operating Expenses Depreciation & Amortization Total Operating Taxes Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes  Operating Income  Net Telecommunications Plant  Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	Item (a)         2006 (b)           Operating Revenue:         \$4,863           Basic Local Service         \$4,863           Network Access         6,480           Long Distance Message         73           Miscellaneous         1,663           Uncollectibles         (4)           Total Operating Revenue         13,075           Operating Expenses         5,841           Depreciation & Amortization         3,031           Total Operating Taxes         2,354           Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes         11,226           Operating Income         \$1,849           Net Telecommunications Plant         \$21,341           Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue         44,67%	Item (a)         December 2006 (b)         December 2005 (c)           Operating Revenue:         \$4,863 (b)         \$4,918 (c)           Basic Local Service         \$4,863 (4,800 (5,014)         \$4,863 (4,800 (5,014)         \$4,863 (4,800 (5,014)         \$4,863 (4,800 (6,800 (6,800)         \$4,863 (7,800)         \$4,918 (7,900)           Miscellaneous (4)         \$1,663 (4) (1,76)         \$1,611 (1,76)         \$1,1438           Operating Expenses (5,841)         \$1,438 (7,800)         \$1,438 (7,800)         \$1,438 (7,800)           Operating Expenses (7,800)         \$1,438 (7,800)         \$1,438 (7,800)         \$1,438 (7,800)         \$1,438 (7,800)           Operating Expenses (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)           Operating Expenses (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)           Operating Expenses (7,900)         \$1,438 (7,900)         \$1,430 (7,900) <td>Item (a)         December 2006 (b)         December 2005 (c)         December 2004 (d)           Operating Revenue:         84,863 (c) (c)         \$4,918 (d)           Basic Local Service         \$4,863 (c) 5,014 (d)         \$3,931 (d)           Network Access (c) 6,480 (c) 5,014 (d) 73,931 (d)         \$1,663 (d)         \$1,611 (d)         \$1,578 (d)           Long Distance Message (d) 73 (d) 71 (d) 71 (d) 72 (d)         \$1,663 (d) 1,611 (d)         \$1,578 (d) 1,578 (d)         \$1,578 (d) 1,578 (d)           Uncollectibles (d) (d) 71 (d) 72 (d) 72 (d) 73 (d) 73 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,142 (d) 1,476 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,345 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,424 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 75 (d)</td> <td>Item (a)         December 2006 (b)         December 2005 (c)         December 2003 (d)         December 2003 (e)           Operating Revenue:         Basic Local Service         \$4,863         \$4,918         \$4,753         \$4,922           Network Access         6,480         5,014         3,931         3,652           Long Distance Message         73         71         107         133           Miscellaneous         1,663         1,611         1,578         1,502           Uncollectibles         (4)         (1769)         (24)         (69)           Total Operating Revenue         13,075         11,438         10,345         10,140           Operating Expenses         5,841         5,860         5,120         4,704           Depreciating Expenses         5,841         5,860         5,120         4,704           Depreciating Taxes         2,354         1,314         2,010         1,555           Total Operating Taxes         2,354         1,314         2,010         1,555           Total Expenses, Depr. &amp; Taxes         11,226         9,610         8,272         7,813           Operating Income         \$1,849         \$1,828         \$2,073         \$2,327           Net Telecommunications Plan</td> <td>  Three   December   D</td>	Item (a)         December 2006 (b)         December 2005 (c)         December 2004 (d)           Operating Revenue:         84,863 (c) (c)         \$4,918 (d)           Basic Local Service         \$4,863 (c) 5,014 (d)         \$3,931 (d)           Network Access (c) 6,480 (c) 5,014 (d) 73,931 (d)         \$1,663 (d)         \$1,611 (d)         \$1,578 (d)           Long Distance Message (d) 73 (d) 71 (d) 71 (d) 72 (d)         \$1,663 (d) 1,611 (d)         \$1,578 (d) 1,578 (d)         \$1,578 (d) 1,578 (d)           Uncollectibles (d) (d) 71 (d) 72 (d) 72 (d) 73 (d) 73 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,142 (d) 1,476 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,345 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 74 (d)         \$1,438 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)         \$1,424 (d) 74 (d) 74 (d)           Operating Expenses (d) 75 (d)	Item (a)         December 2006 (b)         December 2005 (c)         December 2003 (d)         December 2003 (e)           Operating Revenue:         Basic Local Service         \$4,863         \$4,918         \$4,753         \$4,922           Network Access         6,480         5,014         3,931         3,652           Long Distance Message         73         71         107         133           Miscellaneous         1,663         1,611         1,578         1,502           Uncollectibles         (4)         (1769)         (24)         (69)           Total Operating Revenue         13,075         11,438         10,345         10,140           Operating Expenses         5,841         5,860         5,120         4,704           Depreciating Expenses         5,841         5,860         5,120         4,704           Depreciating Taxes         2,354         1,314         2,010         1,555           Total Operating Taxes         2,354         1,314         2,010         1,555           Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes         11,226         9,610         8,272         7,813           Operating Income         \$1,849         \$1,828         \$2,073         \$2,327           Net Telecommunications Plan	Three   December   D	

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<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$536,834; 2005 - \$1,052,185; 2004 - \$295,794; and 2003 - \$523,765.

#### NORTH STATE COMMUNICATIONS

### SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA

North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts in Thousands)

						Ann	Annual Growth Rate	
			12 Months	Ended		Growth		
Line		December	December	December	December	Three	Current	
No.	<u>item</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	2004	<u>2003</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$34,147	\$35,625	\$36,873	\$36,793	-2.46%	-4.15%	
3.	Network Access	35,000	37,882	37,232	36,373	-1.27%	-7.61%	
4.	Long Distance Message	1,021	1,354	1,444	1,828	-17.65%	-24.59%	
5.	Miscellaneous	37,217	34,236	31,270	28,415	9.41%	8.71%	
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(1,110)</u>	<u>(876)</u>	<u>(798)</u>	<u>(592)</u>	<u>23.31%</u>	<u>26.71%</u>	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>106,275</u>	<u>108,221</u>	<u>106,021</u>	<u>102,817</u>	<u>1.11%</u>	<u>-1.80%</u>	
8.	Operating Expenses	61,672	62,113	58,444	56,776	2.80%	-0.71%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	15,822	21,482	20,376	19,641	-6.95%	-26.35%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>12,762</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>11,260</u>	<u> 10,942</u>	<u>5.26%</u>	<u>24.51%</u>	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>90,256</u>	<u>93,845</u>	<u>90,080</u>	<u>87,359</u>	<u>1.09%</u>	<u>-3.82%</u>	
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$16.019</u>	<u>\$14.376</u>	<u>\$15.941</u>	<u>\$15.458</u>	<u>1.20%</u>	<u>11.43%</u>	
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$124.413	<u>\$114.675</u>	\$116.270	<u>\$118.507</u>	<u> 1.63%</u>	8.49%	
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14.	Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	58.03%	57.39%	55.12%	55.22%	1.67%	1.12%	
15.	Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.17	\$1.06	\$1.10	\$1.15	0.58%	10.38%	

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

[3] Source of Data: Annual Reports.

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$6,493,809; 2005 - \$2,851,674; 2004 - \$1,916,334; and 2003 - \$146,211.

#### VERIZON SOUTH INC.

# SELECTED FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL DATA North Carolina Operations (Regulated and Nonregulated) (Amounts In Thousands)

						Anr	ual	
		12 Months Ended				Growth Rate		
Line		December	December	December	December	Three	Current	
<u>No.</u>	<u>ltem</u>	2006	2005	2004	2003	<u>Year</u>	<u>Year</u>	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$111,919	\$118,145	\$124,187	\$127,385	-4.22%	-5.27%	
3.	Network Access	105,858	112,867	119,511	123,594	-5.03%	-6.21%	
4.	Long Distance Message	2,502	2,089	2,193	3,355	-9.32%	19.77%	
5.	Miscellaneous	33,100	29,234	37,205	41,743	-7.44%	13.22%	
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(3,600)</u>	(4,405)	(2,391)	<u>(5,181)</u>	<u>-11.43%</u>	<u>-18.27%</u>	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>249.779</u>	<u>257,930</u>	<u>280,705</u>	<u>290,896</u>	<u>-4.95%</u>	<u>-3.16%</u>	
8.	Operating Expenses	128,848	149,029	169,316	202,202	-13.95%	-13.54%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	73,454	78,390	74,505	73,813	-0.16%	-6.30%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>14.799</u>	<u>8,689</u>	(2,632)	<u>(414)</u>	<u>N/A</u>	70.32%	
11.	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>217,101</u>	236,108	<u>241,189</u>	275.601	<u>-7.65%</u>	<u>-8.05%</u>	
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$32.678</u>	\$21.822	<u>\$39.516</u>	\$15.2 <u>95</u>	28.80%	<u>49.75%</u>	
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	\$335.075	\$365,007	\$396.523	\$428.739	<u>-7.89%</u>	<u>-8.20%</u>	
14.	Oper. Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	51.58%	57.78%	60.32%	69.51%	-9.47%	-10.73%	
15.	Net Telecomm. Pit. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.34	\$1.42	\$1.41	\$1.47	-3.04%	-5.63%	

Notes: [1] Verizon South, Inc. elected price regulation in June 1996.

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

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<sup>[3]</sup> Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[5]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$2,068,101; 2005 - \$1,426,199; 2004 - \$780,789; and 2003 - \$1,726,474.

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

				Annual				
		12 Months Ended				Growth Rate		
Line	<u>ltem</u>	December 2006	December 2005	December 2004	December 2003	Three Year	Current Year	
<u>No.</u>								
-	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	
1.	Operating Revenue:							
2.	Basic Local Service	\$70,624	\$73,646	<b>\$</b> 72,9 <b>27</b>	\$73,988	-1.54%	-4.10%	
3.	Network Access	65,326	64,125	60,130	58,024	4.03%	1.87%	
4.	Long Distance Message	3,971	4,024	3,894	4,036	-0.54%	-1.32%	
5.	Miscellaneous	18,373	15,993	16, <del>46</del> 9	17,028	2.57%	14.88%	
6.	Uncollectibles	<u>(547)</u>	<u>(1,135)</u>	(1,242)	<u>(1,364)</u>	<u>-26.26%</u>	<u>-51.81%</u>	
7.	Total Operating Revenue	<u>157,7<b>47</b></u>	<u>156,653</u>	<u>152,178</u>	<u>151,712</u>	<u>1.31%</u>	<u>0.70%</u>	
8.	Operating Expenses	68,347	59,350	60,856	61,130	3.79%	15.16%	
9.	Depreciation & Amortization	23,978	32,696	31,743	30,209	-7.41%	-26.66%	
10.	Total Operating Taxes	<u>23,431</u>	<u>19,283</u>	<u>17,514</u>	<u>16,905</u>	<u>11.50%</u>	<u>21.51%</u>	
11,	Total Expenses, Depr. & Taxes	<u>115,756</u>	<u>111,329</u>	<u>110,113</u>	108,244	<u>2.26%</u>	<u>3.98%</u>	
12.	Operating Income	<u>\$41.991</u>	\$45.324	\$42.065	<u>\$43.468</u>	<u>-1.15%</u>	<u>-7</u> .35%	
13.	Net Telecommunications Plant	<u>\$253.564</u>	\$251.877	<u>\$255.558</u>	<u>\$260.066</u>	<u>-0.84%</u>	0.67%	
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14.	Oper, Exp. as a % of Total Revenue	43.33%	37.89%	39.99%	40.29%	2.45%	14.36%	
15.	Net Telecomm. Plt. per \$ of Revenue	\$1.61	\$1.61	\$1.68	\$1.71	-1.99%	0.00%	

Notes: [1] ALLTEL Carolina, Inc. elected price 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.

[3] Source of Data: Annual Report.

<sup>[2]</sup> 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 the Annual Report Proposal submitted, on March 4, 2004, by the major price regulated telephone companies, which effectively superseded the annual TS-1 Report previously required. Consequently, beginning with the 4th quarter 2003 "Quarterly Review", which includes information and data for the 12-month period ending December 31, 2003, earnings, access line, and certain other data for the price regulated telephone companies are no longer provided.

<sup>[4]</sup> 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: 2006 - \$18,512,749; 2005 - \$13,189,584; 2004 - \$9,882,424; and 2003 - \$12,273,102.

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