MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT COST OF SERVICE REVENUE REQUIREMENT

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Support for Staff
Cost of
Capital Recommendations

VEOLIA ENERGY KANSAS CITY, INC

CASE NO. HR-2014-0066

Jefferson City, Missouri May 2014

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	Federal Reserve	Federal Reserve
Date	Discount Rate	Funds Rate
01/01/83	8.50%	
12/31/83	8.50%	
04/09/84	9.00%	
11/21/84	8.50%	
12/24/84	8.00%	
05/20/85	7.50%	
03/07/86	7.00%	
04/21/86	6.50%	
07/11/86	6.00%	
08/21/86	5.50%	
09/04/87	6.00%	
08/09/88	6.50%	
02/24/89	7.00%	<u> </u>
07/13/90		8.00% *
10/29/90		7.75%
11/13/90		7.50%
12/07/90		7.25%
12/18/90		7.00%
12/19/90	6.50%	<u> </u>
01/09/91		6.75%
02/01/91	6.00%	6.25%
03/08/91		6.00%
04/30/91	5.50%	5.75%
08/06/91		5.50%
09/13/91	5.00%	5.25%
10/31/91		5.00%
11/06/91	4.50%	4.75%
12/06/91		4.50%
12/20/91	3.50%	4.00%
04/09/92		3.75%
07/02/92	3.00%	3.25%
09/04/92		3.00%
01/01/93		
12/31/93	No Changes	No Changes
02/04/94		3.25%
03/22/94		3.50%
04/18/94		3.75%
05/17/94	3.50%	4.25%
08/16/94	4.00%	4.75%
11/15/94	4.75%	5.50%
02/01/95	5.25%	6.00%
07/06/95		5.75%
12/19/95		5.50%
01/31/96	5.00%	5.25%
03/25/97		5.50%
12/12/97	5.00%	
01/09/98	5.00%	
03/06/98	5.00%	
09/29/98		5.25%
10/15/98	4.75%	5.00%
11/17/98	4.50%	4.75%

	Federal Reserve	Federal Reserve
Date	Discount Rate	Funds Rate
06/30/99	4.50%	5.00%
08/24/99	4.75%	5.25%
11/16/99	5.00%	5.50%
02/02/00	5.25%	5.75%
03/21/00	5.50%	6.00%
05/19/00	6.00%	6.50%
01/03/01	5.75%	6.00%
01/04/01	5.50%	6.00%
01/31/01	5.00%	5.50%
03/20/01	4.50%	5.00%
04/18/01	4.00%	4.50%
05/15/01	3.50%	4.00%
06/27/01	3.25%	3.75%
08/21/01	3.00%	3.50%
09/17/01	2.50%	3.00%
10/02/01	2.00%	2.50%
11/06/01	1.50%	2.00%
12/11/01	1.25%	1.75%
11/06/02	0.75%	1.25%
01/09/03	2.25%**	1.25%
06/25/03	2.00%	1.00%
06/30/04	2.25%	1.25%
08/10/04	2.50%	1.50%
09/21/04	2.75%	1.75%
11/10/04	3.00%	2.00%
12/14/04	3.25%	2.25%
02/02/05	3.50%	2.50%
03/22/05	3.75%	2.75%
05/03/05	4.00%	3.00%
06/30/05	4.25%	3.25%
08/09/05	4.50%	3.50%
09/20/05	4.75%	3.75%
11/01/05	5.00%	4.00%
12/13/05	5.25%	4.25%
01/31/06	5.50%	4.50%
03/28/06	5.75%	4.75%
05/10/06	6.00%	5.00%
05/10/00	6.25%	5.25%
08/17/07	5.75%	5.25%
09/18/07	5.25%	4.75%
10/31/07	5.00%	4.50%
	4.75%	4.25%
12/11/07 01/22/08	4.00%	3.50%
01/22/08	3.50%	3.00%
03/16/08	3.25%	3.0070
03/16/08	2.50%	2.25%
04/30/08	2.25%	2.23%
10/08/08		1.50%
10/08/08	1.75% 1.25%	1.50%
10/28/08	1.25%	1.00%
12/30/08 02/19/10	0.50% 0.75%	0%25% 0%25%
04/19/10	0.73%	0702370

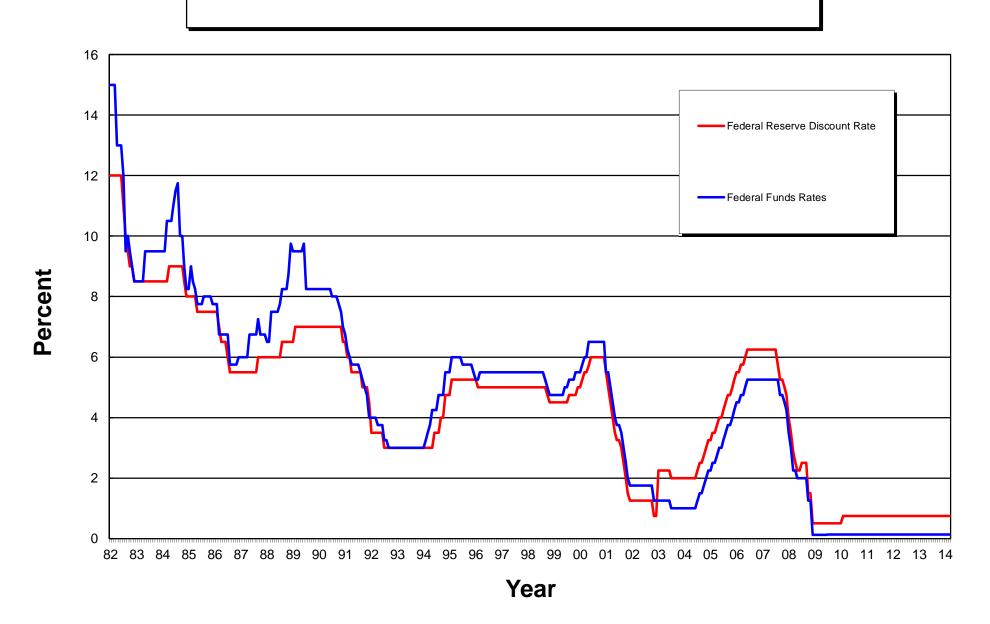
Source:

Federal Reserve Discount rate Federal Reserve Funds rate Note: Interest rates as of December 31 for each year are underlined.

^{*} Staff began tracking the Federal Funds Rate.

^{**}Revised discount window program begins. Reflects rate on primary credit. This revised discount window policy results in incomparability of the discount rates after January 9, 2003 to discount rates before January 9, 2003.





Rate of Inflation

Mo/Year Jan 1980	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1984	Rate (%) 4.20	Mo/Year Jan 1988	Rate (%) 4.00	Mo/Year Jan 1992	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1996	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 2000	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 2004	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 2008	Rate (%) 4.30	Mo/Year Jan 2012	Rate (%)
Feb	14.20	Feb	4.60	Feb	3.90	Feb	2.80	Feb	2.70	Feb	3.20	Feb	1.70	Feb	4.00	Feb	2.90
Mar	14.80	Mar	4.80	Mar	3.90	Mar	3.20	Mar	2.80	Mar	3.70	Mar	1.70	Mar	4.00	Mar	2.70
Apr	14.70	Apr	4.60	Apr	3.90	Apr	3.20	Apr	2.90	Apr	3.00	Apr	2.30	Apr	3.90	Apr	2.30
May	14.40	May	4.20	May	3.90	May	3.00	May	2.90	May	3.20	May	3.10	May	4.20	May	1.70
Jun	14.40	Jun	4.20	Jun	4.00	Jun	3.10	Jun	2.80	Jun	3.70	Jun	3.30	Jun	5.00	Jun	1.70
Jul	13.10	Jul	4.20	Jul	4.10	Jul	3.20	Jul	3.00	Jul	3.70	Jul	3.00	Jul	5.60	Jul	1.40
Aug	12.90	Aug	4.30	Aug	4.00	Aug	3.10	Aug	2.90	Aug	3.40	Aug	2.70	Aug	5.40	Aug	1.70
Sep	12.60	Sep	4.30	Sep	4.20	Sep	3.00	Sep	3.00	Sep	3.50	Sep	2.50	Sep	4.90	Sep	2.00
Oct	12.80	Oct	4.30	Oct	4.20	Oct	3.20	Oct	3.00	Oct	3.40	Oct	3.30	Oct	3.70	Oct	2.20
Nov	12.60	Nov	4.10	Nov	4.20	Nov	3.00	Nov	3.30	Nov	3.40	Nov	3.50	Nov	1.10	Nov	1.80
Dec	12.50	Dec	3.90	Dec	4.40	Dec	2.90	Dec	3.30	Dec	3.40	Dec	3.30	Dec	0.10	Dec	1.70
Jan 1981	11.80	Jan 1985	3.50	Jan 1989	4.70	Jan 1993	3.30	Jan 1997	3.00	Jan 2001	3.70	Jan 2005	3.00	Jan 2009	0.00	Jan 2013	1.60
Feb	11.40	Feb	3.50	Feb	4.80	Feb	3.20	Feb	3.00	Feb	3.50	Feb	3.00	Feb	0.20	Feb	2.00
Mar	10.50	Mar	3.70	Mar	5.00	Mar	3.10	Mar	2.80	Mar	2.90	Mar	3.10	Mar	-0.40	Mar	1.50
Apr	10.00	Apr	3.70	Apr	5.10	Apr	3.20	Apr	2.50	Apr	3.30	Apr	3.50	Apr	-0.70	Apr	1.10
May	9.80	May	3.80	May	5.40	May	3.20	May	2.20	May	3.60	May	2.80	May	-1.28	May	1.40
Jun	9.60	Jun	3.80	Jun	5.20	Jun	3.00	Jun	2.30	Jun	3.20	Jun	2.50	Jun	-1.40	Jun	1.80
Jul	10.80	Jul	3.60	Jul	5.00	Jul	2.80	Jul	2.20	Jul	2.70	Jul	3.20	Jul	-2.10	Jul	2.00
Aug	10.80	Aug	3.30	Aug	4.70	Aug	2.80	Aug	2.20	Aug	2.70	Aug	3.60	Aug	-1.50	Aug	1.50
Sep	11.00	Sep	3.10	Sep	4.30	Sep	2.70	Sep	2.20	Sep	2.60	Sep	4.70	Sep	-1.30	Sept	1.20
Oct	10.10	Oct	3.20	Oct	4.50	Oct	2.80	Oct	2.10	Oct	2.10	Oct	4.30	Oct	-0.20	Oct	1.00
Nov	9.60	Nov	3.50	Nov	4.70	Nov	2.70	Nov	1.80	Nov	1.90	Nov	3.50	Nov	1.80	Nov	1.20
Dec	8.90	Dec	3.80	Dec	4.60	Dec	2.70	Dec	1.70	Dec	1.60	Dec	3.40	Dec	2.70	Dec	1.50
Jan 1982	8.40	Jan 1986	3.90	Jan 1990	5.20	Jan 1994	2.50	Jan 1998	1.60	Jan 2002	1.10	Jan 2006	4.00	Jan 2010	2.60	Jan 2014	1.60
Feb	7.60	Feb	3.10	Feb	5.30	Feb	2.50	Feb	1.40	Feb	1.10	Feb	3.60	Feb	2.10	Feb	1.10
Mar	6.80	Mar	2.30	Mar	5.20	Mar	2.50	Mar	1.40	Mar	1.50	Mar	3.40	Mar	2.30		
Apr	6.50	Apr	1.60	Apr	4.70	Apr	2.40	Apr	1.40	Apr	1.60	Apr	3.50	April	2.20		
May	6.70	May	1.50	May	4.40	May	2.30	May	1.70	May	1.20	May	4.20	May	2.00		
Jun Jul	7.10 6.40	Jun Jul	1.80 1.60	Jun Jul	4.70 4.80	Jun Jul	2.50 2.90	Jun Jul	1.70 1.70	Jun Jul	1.10 1.50	June July	4.30 4.10	Jun Jul	1.10 1.20		
	5.90		1.60		5.60		3.00		1.60		1.80	-	3.80	Aug	1.10		
Aug Sep	5.00	Aug Sep	1.80	Aug Sep	6.20	Aug Sep	2.60	Aug Sep	1.50	Aug Sep	1.50	Aug Sep	2.10	Sep	1.10		
Oct	5.10	Oct	1.50	Oct	6.30	Oct	2.70	Oct	1.50	Oct	2.00	Oct	1.30	Oct	1.10		
Nov	4.60	Nov	1.30	Nov	6.30	Nov	2.70	Nov	1.50	Nov	2.20	Nov	2.00	Nov	1.10		
Dec	3.80	Dec	1.10	Dec	6.10	Dec	2.80	Dec	1.60	Dec	2.40	Dec	2.50	Dec	1.50		
Jan 1983	3.70	Jan 1987	1.50	Jan 1991	5.70	Jan 1995	2.90	Jan 1999	1.70	Jan 2003	2.60	Jan 2007	2.10	Jan 2011	1.60		
Feb	3.50	Feb	2.10	Feb	5.30	Feb	2.90	Feb	1.60	Feb	3.00	Feb	2.40	Feb	2.10		
Mar	3.60	Mar	3.00	Mar	4.90	Mar	3.10	Mar	1.70	Mar	3.00	Mar	2.80	Mar	2.70		
Apr	3.90	Apr	3.80	Apr	4.90	Apr	2.40	Apr	2.30	Apr	2.20	Apr	2.60	Apr	3.20		
May	3.50	May	3.90	May	5.00	May	3.20	May	2.10	May	2.10	May	2.70	May	3.60		
Jun	2.60	Jun	3.70	Jun	4.70	Jun	3.00	Jun	2.00	Jun	2.10	Jun	2.70	Jun	3.60		
Jul	2.50	Jul	3.90	Jul	4.40	Jul	2.80	Jul	2.10	Jul	2.10	Jul	2.40	Jul	3.60		
Aug	2.60	Aug	4.30	Aug	3.80	Aug	2.60	Aug	2.30	Aug	2.20	Aug	2.00	Aug	3.80		
Sep	2.90	Sep	4.40	Sep	3.40	Sep	2.50	Sep	2.60	Sep	2.30	Sep	2.80	Sep	3.90		
Oct	2.90	Oct	4.50	Oct	2.90	Oct	2.80	Oct	2.60	Oct	2.00	Oct	3.50	Oct	3.50		
Nov	3.30	Nov	4.50	Nov	3.00	Nov	2.60	Nov	2.60	Nov	1.80	Nov	4.30	Nov	3.40		
Dec	3.80	Dec	4.40	Dec	3.10	Dec	2.50	Dec	2.70	Dec	1.90	Dec	4.10	Dec	3.00		

Source: U.S. Dept of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers,

Change for 12-Month Period, Bureau of Labor Statistics,

http://www.bls.gov/schedule/archives/cpi_nr.htm





Year

Average Yields on AA, A and BBB Public Utility Bonds

Mo/Year Jan 1980	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1984	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1988	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1992	Rate (%) 8.67	Mo/Year Jan 1996	Rate (%) 7.20	Mo/Year Jan 2000	Rate (%) 8.22	Mo/Year Jan 2004	Rate (%) 6.23	Mo/Year Jan 2008	Rate (%) 6.08	Mo/Year Jan 2012	Rate (%) 4.97
Feb	13.48	Feb	13.50	Feb	10.11	Feb	8.77	Feb	7.37	Feb	8.10	Feb	6.17	Feb	6.28	Feb	4.99
Mar	14.33	Mar	14.03	Mar	10.11	Mar	8.84	Mar	7.72	Mar	8.14	Mar	6.01	Mar	6.29	Mar	5.13
Apr	13.50	Apr	14.30	Apr	10.53	Apr	8.79	Apr	7.88	Apr	8.14	Apr	6.38	Apr	6.36	Apr	5.05
May	12.17	May	14.95	May	10.75	May	8.72	May	7.99	May	8.55	May	6.68	May	6.38	May	4.84
Jun	11.87	Jun	15.16	Jun	10.71	Jun	8.64	Jun	8.07	Jun	8.22	Jun	6.53	Jun	6.50	Jun	4.67
Jul	12.12	Jul	14.92	Jul	10.96	Jul	8.46	Jul	8.02	Jul	8.17	Jul	6.34	Jul	6.50	Jul	4.56
Aug	12.82	Aug	14.29	Aug	11.09	Aug	8.34	Aug	7.84	Aug	8.05	Aug	6.18	Aug	6.48	Aug	4.71
Sep	13.29	Sep	14.04	Sep	10.56	Sep	8.32	Sep	8.01	Sep	8.16	Sep	6.01	Sep	6.59	Sep	4.75
Oct	13.53	Oct	13.68	Oct	9.92	Oct	8.44	Oct	7.76	Oct	8.08	Oct	5.95	Oct	7.70	Oct	4.69
Nov	14.07	Nov	13.15	Nov	9.89	Nov	8.53	Nov	7.48	Nov	8.03	Nov	5.97	Nov	7.80	Nov	4.53
Dec	14.48	Dec	12.96	Dec	10.02	Dec	8.36	Dec	7.58	Dec	7.79	Dec	5.93	Dec	6.87	Dec	4.28
Jan 1981	14.22	Jan 1985	12.88	Jan 1989	10.02	Jan 1993	8.23	Jan 1997	7.79	Jan 2001	7.76	Jan 2005	5.80	Jan 2009	6.77	Jan 2013	4.45
Feb	14.84	Feb	13.00	Feb	10.02	Feb	8.00	Feb	7.68	Feb	7.69	Feb	5.64	Feb	6.72	Feb	4.49
Mar	14.86	Mar	13.66	Mar	10.16	Mar	7.85	Mar	7.92	Mar	7.59	Mar	5.86	Mar	6.85	Mar	4.45
Apr	15.32	Apr	13.42	Apr	10.14	Apr	7.76	Apr	8.08	Apr	7.81	Apr	5.72	Apr	6.90	Apr	4.19
May	15.84	May	12.89	May	9.92	May	7.78	May	7.94	May	7.88	May	5.60	May	6.83	May	4.36
Jun	15.27	Jun	11.91	Jun	9.49	Jun	7.68	Jun	7.77	Jun	7.75	Jun	5.39	June	6.54	Jun	4.70
Jul	15.87	Jul	11.88	Jul	9.34	Jul	7.53	Jul	7.52	Jul	7.71	Jul	5.50	July	6.15	Jul	4.90
Aug	16.33	Aug	11.93	Aug	9.37	Aug	7.21	Aug	7.57	Aug	7.57	Aug	5.51	Aug	5.80	Aug	5.00
Sep	16.89	Sep	11.95	Sep	9.43	Sep	7.01	Sep	7.50	Sep	7.73	Sep	5.54	Sep	5.60	Sep	5.05
Oct	16.76	Oct	11.84	Oct	9.37	Oct	6.99	Oct	7.37	Oct	7.64	Oct	5.79	Oct	5.64	Oct	4.94
Nov	15.50	Nov	11.33	Nov	9.33	Nov	7.30	Nov	7.24	Nov	7.61	Nov	5.88	Nov	5.71	Nov	5.04
Dec	15.77	Dec	10.82	Dec	9.31	Dec	7.33	Dec	7.16	Dec	7.86	Dec	5.83	Dec	5.86	Dec	5.09
Jan 1982	16.73	Jan 1986	10.66	Jan 1990	9.44	Jan 1994	7.31	Jan 1998	7.03	Jan 2002	7.69	Jan 2006	5.77	Jan 2010	5.83	Jan 2014	4.91
Feb	16.72	Feb	10.16	Feb	9.66	Feb	7.44	Feb	7.09	Feb	7.62	Feb	5.83	Feb	5.94	Feb	4.79
Mar	16.07	Mar	9.33	Mar	9.75	Mar	7.83	Mar	7.13	Mar	7.83	Mar	5.98	Mar	5.90	Mar	4.74
Apr	15.82	Apr	9.02	Apr	9.87	Apr	8.20	Apr	7.12	Apr	7.74	Apr	6.28	Apr	5.87		
May	15.60	May	9.52	May	9.89	May	8.32	May	7.11	May	7.76	May	6.39	May	5.59		
Jun	16.18	Jun	9.51	Jun	9.69	Jun	8.31	Jun	6.99	Jun	7.67	June	6.39	June	5.62		
Jul	16.04	Jul	9.19	Jul	9.66	Jul	8.47	Jul	6.99	Jul	7.54	July	6.37	July	5.41		
Aug	15.22	Aug	9.15	Aug	9.84	Aug	8.41	Aug	6.96	Aug	7.34	Aug	6.20	Aug	5.10		
Sep	14.56	Sep	9.42	Sep	10.01	Sep	8.65	Sep	6.88	Sep	7.23	Sep	6.03	Sep	5.10		
Oct	13.88	Oct	9.39	Oct	9.94	Oct	8.88	Oct	6.88	Oct	7.43	Oct	6.01	Oct	5.20		
Nov	13.58	Nov	9.15	Nov	9.76	Nov	9.00	Nov	6.96	Nov	7.31	Nov	5.82	Nov	5.45		
Dec	13.55	Dec	8.96	Dec	9.57	Dec	8.79	Dec	6.84	Dec	7.20	Dec	5.83	Dec	5.61		
Jan 1983	13.46	Jan 1987	8.77	Jan 1991	9.56	Jan 1995	8.77	Jan 1999	6.87	Jan 2003	7.13	Jan 2007	5.96	Jan 2011	5.69		
Feb	13.60	Feb	8.81	Feb	9.31	Feb	8.56	Feb	7.00	Feb	6.92	Feb	5.91	Feb	5.82		
Mar	13.28	Mar	8.75	Mar	9.39	Mar	8.41	Mar	7.18	Mar	6.80	Mar	5.87	Mar	5.74		
Apr	13.03	Apr	9.30	Apr	9.30	Apr	8.30	Apr	7.16	Apr	6.68	Apr	6.01	Apr	5.76		
May	13.00	May	9.82	May	9.29	May	7.93	May	7.42	May	6.35	May	6.03	May	5.57		
Jun	13.17	Jun	9.87	Jun	9.44	Jun	7.62	Jun	7.70	Jun	6.21	June	6.34	June	5.52		
Jul	13.28	Jul	10.01	Jul	9.40	Jul	7.73	Jul	7.66	Jul	6.54	July	6.28	July	5.61		
Aug	13.50	Aug	10.33	Aug	9.16	Aug	7.86	Aug	7.86	Aug	6.78	Aug	6.28	Aug	5.26		
Sep	13.35	Sep	11.00	Sep	9.03	Sep	7.62	Sep	7.87	Sep	6.58	Sep	6.24	Sep	5.01		
Oct	13.19	Oct	11.32	Oct	8.99	Oct	7.46	Oct	8.02	Oct	6.50	Oct	6.17	Oct	5.11		
Nov	13.33 13.48	Nov Dec	10.82 10.99	Nov Dec	8.93	Nov Dec	7.40	Nov	7.86 8.04	Nov Dec	6.44	Nov Dec	6.04 6.23	Nov Dec	5.00 4.96		
Dec	13.48	Dec	10.99	Dec	8.76	Dec	7.21	Dec	8.04	Dec	6.36	Dec	0.23	Dec	4.90		

Source:

Mergent Bond Record (through November 2010); BondsOnline (December 2010 to present)

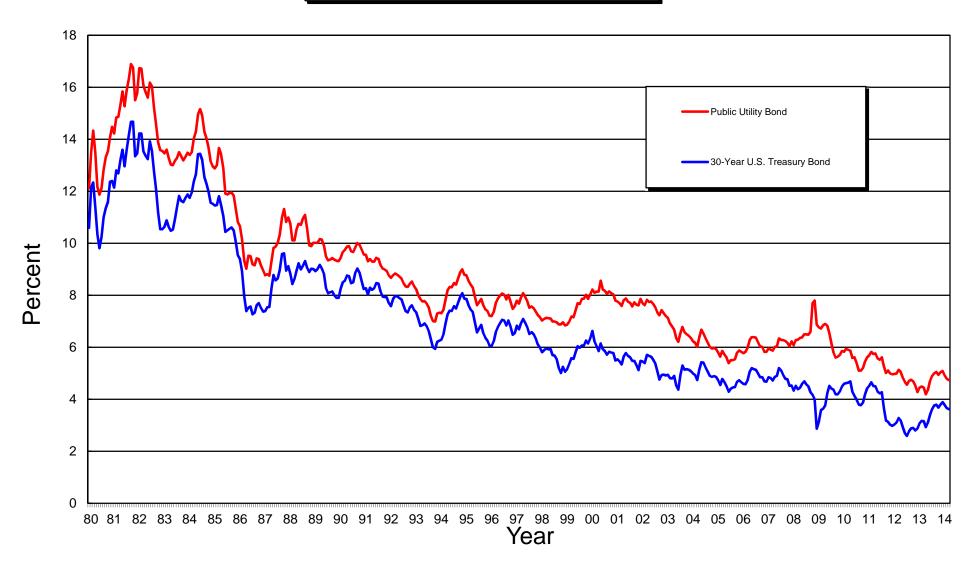
Average Yields on Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds

Mo/Year Jan 1980	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1984	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1988	Rate (%)	Mo/Year Jan 1992	Rate (%) 7.58	Mo/Year Jan 1996	Rate (%) 6.05	Mo/Year Jan 2000	Rate (%) 6.63	Mo/Year Jan 2004	Rate (%) 4.99	Mo/Year Jan 2008	Rate (%) 4.33	Mo/Year Jan 2012	Rate (%)
Feb	12.13	Feb	11.95	Feb	8.43	Feb	7.85	Feb	6.24	Feb	6.23	Feb	4.93	Feb	4.52	Feb	3.11
Mar	12.34	Mar	12.38	Mar	8.63	Mar	7.97	Mar	6.60	Mar	6.05	Mar	4.74	Mar	4.39	Mar	3.28
Apr	11.40	Apr	12.65	Apr	8.95	Apr	7.96	Apr	6.79	Apr	5.85	Apr	5.14	Apr	4.44	Apr	3.18
May	10.36	May	13.43	May	9.23	May	7.89	May	6.93	May	6.15	May	5.42	May	4.60	May	2.93
Jun	9.81	Jun	13.44	Jun	9.00	Jun	7.84	Jun	7.06	Jun	5.93	Jun	5.41	Jun	4.69	Jun	2.70
Jul	10.24	Jul	13.21	Jul	9.14	Jul	7.60	Jul	7.03	Jul	5.85	Jul	5.22	Jul	4.57	Jul	2.59
Aug	11.00	Aug	12.54	Aug	9.32	Aug	7.39	Aug	6.84	Aug	5.72	Aug	5.06	Aug	4.50	Aug	2.77
Sep	11.34	Sep	12.29	Sep	9.06	Sep	7.34	Sep	7.03	Sep	5.83	Sep	4.90	Sep	4.27	Sep	2.88
Oct	11.59	Oct	11.98	Oct	8.89	Oct	7.53	Oct	6.81	Oct	5.80	Oct	4.86	Oct	4.17	Oct	2.90
Nov	12.37	Nov	11.56	Nov	9.02	Nov	7.61	Nov	6.48	Nov	5.78	Nov	4.89	Nov	4.00	Nov	2.80
Dec	12.40	Dec	11.52	Dec	9.01	Dec	7.44	Dec	6.55	Dec	5.49	Dec	4.86	Dec	2.87	Dec	2.88
Jan 1981	12.14	Jan 1985	11.45	Jan 1989	8.93	Jan 1993	7.34	Jan 1997	6.83	Jan 2001	5.54	Jan 2005	4.73	Jan 2009	3.13	Jan 2013	3.08
Feb	12.80	Feb	11.47	Feb	9.01	Feb	7.09	Feb	6.69	Feb	5.45	Feb	4.55	Feb	3.59	Feb	3.17
Mar	12.69	Mar	11.81	Mar	9.17	Mar	6.82	Mar	6.93	Mar	5.34	Mar	4.78	Mar	3.64	Mar	3.16
Apr	13.20	Apr	11.47	Apr	9.03	Apr	6.85	Apr	7.09	Apr	5.65	Apr	4.65	Apr	3.76	Apr	2.93
May	13.60	May	11.05	May	8.83	May	6.92	May	6.94	May	5.78	May	4.49	May	4.23	May	3.11
Jun	12.96	Jun	10.44	Jun	8.27	Jun	6.81	Jun	6.77	Jun	5.67	Jun	4.29	Jun	4.52	Jun	3.40
Jul	13.59	Jul	10.50	Jul	8.08	Jul	6.63	Jul	6.51	Jul	5.61	Jul	4.41	July	4.41	Jul	3.61
Aug	14.17	Aug	10.56	Aug	8.12	Aug	6.32	Aug	6.58	Aug	5.48	Aug	4.46	Aug	4.37	Aug	3.76
Sep	14.67	Sep	10.61	Sep	8.15	Sep	6.00	Sep	6.50	Sep	5.48	Sep	4.47	Sep	4.19	Sep	3.79
Oct	14.68	Oct	10.50	Oct	8.00	Oct	5.94	Oct	6.33	Oct	5.32	Oct	4.67	Oct	4.19	Oct	3.68
Nov	13.35	Nov	10.06	Nov	7.90	Nov	6.21	Nov	6.11	Nov	5.12	Nov	4.73	Nov	4.31	Nov	3.80
Dec	13.45	Dec	9.54	Dec	7.90	Dec	6.25	Dec	5.99	Dec	5.48	Dec	4.66	Dec	4.49	Dec	3.89
Jan 1982	14.22	Jan 1986	9.40	Jan 1990	8.26	Jan 1994	6.29	Jan 1998	5.81	Jan 2002	5.44	Jan 2006	4.59	Jan 2010	4.60	Jan 2014	3.77
Feb	14.22	Feb	8.93	Feb	8.50	Feb	6.49	Feb	5.89	Feb	5.39	Feb	4.58	Feb	4.62	Feb	3.66
Mar	13.53	Mar	7.96	Mar	8.56	Mar	6.91	Mar	5.95	Mar	5.71	Mar	4.73	Mar	4.64	Mar	3.62
Apr	13.37	Apr	7.39	Apr	8.76	Apr	7.27	Apr	5.92	Apr	5.67	Apr	5.06	Apr	4.69		
May	13.24	May	7.52	May	8.73	May	7.41	May	5.93	May	5.64	May	5.20	May	4.29		
Jun	13.92	Jun	7.57	Jun	8.46	Jun	7.40	Jun	5.70	Jun	5.52	Jun	5.16	Jun	4.13		
Jul	13.55	Jul	7.27	Jul	8.50	Jul	7.58	Jul	5.68	Jul	5.38	July	5.13	July	3.99		
Aug	12.77	Aug	7.33	Aug	8.86	Aug	7.49	Aug	5.54	Aug	5.08	Aug	5.00	Aug	3.80		
Sep	12.07	Sep	7.62	Sep	9.03	Sep	7.71	Sep	5.20	Sep	4.76	Sep	4.85	Sep	3.77		
Oct	11.17	Oct	7.70	Oct	8.86	Oct	7.94	Oct	5.01	Oct	4.93	Oct	4.85	Oct	3.87		
Nov	10.54	Nov	7.52	Nov	8.54	Nov	8.08	Nov	5.25	Nov	4.95	Nov	4.69	Nov	4.19		
Dec	10.54	Dec	7.37	Dec	8.24	Dec	7.87	Dec	5.06	Dec	4.92	Dec	4.68	Dec	4.42		
Jan 1983	10.63	Jan 1987	7.39	Jan 1991	8.27	Jan 1995	7.85	Jan 1999	5.16	Jan 2003	4.94	Jan 2007	4.85	Jan 2011	4.52		
Feb	10.88	Feb	7.54	Feb	8.03	Feb	7.61	Feb	5.37	Feb	4.81	Feb	4.82	Feb	4.65		
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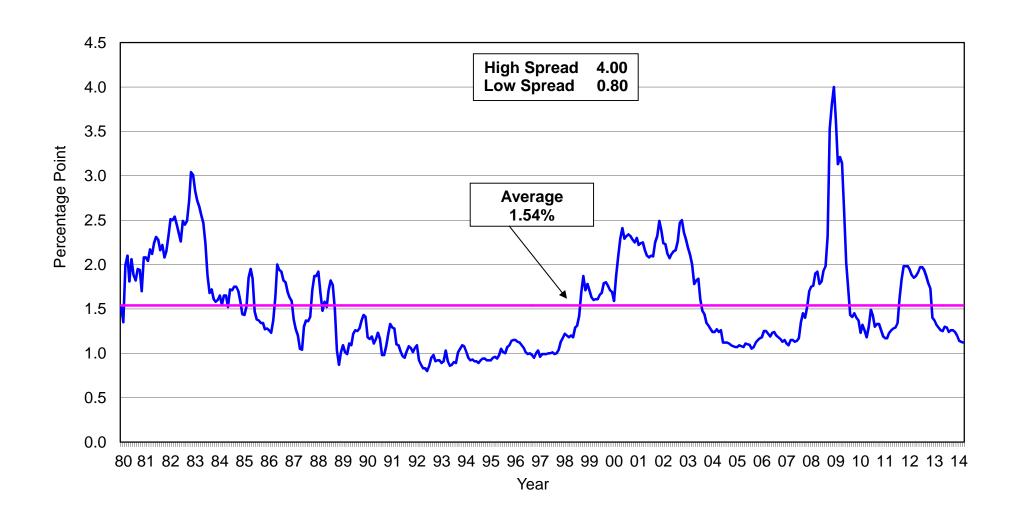
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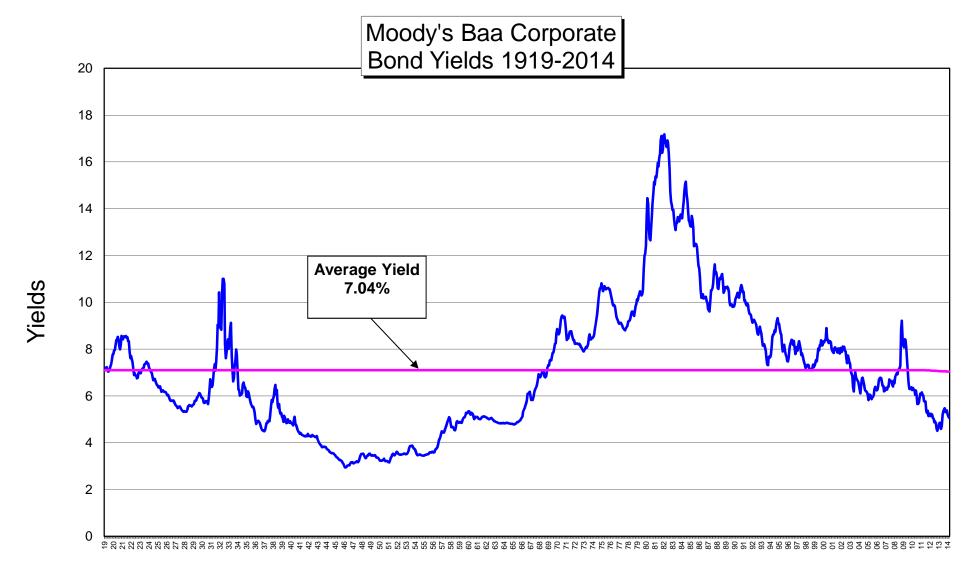
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Average Yields on Public Utility Bonds and Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds (1980 - 2014)



Monthly Spreads Between Yields on Public Utility Bonds and Thirty-Year U.S. Treasury Bonds (1980 - 2014)





Year

Criteria for Selecting Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Natural Gas Utility Companies	Stock Publicly Traded	At least 65% Operating Income Distribution	At least 65% of Assets Distribution	At least 2 analysts in last 90 days and Current Projected L-T EPS Growth Available	Positive 5-year Historical CAGR in DPS	At Least Investment Grade Credit Rating	Comparable Company Met All Criteria
AGL Resources, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Atmos Energy Corporation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Corning Natural Gas Holding Corp.	Yes	NA					
Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
Energen Corporation	Yes	No					
EQT Corporation	Yes	No					
Gas Natural Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
Laclede Group Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
National Fuel Gas Company	Yes	No					
New Jersey Resources Corp.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Northwest Natural Gas Company	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ONE Gas Inc.	Yes	NA					
ONEOK, Inc.	Yes	No					
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Questar Corporations	Yes	No					
RGC Resources Inc.	Yes	NA					
South Jersey Industries, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No			
Southern Union Company	No						
Southwest Gas Corporation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WGL Holdings, Inc.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources: Column 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 = SNL Financial Column 7 = Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect

Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies For Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc.

	Ticker		Bond
Number	Symbol	Company Name	Rating
1	GAS	AGL Resources, Inc.	BBB+
2	ATO	Atmos Energy Corporation.	A-
3	LG	Laclede Group Inc.	A-
4	NJR	New Jersey Resources Corporation	A
5	NWN	Northwest Natural Gas	A+
6	PNY	Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	A
7	SWX	Southwest Gas Corporation	A-
8	WGL	WGL Holdings, Inc.	A+
		Average	A
Source: S&P		Veolia Environnment	ввв

Capital Structures of Proxy Group for 2013 Fiscal Year

Capital Components	AGL	Atmos	Laclede Group	NJR Corporation	NW Natural Gas	Piedmont	Southwest Gas	WGL Holdings
Common Equity	\$3,676,000 ²	\$2,661,314	\$1,066,388	\$887,384	\$751,872	\$1,188,596	\$1,412,395	\$1,302,718 ²
Preferred Stock	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Long-Term Debt	\$3,813,000 ¹	\$2,455,671 ¹	\$912,712 ¹	\$581,529 ¹	\$742,452 ¹	\$1,274,857 ¹	\$1,392,432 ¹	\$591,067 ¹
Short-Term Debt	\$1,171,000	\$367,984	\$74,000	\$365,600	\$188,200	\$400,000	\$0	\$373,100
Total	\$8,660,000	\$5,484,969	\$2,053,100	\$1,834,513	\$1,682,524	\$2,863,453	\$2,804,827	\$2,266,885

			Laclede	NJR	NW Natural		Southwest	WGL	
Capital Structure	AGL	Atmos	Group	Corporation	Gas	Piedmont	Gas	Holdings	Average
Common Equity	42.45%	48.52%	51.94%	48.37%	44.69%	41.51%	50.36%	57.47%	48.16%
Preferred Stock	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Long-Term Debt	44.03%	44.77%	44.46%	31.70%	44.13%	44.52%	49.64%	26.07%	41.17%
Short-Term Debt	13.52%	6.71%	3.60%	19.93%	11.19%	13.97%	0.00%	16.46%	10.67%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

Sources: SNL Financial and 2013 Form 10-K - SEC filings. Notes: 1 - Long-term debt including current maturities.

2 - Includes non-controlling interest

AGL Resources, Inc. Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

Long-Term Debt - Net of Curre	Weighted Average	Outstanding <i>Millions</i>)
Senior Notes	5.00%	\$ 2,825
First mortgage bonds	5.60%	\$ 500
Gas Facility Revenue Bonds	1.00%	\$ 200
Medium-term notes	7.80%	\$ 181
Total		\$ 3,706

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹ 5.00%

Source: AGL Resources Form 10-K for 2013

Atmos Energy Corporation Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

			Amoun	t Outstanding		
Long-Term Debt:		Interest Rate	(In Th	ousands)	Intere	st Expense
Unsecured	Senior Notes, Due 2014	4.950%	\$	500,000	\$	24,750
Unsecured	Senior Notes, Due 2017	6.350%	\$	250,000	\$	15,875
Unsecured	Senior Notes, Due 2019	8.500%	\$	450,000	\$	38,250
Unsecured	Senior Notes, Due 2034	5.950%	\$	200,000	\$	11,900
Unsecured	Senior Notes, Due 2041	5.500%	\$	400,000	\$	22,000
Unsecured	Senior Notes, Due 2034	4.150%	\$	500,000	\$	20,750
Medium Term Notes:						
Series A 1995-1, 6.67%, Du	ie 2025	6.67%	\$	10,000	\$	667
Unsecured 6.75% Debentur	res, Due 2028	6.75%	\$	150,000	\$	10,125
Less:						
Original Issue Discour	nt		\$	(4,329)		
Total Amount Outstanding			\$	2,455,671	\$	144,317
			-			

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹ 5.88%

Source: Atmos Energy Corporation Form 10-K for September 30, 2013.

The Laclede Group, Inc. Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

		Amount	
		Outstanding	Interest
Bonds and Unsecured Notes Series:	Interest Rate	(in thousands)	Expense
3.31% Series Due December 15, 2022	3.31%	\$25,000	\$828
3.00% Series Due March 15, 2023	3.00%	\$55,000	\$1,650
3.40% Series Due March 15, 2028	3.40%	\$45,000	\$1,530
5.50% Series Due May 1, 2019	5.50%	\$50,000	\$2,750
7.00% Series Due June 1, 2029	7.00%	\$25,000	\$1,750
7.90% Series Due September 15, 2030	7.90%	\$30,000	\$2,370
6.00% Series Due May 1, 2034	6.00%	\$100,000	\$6,000
6.15% Series Due June 1, 2036	6.15%	\$55,000	\$3,383
6.35% Series Due october 15, 2038	6.35%	\$80,000	\$5,080
2.00% Series Due August 2018	2.00%	\$100,000	\$2,000
3.40% Series Due August 2023	3.40%	\$250,000	\$8,500
4.625% Series due August 2043	4.63%	\$100,000	\$4,625
Unamortized Premium, Discount and Expense		-\$2,288	
Total		\$912,712	\$40,465

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹

4.43%

Source: Laclede Group, September 30, 2013, SEC 10-K filing

New Jersey Resources, Corp. Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

			Amour	t Outstanding		
Long-Terr	m Debt	Interest Rate	(In T	housands)	Intere	st Expense
First Mortgage Bonds:						
5.00%	Series HH, Due December 1, 2038	5.00%	\$	12,000	\$	600
4.50%	Series II, Due August 1, 2023	4.50%	\$	10,300	\$	464
4.60%	Series JJ, Due August 1, 2024	4.60%	\$	10,500	\$	483
4.90%	Series KK, Due October 1, 2040	4.90%	\$	15,000	\$	735
5.60%	Series LL, Due May 15, 2018	5.60%	\$	125,000	\$	7,000
3.15%	Series PP, Due April 15, 2028	3.15%	\$	50,000	\$	1,575
4.77%	Unsecured Senior Notes Due March 15, 2014	4.77%	\$	60,000	\$	2,862
6.05%	Unsecured Senior Notes Due Sept. 24, 2017	6.05%	\$	50,000	\$	3,025
1.94%	Unsecured Senior Notes Due Sept. 17, 2015	1.94%	\$	25,000	\$	485
2.51%	Unsecured Senior Notes Due Sept. 17, 2018	2.51%	\$	25,000	\$	628
3.25%	Unsecured Senior Notes Due Sept. 17, 2022	3.25%	\$	50,000	\$	1,625
Total Amo	ount Outstanding		\$	432,800	\$	19,481

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹

4.50%

Source: New Jersey Resources Corporation. Form 10-K for September 30, 2013.

Northwest Natural Gas Company Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

			Amoun	t Outstanding		
Long-term debt		Interest Rate	(In Tho	usands)	Intere	st Expense
First Mortgage Bonds:						
8.260%	Series B, Due 2014	8.260%	\$	10,000	\$	826
3.950%	Series B, Due 2014	3.950%	\$	50,000	\$	1,975
4.700%	Series B, Due 2015	4.700%	\$	40,000	\$	1,880
5.150%	Series B, Due 2016	5.150%	\$	25,000	\$	1,288
7.000%	Series B, Due 2017	7.000%	\$ \$	40,000	\$ \$	2,800
6.600%	Series B, Due 2018	6.600%	\$	22,000		1,452
8.310%	Series A, Due 2019	8.310%	\$	10,000	\$	831
7.630%	Series B, Due 2019	7.630%	\$	20,000	\$	1,526
5.370%	Series B, Due 2020	5.370%	\$	75,000	\$	4,028
9.050%	Series A, Due 2021	9.050%	\$ \$	10,000	\$	905
3.176%	Series B, Due 2021	3.176%	\$	50,000	\$	1,588
3.542%	Series B, Due 2023	3.542%	\$	50,000	\$	1,771
5.620%	Series B, Due 2023	5.620%	\$	40,000	\$	2,248
7.720%	Series B, Due 2025	7.720%	\$	20,000	\$	1,544
6.520%	Series B, Due 2025	6.520%	\$ \$	10,000	\$	652
7.050%	Series B, Due 2026	7.050%	\$	20,000	\$	1,410
7.000%	Series B, Due 2027	7.000%	\$	20,000	\$	1,400
6.650%	Series B, Due 2027	6.650%	\$ \$	19,700	\$	1,310
6.650%	Series B, Due 2028	6.650%	\$	10,000	\$	665
7.740%	Series B, Due 2030	7.740%	\$ \$	20,000	\$	1,548
7.850%	Series B, Due 2030	7.850%	\$	10,000	\$ \$	785
5.820%	Series B, Due 2032	5.820%	\$	30,000	\$	1,746
5.660%	Series B, Due 2033	5.660%	\$	40,000	\$	2,264
5.250%	Series B, Due 2035	5.250%	\$	10,000	\$	525
4.000%	Series due 2042	4.000%	\$	50,000	\$	2,000
Subsidiary Senior Secured Debt:						
Gill Ranch debt due 2016		7.750%	\$	20,000	\$	1,550
Gill Ranch debt due 2016		7.000%	\$	20,000	\$	1,400
Total Amount Outstanding			\$	741,700	\$	41,916

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹ 5.65%

Source: Northwest Natural Gas Company Form 10-K for December 31, 2013.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended October 31, 2013

			Amou	nt Outstanding			
Long-Term Debt		Interest Rate	(In The	ousands)	Interest Expense		
Senior Notes							
2.920%	Due 2016	2.920%	\$	40,000	\$	1,168	
8.510%	Due 2017	8.51%	\$	35,000	\$	2,979	
4.240%	Due 2021	4.240%	\$	160,000	\$	6,784	
3.470%	Due 2027	3.470%	\$	100,000	\$	3,470	
3.570%	Due 2027	3.570%	\$	200,000	\$	7,140	
4.650%	Due 2043	4.650%	\$	300,000	\$	13,950	
Medium-Term Notes					\$	-	
5.000%	Due 2013	5.00%	\$	100,000	\$	5,000	
6.870%	Due 2023	6.87%	\$	45,000	\$	3,092	
8.450%	Due 2024	8.45%	\$	40,000	\$	3,380	
7.400%	Due 2025	7.40%	\$	55,000	\$	4,070	
7.500%	Due 2026	7.50%	\$	40,000	\$	3,000	
7.950%	Due 2029	7.95%	\$	60,000	\$	4,770	
6.000%	Due 2033	6.00%	\$	100,000	\$	6,000	
Less:							
Discount on issuance	of notes		\$	(143)			
Total Amount Outstanding			\$	1,274,857	\$	64,802	

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹

5.08%

Source: Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. Form 10-K for October 31, 2013.

Southwest Gas Corp. Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013

Long-Term Debt	Interest Rate	Intere	st Expense				
Notes:							
4.450% Due 2020	4.450%	\$ 125,000	\$	5,563			
6.100% Due 2041	6.100%	\$ 125,000	\$	7,625			
3.875% Due 2022	3.875%	\$ 250,000	\$	9,688			
4.875% Due 2043	4.875%	\$ 250,000	\$	12,188			
8.000% Due 2026	8.000%	\$ 75,000	\$	6,000			
Medium-Term Notes:							
7.590% Due 2017	7.590%	\$ 25,000	\$	1,898			
7.780% Due 2022	7.780%	\$ 25,000	\$	1,945			
7.920% Due 2027	7.920%	\$ 25,000	\$	1,980			
6.760% Due 2027	6.760%	\$ 7,500	\$	507			
Fixed-rate bonds:							
5.250% Due 2038	5.250%	\$ 20,000	\$	1,050			
5.250% Due 2034	5.250%	\$ 65,000	\$	3,413			
5.000% Due 2033	5.000%	\$ 31,200	\$	1,560			
4.850% Due 2035	4.850%	\$ 100,000	\$	4,850			
4.750% Due 2036	4.750%	\$ 24,855	\$	1,181			
Less:							
Unamortized discount		\$ (8,336)					
Total Amount Outstanding		\$ 1,140,219	\$	59,445			
Cost of Long-Term Debt ¹	5.21%						

Source: Southwest Gas Corp 2013 Form-10K.

WGL Holdings, Inc. Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013

			Amoun	t Outstanding		
Long-Term Debt		Interest Rate	(In Tho	usands)	Intere	st Expense
Unsecured Mediu	m-Term Notes					
5.025% 4.889	% to 5.17%, Due 2014	5.025%	\$	67,000	\$	3,367
4.830% Due 2	2015	4.830%	\$	20,000	\$	966
5.170% Due 2	2016	5.170%	\$	25,000	\$	1,293
7.460% Due 2	2019	7.460%	\$	50,000	\$	3,730
4.760% Due 2	2020	4.760%	\$	50,000	\$	2,380
6.650% Due 2	2023	6.650%	\$	20,000	\$	1,330
5.440% Due 2	2025	5.440%	\$	40,500	\$	2,203
6.610% 6.40%	% to 6.82%, Due 2027	6.610%	\$	125,000	\$	8,263
6.710% 6.57%	% to 6.85%, Due 2028	6.710%	\$	52,000	\$	3,489
7.500% Due 2	2030	7.500%	\$	8,500	\$	638
5.740% 5.70%	% to 5.78%, Due 2036	5.740%	\$	50,000	\$	2,870
5.210% Due 2	2040	5.21%	\$	75,000	\$	3,908
Less:						
Unam	nortized discount		\$	(30)		
Total Amount Outstanding			\$	582,970	\$	37,120

6.37%

Cost of Long-Term Debt¹

Source: WGL Holdings, Inc.'s 2013 Form 10-K.

Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt for the Natural Gas Proxy Group as of Most Recent Fiscal Year End

	Stated Cost
Company Name	of Long-Term Debt
AGL Resources, Inc.	5.00%
Atmos Energy Corp.	5.88%
Laclede Group	4.43%
NJR Corporation	4.50%
Northwest Natural Gas	5.65%
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	5.08%
Southwest Gas Corp	5.21%
WGL Holdings, Inc.	6.37%
Average	5.27%

Stated Cost of Long-Term Debt 5.27%

Dividends Per Share for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies

Company Name	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
AGL Resources, Inc.	1.08	1.08	1.11	1.15	1.30	1.48	1.64	1.68	1.72	1.76	2.26	1.38	1.88	1.94	2.01	2.13
Atmos Energy Corporation	1.16	1.18	1.20	1.22	1.24	1.26	1.28	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.36	1.38	1.40	1.48	1.55	1.65
Laclede Group Inc.	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.36	1.38	1.41	1.46	1.50	1.54	1.58	1.62	1.66	1.70	1.76	1.83	1.91
New Jersey Resources Corp.	0.78	0.80	0.83	0.87	0.91	0.96	1.01	1.11	1.24	1.36	1.44	1.54	1.62	1.71	1.80	1.93
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	1.25	1.26	1.27	1.30	1.32	1.39	1.44	1.52	1.60	1.68	1.75	1.79	1.83	1.85	1.91	NA
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	0.76	0.79	0.82	0.85	0.91	0.95	0.99	1.03	1.07	1.11	1.15	1.19	1.23	1.27	1.32	1.37
Southwest Gas	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	0.82	1.03	0.86	0.90	0.95	1.00	1.06	1.18	1.32	1.36	1.46	1.57
WGL Holdings, Inc.	1.26	1.27	1.28	1.30	1.32	1.35	1.37	1.41	1.46	1.50	1.54	1.59	1.66	1.75	1.83	1.97

	10-Year Historical	5-Year Historcal	3-Year Projected
AGL Resources, Inc.	5.38%	2.83%	4.25%
Atmos Energy Corporation	1.58%	1.52%	5.69%
Laclede Group Inc.	2.16%	2.65%	3.87%
New Jersey Resources Corp.	6.68%	8.35%	6.01%
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	3.58%	4.28%	NA
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	4.16%	3.75%	3.53%
Southwest Gas	3.77%	5.03%	5.95%
WGL Holdings, Inc.	2.34%	3.06%	5.78%
Average	3.71%	3.93%	5.01%

Earnings Per Share for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies

Company Name	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
AGL Resources, Inc.	1.62	1.82	2.13	2.28	2.48	2.72	2.72	2.84	2.88	3.00	2.12	2.31	2.64	3.18	3.08	3.10
Atmos Energy Corporation	1.47	1.45	1.71	1.58	1.72	1.82	1.92	1.99	2.07	2.12	2.07	2.10	2.50	2.76	2.93	3.19
Laclede Group Inc.	1.61	1.18	1.82	1.82	1.90	2.30	2.12	2.63	2.89	2.43	2.86	2.79	2.02	2.93	3.10	3.24
New Jersey Resources Corp.	1.33	1.39	1.59	1.70	1.81	5.27	1.55	2.59	0.64	2.82	2.44	2.23	2.75	3.43	3.03	2.98
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	1.88	1.62	1.76	1.86	2.11	2.29	2.76	2.61	2.83	2.73	2.36	2.18	2.24	2.31	2.40	2.50
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	1.01	0.94	1.11	1.27	1.32	1.28	1.40	1.49	1.67	1.96	1.57	1.66	1.78	1.84	1.90	2.00
Southwest Gas	1.15	1.32	1.13	1.60	1.14	2.05	1.95	1.39	1.94	2.27	2.43	2.86	3.11	3.11	3.23	3.40
WGL Holdings, Inc.	1.75	0.80	2.30	1.98	2.16	1.94	2.19	2.33	2.39	2.16	2.28	2.71	1.55	2.29	2.40	2.66

	10-Year Historical	5-Year Historcal	3-Year Projected
AGL Resources, Inc.	2.41%	-3.11%	5.50%
Atmos Energy Corporation	3.72%	3.08%	8.47%
Laclede Group Inc.	5.22%	1.70%	17.02%
New Jersey Resources Corp.	5.58%	-4.64%	2.71%
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	2.57%	-2.41%	NA
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	5.05%	3.74%	4.00%
Southwest Gas	8.84%	9.28%	3.02%
WGL Holdings, Inc.	3.03%	0.25%	19.72%
Average	4.55%	0.99%	8.64%

Book Value Per Share for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies

Company Name	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
AGL Resources, Inc.	12.19	12.52	14.65	18.06	19.27	20.71	21.74	21.48	22.97	23.24	28.35	28.96	30.54	NA N	A	NA
Atmos Energy Corporation	14.31	13.75	16.66	18.05	19.90	20.16	22.01	22.60	23.52	24.16	24.98	26.14	28.47	32.81	32.98	NA
Laclede Group Inc.	15.26	15.10	15.67	16.96	17.31	18.85	19.79	22.12	23.32	24.02	25.56	26.69	32.00	33.11	34.30	35.74
New Jersey Resources Corp.	8.67	8.87	10.19	11.22	10.52	14.74	15.50	17.31	16.59	17.62	18.74	19.55	21.15	24.34	24.60	NA
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	18.56	18.85	19.52	20.64	21.28	21.97	22.52	23.71	24.88	25.99	26.62	27.11	27.77	30.29	31.91	29.60
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	8.63	8.91	9.36	11.15	11.53	11.70	11.84	12.11	12.67	13.35	13.79	14.21	15.62	17.04	18.63	18.94
Southwest Gas	17.27	17.91	18.42	19.18	19.10	21.58	22.98	23.49	24.44	25.60	26.68	28.39	25.28	32.25	34.03	35.86
WGL Holdings, Inc.	16.24	15.78	16.83	17.54	18.36	18.86	19.89	20.99	21.89	22.63	23.41	24.60	30.51	26.14	28.62	NA

10-Year Historical	5-Year Historcal	3-Year Projected
8.36%	6.56%	NA
5.93%	4.21%	NA
6.23%	6.76%	3.76%
7.92%	4.57%	NA
3.65%	3.62%	2.15%
4.95%	4.12%	6.64%
4.13%	3.38%	12.36%
4.86%	5.62%	NA
5.76%	4.85%	6.23%
	8.36% 5.93% 6.23% 7.92% 3.65% 4.95% 4.13% 4.86%	8.36% 6.56% 5.93% 4.21% 6.23% 6.76% 7.92% 4.57% 3.65% 3.62% 4.95% 4.12% 4.13% 3.38% 4.86% 5.62%

Historical and Projected Growth Rates for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companie

	(1)	(2)	(3)
	10-Year	5-Year	Projected
	Historical	Hisotrical	5-Year
	Growth Rate	Growth Rate	Consensus
	(DPS, EPS and	(DPS, EPS and	EPS Growth
Company Name	BVPS)	BVPS)	(Mean)
AGL Resources, Inc.	5.38%	2.10%	1.10%
Atmos Energy Corporation	3.74%	2.94%	6.90%
Laclede Group Inc.	4.54%	3.70%	4.80%
New Jersey Resources Corp.	6.73%	2.76%	3.50%
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	3.27%	1.83%	3.50%
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	4.72%	3.87%	3.70%
Southwest Gas	5.58%	5.90%	2.60%
WGL Holdings, Inc.	3.41%	2.98%	5.00%
	4.67%	3.26%	3.89%

Sources: Columns 1 & 2 = Average of 10-Year and 5-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates from Schedule 9-4.

Column 3 = FactSet through SNL Financial.

Long-Term Gas Proxy Group DPS, EPS, BVPS & GDP 10-Year Compound Growth Rate Averages (1968-2013)

DPS		EPS	<u></u>	BVPS		Average	GDP	
	10 yr compound		10 yr compound		10 yr compound	DPS, EPS and		10 yr compound
Years	growth rate avgs	Years	growth rate avgs	Years	growth rate avgs	BVPS	Years	growth rate avgs
1968-70 to 1978-80	3.82%	1968-70 to 1978-80	5.16%	1968-70 to 1978-80	4.59%	4.52%	1969 - 1979	9.96%
1969-71 to 1979-81	4.13%	1969-71 to 1979-81	5.07%	1969-71 to 1979-81	4.62%	4.61%	1970-1980	10.31%
1970-72 to 1980-82	4.69%	1970-72 to 1980-82	4.75%	1970-72 to 1980-82	4.51%	4.65%	1971-1981	10.32%
1971-73 to 1981-83	5.10%	1971-73 to 1981-83	4.10%	1971-73 to 1981-83	4.30%	4.50%	1972-1982	10.15%
1972-74 to 1982-84	5.50%	1972-74 to 1982-84	5.20%	1972-74 to 1982-84	4.11%	4.94%	1973-1983	9.98%
1973-75 to 1983-85	5.98%	1973-75 to 1983-85	5.87%	1973-75 to 1983-85	4.08%	5.31%	1974-1984	9.93%
1974-76 to 1984-86	6.51%	1974-76 to 1984-86	5.91%	1974-76 to 1984-86	4.11%	5.51%	1975-1985	9.76%
1975-77 to 1985-87	6.91%	1975-77 to 1985-87	5.28%	1975-77 to 1985-87	4.15%	5.44%	1976-1986	9.34%
1976-78 to 1986-88	6.99%	1976-78 to 1986-88	5.37%	1976-78 to 1986-88	4.24%	5.54%	1977-1987	8.82%
1977-79 to 1987-89	7.06%	1977-79 to 1987-89	5.07%	1977-79 to 1987-89	4.23%	5.45%	1978-1988	8.35%
1978-80 to 1988-90	6.79%	1978-80 to 1988-90	3.85%	1978-80 to 1988-90	4.16%	4.93%	1979-1989	7.96%
1979-81 to 1989-91	6.37%	1979-81 to 1989-91	2.39%	1979-81 to 1989-91	3.81%	4.19%	1980-1990	7.42%
1980-82 to 1990-92	5.72%	1980-82 to 1990-92	2.16%	1980-82 to 1990-92	3.66%	3.85%	1981-1991	7.10%
1981-83 to 1991-93	5.23%	1981-83 to 1991-93	2.86%	1981-83 to 1991-93	3.63%	3.91%	1982-1992	6.75%
1982-84 to 1992-94	5.04%	1982-84 to 1992-94	2.59%	1982-84 to 1992-94	3.98%	3.87%	1983-1993	6.52%
1983-85 to 1993-95	4.40%	1983-85 to 1993-95	2.36%	1983-85 to 1993-95	3.93%	3.56%	1984-1994	6.15%
1984-86 to 1994-96	3.75%	1984-86 to 1994-96	2.94%	1984-86 to 1994-96	3.91%	3.53%	1985-1995	5.92%
1985-87 to 1995-97	3.39%	1985-87 to 1995-97	3.94%	1985-87 to 1995-97	3.92%	3.75%	1986-1996	5.85%
1986-88 to 1996-98	3.02%	1986-88 to 1996-98	3.42%	1986-88 to 1996-98	3.61%	3.35%	1987-1997	5.78%
1987-89 to 1997-99	2.71%	1987-89 to 1997-99	2.29%	1987-89 to 1997-99	3.25%	2.75%	1988-1998	5.66%
1988-90 to 1998-00	2.44%	1988-90 to 1998-00	2.69%	1988-90 to 1998-00	3.16%	2.77%	1989-1999	5.57%
1989-91 to 1999-01	2.19%	1989-91 to 1999-01	4.07%	1989-91 to 1999-01	3.46%	3.24%	1990-2000	5.55%
1990-92 to 2000-02	2.07%	1990-92 to 2000-02	4.74%	1990-92 to 2000-02	3.67%	3.49%	1990-2000	5.49%
1991-93 to 2001-03	2.01%	1991-93 to 2001-03	4.89%	1991-93 to 2001-03	4.03%	3.64%	1991-2001	5.39%
1992-94 to 2002-04	2.05%	1992-94 to 2002-04	4.40%	1992-94 to 2002-04	4.48%	3.64%	1992-2002	5.31%
1992-94 to 2002-04 1993-95 to 2003-05		1993-95 to 2003-05		1993-95 to 2003-05	4.48%	3.04% 4.06%		5.37%
	2.19%		5.00%				1994-2004	
1994-96 to 2004-06	2.42%	1994-96 to 2004-06	5.00%	1994-96 to 2004-06	5.41%	4.27%	1995-2005	5.45%
1995-97 to 2005-07	2.66%	1995-97 to 2005-07	4.84%	1995-97 to 2005-07	5.69%	4.40%	1996-2006	5.45%
1996-98 to 2006-08	2.91%	1996-98 to 2006-08	5.35%	1996-98 to 2006-08	5.98%	4.75%	1997-2007	5.26%
1997-99 to 2007-09	3.18%	1997-99 to 2007-09	6.29%	1997-99 to 2007-09	6.18%	5.22%	1998-2008	4.77%
1998-00 to 2008-10	3.47%	1998-00 to 2008-10	6.38%	1998-00 to 2008-10	6.23%	5.36%	1999-2009	4.26%
1999-01 to 2009-11	3.78%	1999-01 to 2009-11	6.28%	1999-01 to 2009-11	6.25%	5.43%	2000-2010	3.92%
2000-02 to 2010-12	4.02%	2000-02 to 2010-12	5.30%	2000-02 to 2010-12	6.29%	5.20%	2001-2011	3.89%
2001-03 to 2011-13	4.24%	2001-03 to 2011-13	4.59%	2001-03 to 2011-13	6.27%	5.03%	2002-2012	3.91%
Average	4.20%	Average	4.42%	Average	4.50%		Average	6.81%

Average of 10-year Rolling Averages EPS, DPS and BVPS

4.37%

Source: Value Line Investment Survey for Years 1968-2012 and SNL Financial for Year 2013

Long-Term Gas Proxy Group Excluding Atmos DPS, EPS, BVPS & GDP

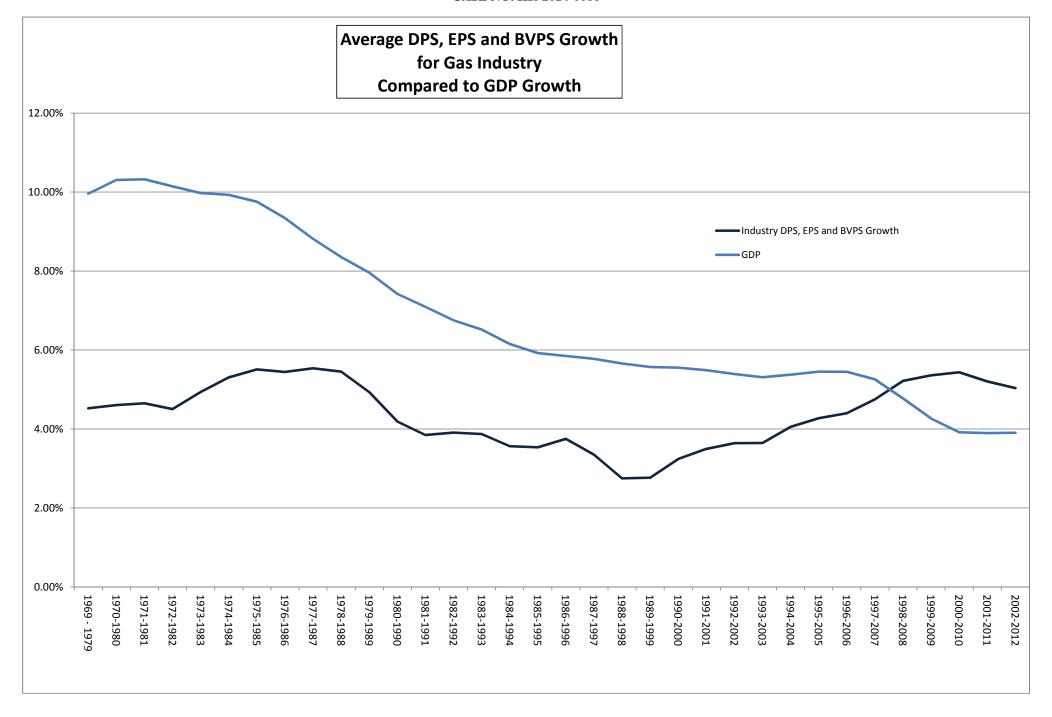
10-Year Compound Growth Rate Averages (1968-2013)

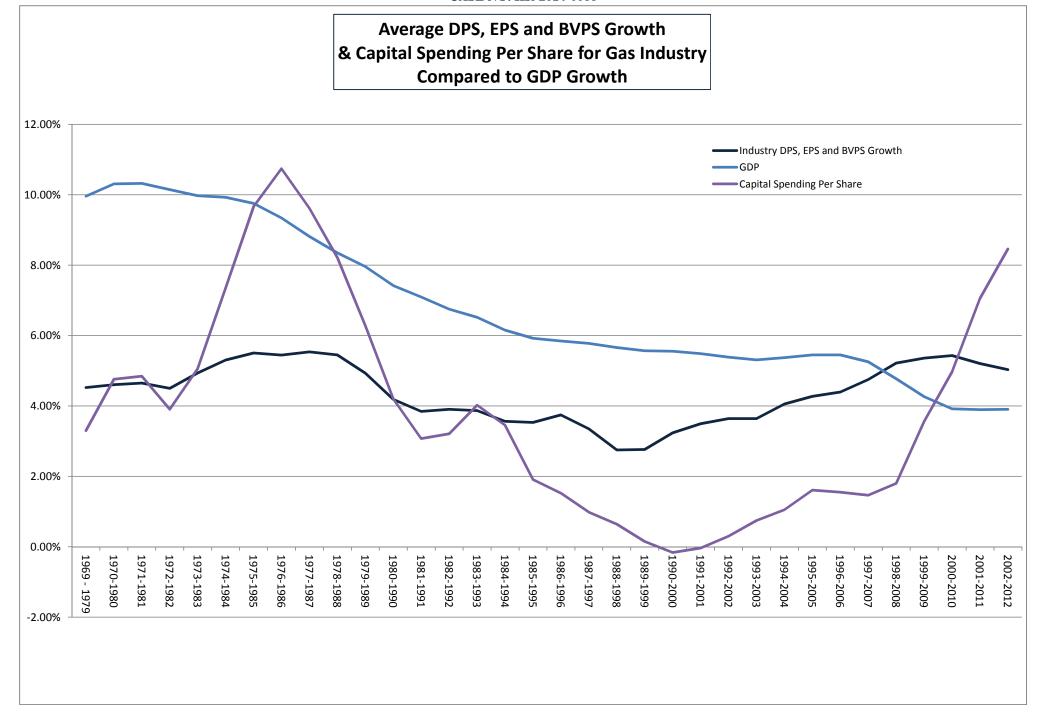
DPS	<u></u>	EPS		BVPS		Average	GDP	
	10 yr compound		10 yr compound		10 yr compound	DPS, EPS and		10 yr compound
Years	growth rate avgs	Years	growth rate avgs	Years	growth rate avgs	BVPS	Years	growth rate avgs
1968-70 to 1978-80	3.82%	1968-70 to 1978-80	5.16%	1968-70 to 1978-80	4.59%	4.52%	1969 - 1979	9.96%
1969-71 to 1979-81	4.13%	1969-71 to 1979-81	5.07%	1969-71 to 1979-81	4.62%	4.61%	1970-1980	10.31%
1970-72 to 1980-82	4.69%	1970-72 to 1980-82	4.75%	1970-72 to 1980-82	4.51%	4.65%	1971-1981	10.32%
1971-73 to 1981-83	5.10%	1971-73 to 1981-83	4.10%	1971-73 to 1981-83	4.30%	4.50%	1972-1982	10.15%
1972-74 to 1982-84	5.50%	1972-74 to 1982-84	5.20%	1972-74 to 1982-84	4.11%	4.94%	1973-1983	9.98%
1973-75 to 1983-85	5.98%	1973-75 to 1983-85	5.87%	1973-75 to 1983-85	4.08%	5.31%	1974-1984	9.93%
1974-76 to 1984-86	6.51%	1974-76 to 1984-86	5.91%	1974-76 to 1984-86	4.11%	5.51%	1975-1985	9.76%
1975-77 to 1985-87	6.91%	1975-77 to 1985-87	5.28%	1975-77 to 1985-87	4.15%	5.44%	1976-1986	9.34%
1976-78 to 1986-88	6.99%	1976-78 to 1986-88	5.37%	1976-78 to 1986-88	4.24%	5.54%	1977-1987	8.82%
1977-79 to 1987-89	7.06%	1977-79 to 1987-89	5.07%	1977-79 to 1987-89	4.23%	5.45%	1978-1988	8.35%
1978-80 to 1988-90	6.79%	1978-80 to 1988-90	3.85%	1978-80 to 1988-90	4.16%	4.93%	1979-1989	7.96%
1979-81 to 1989-91	6.37%	1979-81 to 1989-91	2.39%	1979-81 to 1989-91	3.81%	4.19%	1980-1990	7.42%
1980-82 to 1990-92	5.72%	1980-82 to 1990-92	2.16%	1980-82 to 1990-92	3.66%	3.85%	1981-1991	7.10%
1981-83 to 1991-93	5.23%	1981-83 to 1991-93	2.86%	1981-83 to 1991-93	3.63%	3.91%	1982-1992	6.75%
1982-84 to 1992-94	5.04%	1982-84 to 1992-94	2.59%	1982-84 to 1992-94	3.98%	3.87%	1983-1993	6.52%
1983-85 to 1993-95	4.40%	1983-85 to 1993-95	2.36%	1983-85 to 1993-95	3.93%	3.56%	1984-1994	6.15%
1984-86 to 1994-96	3.75%	1984-86 to 1994-96	2.94%	1984-86 to 1994-96	3.91%	3.53%	1985-1995	5.92%
1985-87 to 1995-97	3.25%	1985-87 to 1995-97	3.93%	1985-87 to 1995-97	3.80%	3.66%	1986-1996	5.85%
1986-88 to 1996-98	2.85%	1986-88 to 1996-98	3.30%	1986-88 to 1996-98	3.49%	3.21%	1987-1997	5.78%
1987-89 to 1997-99	2.49%	1987-89 to 1997-99	2.34%	1987-89 to 1997-99	3.14%	2.65%	1988-1998	5.66%
1988-90 to 1998-00	2.19%	1988-90 to 1998-00	2.48%	1988-90 to 1998-00	3.09%	2.59%	1989-1999	5.57%
1989-91 to 1999-01	1.95%	1989-91 to 1999-01	4.34%	1989-91 to 1999-01	3.38%	3.22%	1990-2000	5.55%
1990-92 to 2000-02	1.83%	1990-92 to 2000-02	4.88%	1990-92 to 2000-02	3.59%	3.43%		5.49%
1990-92 to 2000-02 1991-93 to 2001-03	1.78%	1990-92 to 2000-02 1991-93 to 2001-03	4.93%	1991-93 to 2001-03	3.91%	3.54%	1991-2001	5.39%
							1992-2002	
1992-94 to 2002-04	1.86%	1992-94 to 2002-04	4.54%	1992-94 to 2002-04	4.35%	3.58%	1993-2003	5.31%
1993-95 to 2003-05	2.04%	1993-95 to 2003-05	5.14%	1993-95 to 2003-05	4.79%	3.99%	1994-2004	5.37%
1994-96 to 2004-06	2.33%	1994-96 to 2004-06	5.28%	1994-96 to 2004-06	5.24%	4.28%	1995-2005	5.45%
1995-97 to 2005-07	2.66%	1995-97 to 2005-07	5.06%	1995-97 to 2005-07	5.52%	4.41%	1996-2006	5.45%
1996-98 to 2006-08	2.99%	1996-98 to 2006-08	5.78%	1996-98 to 2006-08	5.89%	4.88%	1997-2007	5.26%
1997-99 to 2007-09	3.33%	1997-99 to 2007-09	6.62%	1997-99 to 2007-09	6.10%	5.35%	1998-2008	4.77%
1998-00 to 2008-10	3.70%	1998-00 to 2008-10	7.03%	1998-00 to 2008-10	6.16%	5.63%	1999-2009	4.26%
1999-01 to 2009-11	4.07%	1999-01 to 2009-11	6.21%	1999-01 to 2009-11	6.21%	5.50%	2000-2010	3.92%
2000-02 to 2010-12	4.36%	2000-02 to 2010-12	5.83%	2000-02 to 2010-12	6.27%	5.49%	2001-2011	3.89%
2001-03 to 2011-13	4.62%	2001-03 to 2011-13	4.67%	2001-03 to 2011-13	6.32%	5.20%	2002-2012	3.91%
Average	4.18%	Average	4.51%	Average	4.45%		Average	6.81%

Average of 10-year Rolling Averages EPS, DPS and BVPS

4.38%

Source: Value Line Investment Survey for Years 1968-2012 and SNL Financial for Year 2013





Average High / Low Stock Price for January 2014 through March 2014 for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
	Januar	y 2014	Februa	ry 2014	March	n 2014	Average
							High/Low
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	Stock
	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Stock	Price
Company Name	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	Price	(1/14 - 3/14)
AGL Resources, Inc.	48.20	45.17	47.95	45.30	49.84	46.65	47.19
Atmos Energy Corp.	48.38	44.16	48.06	44.26	47.21	44.84	46.15
Laclede Group Inc.	46.49	44.12	46.28	43.95	47.48	45.02	45.56
New Jersey Resources Corp.	46.89	44.51	45.82	43.75	50.47	44.17	45.94
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	42.95	40.83	43.04	40.05	44.09	41.58	42.09
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	33.39	32.14	33.99	32.12	35.78	33.23	33.44
Southwest Gas Corp.	56.01	53.05	54.98	51.45	55.18	52.42	53.85
WGL Holdings, Inc.	40.07	37.51	40.50	35.35	40.72	38.36	38.75

Notes:

Column 7 = [(Column 1 + Column 2 + Column 3 + Column 4 + Column 5 + Column 6) / 6].

Expected Annual Dividend for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies

Institution Name	FactSet Mean Dividend per Share Est FactSet Mean Dividend per Share Estimate (Reported)		FactSet Number of Dividend per FactSet Numbe	r of Dividend per Share Estimates (actual)
	2014Y	2015Y	2014Y	2015Y
ACL Book and Inc.	4.04	2.02		
AGL Resources Inc.	1.94	2.02	4	4
Atmos Energy Corporation	1.48	1.55	5	5
Laclede Group, Inc. (The)	1.76	1.83	5	5
New Jersey Resources Corporation	1.71	1.80	3	3
Northwest Natural Gas Company	1.85	1.91	2	2
Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.	1.27	1.32	6	6
Southwest Gas Corporation	1.35	1.45	4	4
WGL Holdings, Inc.	1.74	1.82	4	4

	Expected Annual	
Company Name	Dividend	
AGL Resources, Inc.	\$1.96	•
Atmos Energy Corp.	\$1.51	
Laclede Group Inc.	\$1.80	
New Jersey Resources Corp.	\$1.75	
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	\$1.86	
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	\$1.29	
Southwest Gas Corp.	\$1.37	
WGL Holdings, Inc.	\$1.78	
Average		

Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Estimated Costs of Common Equity for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies,

(1)	(2)	(3)
(1)	(2)	(3)

	Average				
	Expected	Expected High/Low			
	Annual 1	Stock	Dividend		
Company Name	Dividend	Price	Yield		
AGL Resources, Inc.	\$1.96	\$47.19	4.15%		
Atmos Energy Corp.	\$1.51	\$46.15	3.28%		
Laclede Group Inc.	\$1.80	\$45.56	3.94%		
New Jersey Resources Corp.	\$1.75	\$45.94	3.81%		
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	\$1.86	\$42.09	4.43%		
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	\$1.29	\$33.44	3.86%		
Southwest Gas Corp.	\$1.37	\$53.85	2.55%		
WGL Holdings, Inc.	\$1.78	\$38.75	4.60%		
Average			3.83%		

Note: Rounded to 10 basis points	Proposed Dividend Yield:				
	Proposed Range of Growth:	4.00%	-	5.00%	
	Estimated Proxy Cost of Common Equity:	7.80%	-	8.80%	
	Credit rating differential ²			0.70%	
	Recommended Cost of Common Equity	8.50%		9.50%	
	Midpoint			9.00%	

Notes:

Sources: Column 1 = Schedule 11.

Column 2 =Schedule 10.

^{1 =} Expected Annual Dividend based on weighted average of each companies 2014 fiscal year and 2015 fiscal year FactSet projected dividends per share according to SNL Financial.

^{2 =} Three month average (January - March 2014) of differences between 'A' - rated 'BBB' - rated 30-year bonds from Reuters Corporate Spreads for Utilities - BondsOnline data.

Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) Costs of Common Equity Estimates for the Eight Comparable Natural Gas Distribution Companies Based on Historical Return Differences Between Common Stocks and Long-Term U.S. Treasuries

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
			Arithmetic	Geometric	Arithmetic	Geometric
			Average	Average	CAPM	CAPM
			Market	Market	Cost of	Cost of
	Risk		Risk	Risk	Common	Common
	Free		Premium	Premium	Equity	Equity
Company Name	Rate	Beta	(1926-2013)	(1926-2013)	(1926-2013)	(1926-2013)
AGL Resources, Inc.	3.68%	0.83	6.20%	4.64%	8.84%	7.55%
Atmos Energy Corp.	3.68%	0.83	6.20%	4.64%	8.80%	7.51%
Laclede Group Inc.	3.68%	0.73	6.20%	4.64%	8.22%	7.08%
New Jersey Resources Corp.	3.68%	0.79	6.20%	4.64%	8.59%	7.36%
Northwest Natural Gas Co.	3.68%	0.75	6.20%	4.64%	8.35%	7.17%
Piedmont Natural Gas Co.	3.68%	0.80	6.20%	4.64%	8.64%	7.39%
Southwest Gas Corp.	3.68%	0.86	6.20%	4.64%	9.01%	7.67%
WGL Holdings, Inc.	3.68%	0.75	6.20%	4.64%	8.30%	7.14%
Average		0.79			8.59%	7.36%

Sources:

- Column 1 = The appropriate yield is equal to the average 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond yield for January, February and March 2014, which was obtained from the St. Louis Federal Reserve website at http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/series/GS30/22
- Column 2 = Beta is a measure of the movement and relative risk of an individual stock to the market as a whole. Staff calculated the unadjusted Beta for each company using an Excel spreadsheet designed specifically to be used with the SNL database market and financial information, then adjusted each Beta using the Blume adjustment formula as used by Value Line: Adjusted Beta = 0.35 + 0.67 * Unadjusted Beta
- Column 3 = The Market Risk Premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the expected return from holding a risk free investment. The appropriate Market Risk Premium for the period 1926 2013 was determined to be 6.20% based on an arithmetic average as calculated in Duff & Phelps 2014 Valuation Handbook: A Guide to the Cost of Capital.
- Column 4 = The Market Risk Premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the expected return from holding a risk free investment. The appropriate Market Risk Premium for the period 1926 2013 was determined to be 4.64% based on a geometric average calculated by using the arithmetic average as calculated in Duff & Phelps 2014 Valuation Handbook: A Guide to the Cost of Capital.

$$R_A=R_g+(\sigma^2/2)$$

 $R_A=$ Arithmetic Return Average

R_g= Geometric Return Average

 σ = standard deviation of equity returns

Column 5 = (Column 1 + (Column 2 * Column 3)).

Column 6 = (Column 1 + (Column 2 * Column 4)).

Weighted Cost of Capital for Veolia Energy Kansas City, Inc.

Weighted Cost of Capital Using Common Equity Return of:

			Commo	n oi:	
	Percentage	Embedded			
Capital Component	of Capital	Cost	8.50%	9.00%	9.50%
					_
Common Stock Equity	48.00%		4.08%	4.32%	4.56%
Long-Term Debt	52.00%	5.27%	2.74%	2.74%	2.74%
	100.00%		6.82%	7.06%	7.30%

Notes: See Schedule 7 for the capital structure ratios