AN ANALYSIS OF THE COST OF CAPITAL

FOR

AQUILA, INC. d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS MPS AND AQUILA NETWORKS L&P

CASE NO. ER-2005-0436

SCHEDULES

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Federal Reserve Discount Rate and Federal Reserve Funds Rate Changes

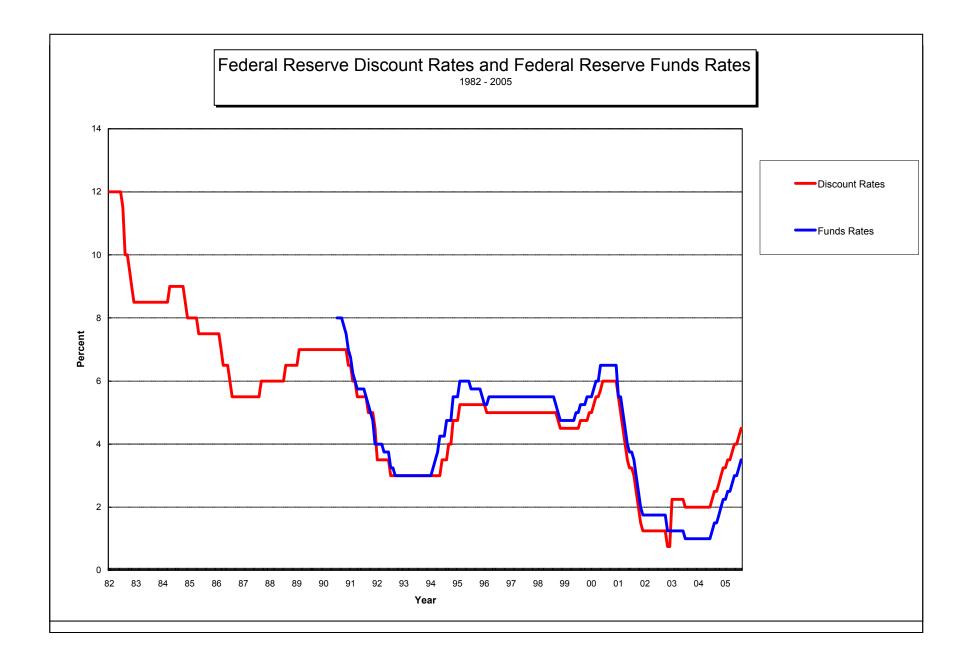
| | Discount | Funds | | Discount | Funds |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|-------|
| Date | Rate | Rate | Date | Rate | Rate |
| 07/19/82 | 11.50% | 1010 | 02/02/00 | 5.25% | 5.75% |
| 07/31/82 | 11.00% | | 03/21/00 | 5.50% | 6.00% |
| 08/14/82 | 10.50% | | 05/19/00 | 6.00% | 6.50% |
| 08/26/82 | 10.00% | | 01/03/01 | 5.75% | 6.00% |
| 10/10/82 | 9.50% | | 01/04/01 | 5.50% | 6.00% |
| 11/20/82 | 9.00% | | 01/31/01 | 5.00% | 5.50% |
| 12/14/82 | 8.50% | | 03/20/01 | 4.50% | 5.00% |
| 01/01/83 | 8.50% | | 04/18/01 | 4.00% | 4.50% |
| 12/31/83 | 8.50% | | 05/15/01 | 3.50% | 4.00% |
| 04/09/84 | 9.00% | | 06/27/01 | 3.25% | 3.75% |
| 11/21/84 | 8.50% | | 08/21/01 | 3.00% | 3.50% |
| 12/24/84 | 8.00% | | 09/17/01 | 2.50% | 3.00% |
| 05/20/85 | 7.50% | | 10/02/01 | 2.00% | 2.50% |
| 03/07/86 | 7.00% | | 11/06/01 | 1.50% | 2.00% |
| 04/21/86 | 6.50% | | 12/11/01 | 1.25% | 1.75% |
| 07/11/86 | 6.00% | | 11/06/02 | 0.75% | 1.25% |
| 08/21/86 | 5.50% | | ** 01/09/03 | 2.25% | 1.25% |
| 09/04/87 | 6.00% | | 06/25/03 | 2.00% | 1.00% |
| 08/09/88 | 6.50% | | 06/30/04 | 2.25% | 1.25% |
| 02/24/89 | 7.00% | | 08/10/04 | 2.50% | 1.50% |
| * 07/13/90 | | 8.00% | 09/21/04 | 2.75% | 1.75% |
| 10/29/90 | | 7.75% | 11/10/04 | 3.00% | 2.00% |
| 11/13/90 | | 7.50% | 12/14/04 | 3.25% | 2.25% |
| 12/07/90 | | 7.25% | 02/02/05 | 3.50% | 2.50% |
| 12/18/90 | | 7.00% | 03/22/05 | 3.75% | 2.75% |
| 12/19/90 | 6.50% | | 05/03/05 | 4.00% | 3.00% |
| 01/09/91 | | 6.75% | 06/30/05 | 4.25% | 3.25% |
| 02/01/91 | 6.00% | 6.25% | 08/09/05 | 4.50% | 3.50% |
| 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 | 0.000/ | 3.75% | | | |
| 07/02/92 | 3.00% | 3.25% | | | |
| 09/04/92 | | 3.00% | | | |
| 01/01/93 | No Changes | No Changes | | | |
| 12/31/93 | No Changes | No Changes | | | |
| 02/04/94 03/22/94 | | 3.25% 3.50% | | | |
| 03/22/94 04/18/94 | | 3.50% | | | |
| 05/17/94 | 3.50% | 3.75% 4.25% | | | |
| 08/16/94 | 4.00% | 4.25% | | | |
| 11/15/94 | 4.00% | 4.75% 5.50% | | | |
| 02/01/95 | 5.25% | <u>5.50%</u> 6.00% | | | |
| 07/06/95 | 0.20/0 | 5.75% | | | |
| 12/19/95 | | 5.50% | | | |
| 01/31/96 | 5.00% | 5.25% | | | |
| 03/25/97 | 0.0070 | 5.50% | | | |
| 12/12/97 | 5.00% | 0.0070 | | | |
| 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% | | | |
| 06/30/99 | 4.50% | 5.00% | | | |
| 08/24/99 | 4.75% | 5.25% | | | |
| 11/16/99 | 5.00% | 5.50% | | | |
| | | | | | |

* 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.

Sources: Federal Reserve Bank of New York: http://www.newyorkfed.org/aboutthefed/fedpoint/fed18.html (1/1/2000 through 8/9/2005). MGE direct testimony in Case No.GR-2004-0209 (all data prior to 1/1/2000).

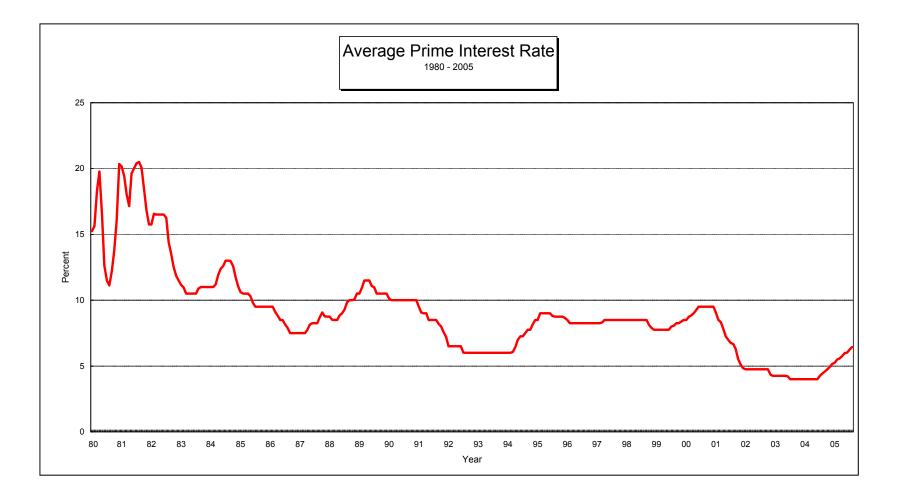
Note: Interest rates as of December 31 for each year are underlined.



Average Prime Interest Rates

| Mo/Year Jan 1980 | Rate (%) 15.25 | Mo/Year Jan 1984 | Rate (%) 11.00 | Mo/Year Jan 1988 | Rate (%) 8.75 | Mo/Year Jan 1992 | Rate (%) 6.50 | Mo/Year Jan 1996 | Rate (%) 8.50 | Mo/Year Jan 2000 | Rate (%) 8.50 | Mo/Year Jan 2004 | Rate (%) 4.00 |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Feb | 15.63 | Feb | 11.00 | Feb | 8.51 | Feb | 6.50 | Feb | 8.25 | Feb | 8.73 | Feb | 4.00 |
| Mar | 18.31 | Mar | 11.21 | Mar | 8.50 | Mar | 6.50 | Mar | 8.25 | Mar | 8.83 | Mar | 4.00 |
| Apr | 19.77 | Apr | 11.93 | Apr | 8.50 | Apr | 6.50 | Apr | 8.25 | Apr | 9.00 | Apr | 4.00 |
| May | 16.57 | May | 12.39 | May | 8.84 | May | 6.50 | May | 8.25 | May | 9 | May | 4.00 |
| Jun | 12.63 | Jun | 12.60 | Jun | 9.00 | Jun | 6.50 | Jun | 8.25 | Jun | 9.50 | Jun | 4.00 |
| Jul | 11.48 | Jul | 13.00 | Jul | 9.29 | Jul | 6.02 | Jul | 8.25 | Jul | 9.50 | Jul | 4.25 |
| Aug | 11.12 | Aug | 13.00 | Aug | 9.84 | Aug | 6.00 | Aug | 8.25 | Aug | 9.50 | Aug | 4.43 |
| Sep | 12.23 | Sep | 12.97 | Sep | 10.00 | Sep | 6.00 | Sep | 8.25 | Sep | 9.50 | Sep | 4.58 |
| Oct | 13.79 | Oct | 12.58 | Oct | 10.00 | Oct | 6.00 | Oct | 8.25 | Oct | 9.50 | Oct | 4.75 |
| Nov | 16.06 | Nov | 11.77 | Nov | 10.05 | Nov | 6.00 | Nov | 8.25 | Nov | 9.50 | Nov | 4.93 |
| Dec | 20.35 | Dec | 11.06 | Dec | 10.50 | Dec | 6.00 | Dec | 8.25 | Dec | 9.50 | Dec | 5.15 |
| Jan 1981 | 20.16 | Jan 1985 | 10.61 | Jan 1989 | 10.50 | Jan 1993 | 6.00 | Jan 1997 | 8.26 | Jan 2001 | 9.05 | Jan 2005 | 5.25 |
| Feb | 19.43 | Feb | 10.50 | Feb | 10.93 | Feb | 6.00 | Feb | 8.25 | Feb | 8.50 | Feb | 5.49 |
| Mar | 18.05 | Mar | 10.50 | Mar | 11.50 | Mar | 6.00 | Mar | 8.30 | Mar | 8.32 | Mar | 5.58 |
| Apr | 17.15 | Apr | 10.50 | Apr | 11.50 | Apr | 6.00 | Apr | 8.50 | Apr | 7.80 | Apr | 5.75 |
| May | 19.61 | May | 10.31 | May | 11.50 | May | 6.00 | May | 8.50 | May | 7 | May | 5.98 |
| Jun | 20.03 | Jun | 9.78 | Jun | 11.07 | Jun | 6.00 | Jun | 8.50 | Jun | 6.98 | Jun | 6.01 |
| Jul | 20.39 | Jul | 9.50 | Jul | 10.98 | Jul | 6.00 | Jul | 8.50 | Jul | 6.75 | Jul | 6.25 |
| Aug | 20.50 | Aug | 9.50 | Aug | 10.50 | Aug | 6.00 | Aug | 8.50 | Aug | 6.67 | Aug | 6.44 |
| Sep | 20.08 | Sep | 9.50 | Sep | 10.50 | Sep | 6.00 | Sep | 8.50 | Sep | 6.28 | | |
| Oct | 18.45 | Oct | 9.50 | Oct | 10.50 | Oct | 6.00 | Oct | 8.50 | Oct | 5.53 | | |
| Nov | 16.84 | Nov | 9.50 | Nov | 10.50 | Nov | 6.00 | Nov | 8.50 | Nov | 5.10 | | |
| Dec | 15.75 | Dec | 9.50 | Dec | 10.50 | Dec | 6.00 | Dec | 8.50 | Dec | 4.84 | | |
| Jan 1982 | 15.75 | Jan 1986 | 9.50 | Jan 1990 | 10.11 | Jan 1994 | 6.00 | Jan 1998 | 8.50 | Jan 2002 | 4.75 | | |
| Feb | 16.56 | Feb | 9.50 | Feb | 10.00 | Feb | 6.00 | Feb | 8.50 | Feb | 4.75 | | |
| Mar | 16.50 | Mar | 9.10 | Mar | 10.00 | Mar | 6.06 | Mar | 8.50 | Mar | 4.75 | | |
| Apr | 16.50 | Apr | 8.83 | Apr | 10.00 | Apr | 6.45 | Apr | 8.50 | Apr | 4.75 | | |
| May | 16.50 | May | 8.50 | May | 10.00 | May | 6.99 | May | 8.50 | May | 4.75 | | |
| Jun | 16.50 | Jun | 8.50 | Jun | 10.00 | Jun | 7.25 | Jun | 8.50 | Jun | 4.75 | | |
| Jul | 16.26 | Jul | 8.16 | Jul | 10.00 | Jul | 7.25 | Jul | 8.50 | Jul | 4.75 | | |
| Aug | 14.39 | Aug | 7.90 | Aug | 10.00 | Aug | 7.51 | Aug | 8.50 | Aug | 4.75 | | |
| Sep | 13.50 | Sep | 7.50 | Sep | 10.00 | Sep | 7.75 | Sep | 8.49 | Sep | 4.75 | | |
| Oct | 12.52 | Oct | 7.50 | Oct | 10.00 | Oct | 7.75 | Oct | 8.12 | Oct | 4.75 | | |
| Nov | 11.85 | Nov | 7.50 | Nov | 10.00 | Nov | 8.15 | Nov | 7.89 | Nov | 4.35 | | |
| Dec | 11.50 | Dec | 7.50 | Dec | 10.00 | Dec | 8.50 | Dec | 7.75 | Dec | 4.25 | | |
| Jan 1983 | 11.16 | Jan 1987 | 7.50 | Jan 1991 | 9.52 | Jan 1995 | 8.50 | Jan 1999 | 7.75 | Jan 2003 | 4.25 | | |
| Feb | 10.98 | Feb | 7.50 | Feb | 9.05 | Feb | 9.00 | Feb | 7.75 | Feb | 4.25 | | |
| Mar | 10.50 | Mar | 7.50 | Mar | 9.00 | Mar | 9.00 | Mar | 7.75 | Mar | 4.25 | | |
| Apr | 10.50 | Apr | 7.75 | Apr | 9.00 | Apr | 9.00 | Apr | 7.75 | Apr | 4.25 | | |
| May | 10.50 | May | 8.14 | May | 8.50 | May | 9.00 | May | 7.75 | May | 4.25 | | |
| Jun | 10.50 | Jun | 8.25 | Jun | 8.50 | Jun | 9.00 | Jun | 7.75 | Jun | 4.22 | | |
| Jul | 10.50 | Jul | 8.25 | Jul | 8.50 | Jul | 8.80 | Jul | 8.00 | Jul | 4.00 | | |
| Aug | 10.89 | Aug | 8.25 | Aug | 8.50 | Aug | 8.75 | Aug Sep | 8.06 | Aug | 4.00 4.00 | | |
| Sep | 11.00 | Sep | 8.70 | Sep Oct | 8.20 | Sep | 8.75 8.75 | | 8.25 8.25 | Sep | 4.00 | | |
| Oct | 11.00 | Oct | 9.07 8.78 | | 8.00 7.58 | Oct | 8.75 | Oct | | Oct Nov | 4.00 | | |
| Nov | 11.00 11.00 | Nov Dec | 8.78 | Nov Dec | 7.58 | Nov Dec | 8.65 | Nov Dec | 8.37 8.50 | Dec | 4.00 | | |
| Dec | 11.00 | Dec | 0.75 | Dec | 1.21 | Dec | 0.00 | Dec | 6.50 | Dec | 4.00 | | |

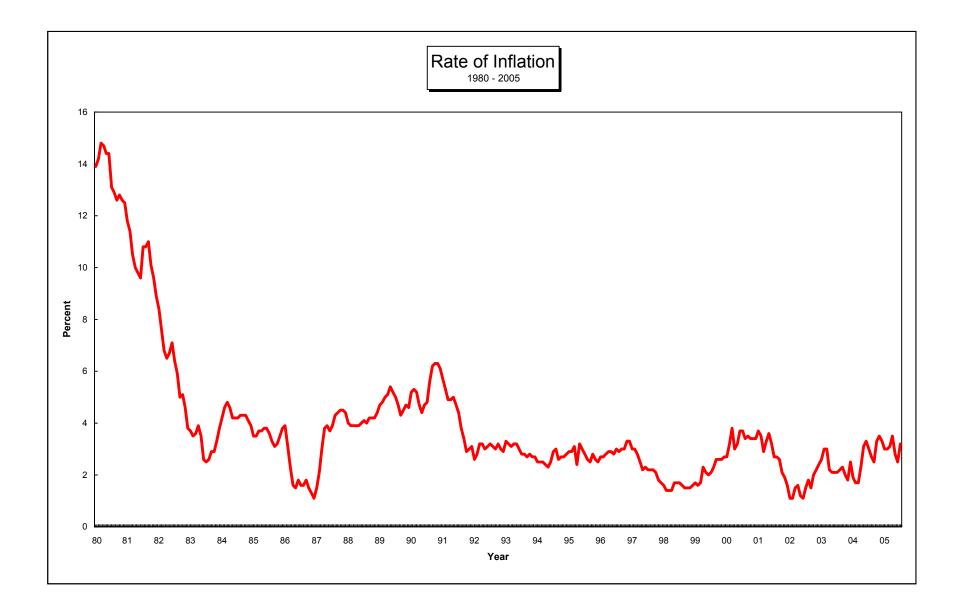
Source: St Louis Federal Reserve Bank: http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/data/MPRIME.txt



Rate of Inflation

| Mo/Year | Rate (%) |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jan 1980 | 13.90 | Jan 1984 | 4.20 | Jan 1988 | 4.00 | Jan 1992 | 2.60 | Jan 1996 | 2.70 | Jan 2000 | 2.70 | Jan 2004 | 1.90 |
| Feb | 14.20 | Feb | 4.60 | Feb | 3.90 | Feb | 2.80 | Feb | 2.70 | Feb | 3.20 | Feb | 1.70 |
| Mar | 14.80 | Mar | 4.80 | Mar | 3.90 | Mar | 3.20 | Mar | 2.80 | Mar | 3.70 | Mar | 1.70 |
| Apr | 14.70 | Apr | 4.60 | Apr | 3.90 | Apr | 3.20 | Apr | 2.90 | Apr | 3.00 | Apr | 2.30 |
| May | 14.40 | May | 4.20 | May | 3.90 | May | 3.00 | May | 2.90 | May | 3.20 | May | 3.10 |
| Jun | 14.40 | Jun | 4.20 | Jun | 4.00 | Jun | 3.10 | Jun | 2.80 | Jun | 3.70 | Jun | 3.30 |
| Jul | 13.10 | Jul | 4.20 | Jul | 4.10 | Jul | 3.20 | Jul | 3.00 | Jul | 3.70 | Jul | 3.00 |
| Aug | 12.90 | Aug | 4.30 | Aug | 4.00 | Aug | 3.10 | Aug | 2.90 | Aug | 3.40 | Aug | 2.70 |
| Sep | 12.60 | Sep | 4.30 | Sep | 4.20 | Sep | 3.00 | Sep | 3.00 | Sep | 3.50 | Sep | 2.50 |
| Oct | 12.80 | Oct | 4.30 | Oct | 4.20 | Oct | 3.20 | Oct | 3.00 | Oct | 3.40 | Oct | 3.30 |
| Nov | 12.60 | Nov | 4.10 | Nov | 4.20 | Nov | 3.00 | Nov | 3.30 | Nov | 3.40 | Nov | 3.50 |
| Dec | 12.50 | Dec | 3.90 | Dec | 4.40 | Dec | 2.90 | Dec | 3.30 | Dec | 3.40 | Dec | 3.30 |
| 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 |
| Feb | 11.40 | Feb | 3.50 | Feb | 4.80 | Feb | 3.20 | Feb | 3.00 | Feb | 3.50 | Feb | 3.00 |
| Mar | 10.50 | Mar | 3.70 | Mar | 5.00 | Mar | 3.10 | Mar | 2.80 | Mar | 2.90 | Mar | 3.10 |
| Apr | 10.00 | Apr | 3.70 | Apr | 5.10 | Apr | 3.20 | Apr | 2.50 | Apr | 3.30 | Apr | 3.50 |
| Мау | 9.80 | May | 3.80 | May | 5.40 | May | 3.20 | May | 2.20 | May | 3.60 | May | 2.80 |
| Jun | 9.60 | Jun | 3.80 | Jun | 5.20 | Jun | 3.00 | Jun | 2.30 | Jun | 3.20 | Jun | 2.50 |
| Jul | 10.80 | Jul | 3.60 | Jul | 5.00 | Jul | 2.80 | Jul | 2.20 | Jul | 2.70 | Jul | 3.20 |
| Aug | 10.80 | Aug | 3.30 | Aug | 4.70 | Aug | 2.80 | Aug | 2.20 | Aug | 2.70 | Aug | 3.60 |
| Sep | 11.00 | Sep | 3.10 | Sep | 4.30 | Sep | 2.70 | Sep | 2.20 | Sep | 2.60 | | |
| Oct | 10.10 | Oct | 3.20 | Oct | 4.50 | Oct | 2.80 | Oct | 2.10 | Oct | 2.10 | | |
| Nov | 9.60 | Nov | 3.50 | Nov | 4.70 | Nov | 2.70 | Nov | 1.80 | Nov | 1.90 | | |
| Dec | 8.90 | Dec | 3.80 | Dec | 4.60 | Dec | 2.70 | Dec | 1.70 | Dec | 1.60 | | |
| Jan 1982 | 8.40 | Jan 1986 | 3.90 | Jan 1990 | 5.20 | Jan 1994 | 2.50 | Jan 1998 | 1.60 | Jan 2002 | 1.10 | | |
| Feb | 7.60 | Feb | 3.10 | Feb | 5.30 | Feb | 2.50 | Feb | 1.40 | Feb | 1.10 | | |
| Mar | 6.80 | Mar | 2.30 | Mar | 5.20 | Mar | 2.50 | Mar | 1.40 | Mar | 1.50 | | |
| Apr | 6.50 | Apr | 1.60 | Apr | 4.70 | Apr | 2.40 | Apr | 1.40 | Apr | 1.60 | | |
| May | 6.70 | May | 1.50 | May | 4.40 | May | 2.30 | May | 1.70 | May | 1.20 | | |
| Jun | 7.10 | Jun | 1.80 | Jun | 4.70 | Jun | 2.50 | Jun | 1.70 | Jun | 1.10 | | |
| Jul | 6.40 | Jul | 1.60 | Jul | 4.80 | Jul | 2.90 | Jul | 1.70 | Jul | 1.50 | | |
| Aug | 5.90 | Aug | 1.60 | Aug | 5.60 | Aug | 3.00 | Aug | 1.60 | Aug | 1.80 | | |
| Sep | 5.00 | Sep | 1.80 | Sep | 6.20 | Sep | 2.60 | Sep | 1.50 | Sep | 1.50 | | |
| Oct | 5.10 | Oct | 1.50 | Oct | 6.30 | Oct | 2.70 | Oct | 1.50 | Oct | 2.00 | | |
| Nov | 4.60 | Nov | 1.30 | Nov | 6.30 | Nov | 2.70 | Nov | 1.50 | Nov | 2.20 | | |
| Dec | 3.80 | Dec | 1.10 | Dec | 6.10 | Dec | 2.80 | Dec | 1.60 | Dec | 2.40 | | |
| Jan 1983 | 3.70 | Jan 1987 | 1.50 | Jan 1991 | 5.70 | Jan 1995 | 2.90 | Jan 1999 | 1.70 | Jan 2003 | 2.60 | | |
| Feb | 3.50 | Feb | 2.10 | Feb | 5.30 | Feb | 2.90 | Feb | 1.60 | Feb | 3.00 | | |
| Mar | 3.60 | Mar | 3.00 | Mar | 4.90 | Mar | 3.10 | Mar | 1.70 | Mar | 3.00 | | |
| Apr | 3.90 | Apr | 3.80 | Apr | 4.90 | Apr | 2.40 | Apr | 2.30 | Apr | 2.20 | | |
| May | 3.50 | May | 3.90 | May | 5.00 | May | 3.20 | May | 2.10 | May | 2.10 | | |
| Jun | 2.60 | Jun | 3.70 | Jun | 4.70 | Jun | 3.00 | Jun | 2.00 | Jun | 2.10 | | |
| Jul | 2.50 | Jul | 3.90 | Jul | 4.40 | Jul | 2.80 | Jul | 2.10 | Jul | 2.10 | | |
| Aug | 2.60 | Aug | 4.30 | Aug | 3.80 | Aug | 2.60 | Aug | 2.30 | Aug | 2.20 | | |
| Sep | 2.90 | Sep | 4.40 | Sep | 3.40 | Sep | 2.50 | Sep | 2.60 | Sep | 2.30 | | |
| Oct | 2.90 | Oct | 4.50 | Oct | 2.90 | Oct | 2.80 | Oct | 2.60 | Oct | 2.00 | | |
| Nov | 3.30 | Nov | 4.50 | Nov | 3.00 | Nov | 2.60 | Nov | 2.60 | Nov | 1.80 | | |
| Dec | 3.80 | Dec | 4.40 | Dec | 3.10 | Dec | 2.50 | Dec | 2.70 | Dec | 1.90 | | |

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,



Average Yields on Mergent's Public Utility Bonds

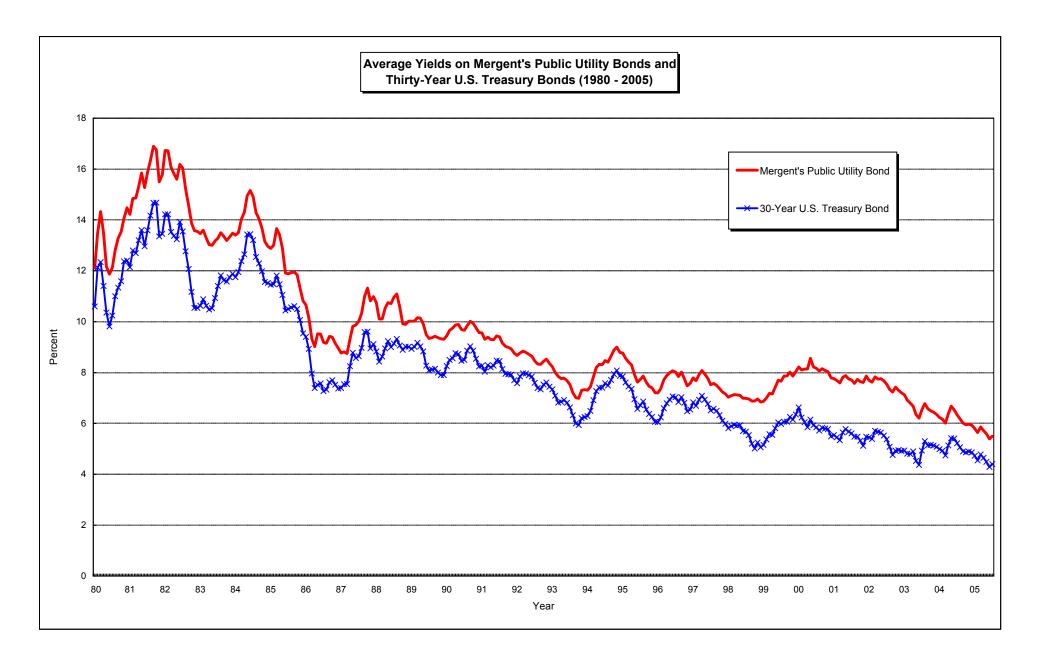
| Mo/Year Jan 1980 | Rate (%) 12.12 | Mo/Year Jan 1984 | Rate (%) 13.40 | Mo/Year Jan 1988 | Rate (%) 10.75 | Mo/Year Jan 1992 | Rate (%) 8.67 | Mo/Year Jan 1996 | Rate (%) 7.20 | Mo/Year Jan 2000 | Rate (%) 8.22 | Mo/Year Jan 2004 | Rate (%) 6.23 |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Feb | 13.48 | Feb | 13.50 | Feb | 10.13 | Feb | 8.77 | Feb | 7.37 | Feb | 8.10 | Feb | 6.17 |
| Mar | 14.33 | Mar | 14.03 | Mar | 10.11 | Mar | 8.84 | Mar | 7.72 | Mar | 8.14 | Mar | 6.01 |
| Apr | 13.50 | Apr | 14.30 | Apr | 10.53 | Apr | 8.79 | Apr | 7.88 | Apr | 8.14 | Apr | 6.38 |
| May | 12.17 | May | 14.95 | May | 10.75 | May | 8.72 | May | 7.99 | May | 8.55 | May | 6.68 |
| Jun | 11.87 | Jun | 15.16 | Jun | 10.71 | Jun | 8.64 | Jun | 8.07 | Jun | 8.22 | Jun | 6.53 |
| Jul | 12.12 | Jul | 14.92 | Jul | 10.96 | Jul | 8.46 | Jul | 8.02 | Jul | 8.17 | Jul | 6.34 |
| Aug | 12.82 | Aug | 14.29 | Aug | 11.09 | Aug | 8.34 | Aug | 7.84 | Aug | 8.05 | Aug | 6.18 |
| Sep | 13.29 | Sep | 14.04 | Sep | 10.56 | Sep | 8.32 | Sep | 8.01 | Sep | 8.16 | Sep | 6.01 |
| Oct | 13.53 | Oct | 13.68 | Oct | 9.92 | Oct | 8.44 | Oct | 7.76 | Oct | 8.08 | Oct | 5.95 |
| Nov | 14.07 | Nov | 13.15 | Nov | 9.89 | Nov | 8.53 | Nov | 7.48 | Nov | 8.03 | Nov | 5.97 |
| Dec | 14.48 | Dec | 12.96 | Dec | 10.02 | Dec | 8.36 | Dec | 7.58 | Dec | 7.79 | Dec | 5.93 |
| 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 |
| Feb | 14.84 | Feb | 13.00 | Feb | 10.02 | Feb | 8.00 | Feb | 7.68 | Feb | 7.69 | Feb | 5.64 |
| Mar | 14.86 | Mar | 13.66 | Mar | 10.16 | Mar | 7.85 | Mar | 7.92 | Mar | 7.59 | Mar | 5.86 |
| Apr | 15.32 | Apr | 13.42 | Apr | 10.14 | Apr | 7.76 | Apr | 8.08 | Apr | 7.81 | Apr | 5.72 |
| May | 15.84 | May | 12.89 | May | 9.92 | May | 7.78 | May | 7.94 | May | 7.88 | May | 5.60 |
| Jun | 15.27 | Jun | 11.91 | Jun | 9.49 | Jun | 7.68 | Jun | 7.77 | Jun | 7.75 | Jun | 5.39 |
| Jul | 15.87 | Jul | 11.88 | Jul | 9.34 | Jul | 7.53 | Jul | 7.52 | Jul | 7.71 | Jul | 5.50 |
| Aug | 16.33 | Aug | 11.93 | Aug | 9.37 | Aug | 7.21 | Aug | 7.57 | Aug | 7.57 | Aug | 5.51 |
| Sep | 16.89 | Sep | 11.95 | Sep | 9.43 | Sep | 7.01 | Sep | 7.50 | Sep | 7.73 | 0 | |
| Oct | 16.76 | Oct | 11.84 | Oct | 9.37 | Oct | 6.99 | Oct | 7.37 | Oct | 7.64 | | |
| Nov | 15.50 | Nov | 11.33 | Nov | 9.33 | Nov | 7.30 | Nov | 7.24 | Nov | 7.61 | | |
| Dec | 15.77 | Dec | 10.82 | Dec | 9.31 | Dec | 7.33 | Dec | 7.16 | Dec | 7.86 | | |
| Jan 1982 | 16.73 | Jan 1986 | 10.66 | Jan 1990 | 9.44 | Jan 1994 | 7.31 | Jan 1998 | 7.03 | Jan 2002 | 7.69 | | |
| Feb | 16.72 | Feb | 10.16 | Feb | 9.66 | Feb | 7.44 | Feb | 7.09 | Feb | 7.62 | | |
| Mar | 16.07 | Mar | 9.33 | Mar | 9.75 | Mar | 7.83 | Mar | 7.13 | Mar | 7.83 | | |
| Apr | 15.82 | Apr | 9.02 | Apr | 9.87 | Apr | 8.20 | Apr | 7.12 | Apr | 7.74 | | |
| May | 15.60 | May | 9.52 | May | 9.89 | May | 8.32 | May | 7.11 | May | 7.76 | | |
| Jun | 16.18 | Jun | 9.51 | Jun | 9.69 | Jun | 8.31 | Jun | 6.99 | Jun | 7.67 | | |
| Jul | 16.04 | Jul | 9.19 | Jul | 9.66 | Jul | 8.47 | Jul | 6.99 | Jul | 7.54 | | |
| Aug | 15.22 | Aug | 9.15 | Aug | 9.84 | Aug | 8.41 | Aug | 6.96 | Aug | 7.34 | | |
| Sep | 14.56 | Sep | 9.42 | Sep | 10.01 | Sep | 8.65 | Sep | 6.88 | Sep | 7.23 | | |
| Oct | 13.88 | Oct | 9.39 | Oct | 9.94 | Oct | 8.88 | Oct | 6.88 | Oct | 7.43 | | |
| Nov | 13.58 | Nov | 9.15 | Nov | 9.76 | Nov | 9.00 | Nov | 6.96 | Nov | 7.31 | | |
| Dec | 13.55 | Dec | 8.96 | Dec | 9.57 | Dec | 8.79 | Dec | 6.84 | Dec | 7.20 | | |
| Jan 1983 | 13.46 | Jan 1987 | 8.77 | Jan 1991 | 9.56 | Jan 1995 | 8.77 | Jan 1999 | 6.87 | Jan 2003 | 7.13 | | |
| Feb | 13.60 | Feb | 8.81 | Feb | 9.31 | Feb | 8.56 | Feb | 7.00 | Feb | 6.92 | | |
| Mar | 13.28 | Mar | 8.75 | Mar | 9.39 | Mar | 8.41 | Mar | 7.18 | Mar | 6.80 | | |
| Apr | 13.03 | Apr | 9.30 | Apr | 9.30 | Apr | 8.30 | Apr | 7.16 | Apr | 6.68 | | |
| May | 13.00 | May | 9.82 | May | 9.29 | May | 7.93 | May | 7.42 | May | 6.35 | | |
| Jun | 13.17 | Jun | 9.87 | Jun | 9.44 | Jun | 7.62 | Jun | 7.70 | Jun | 6.21 | | |
| Jul | 13.28 | Jul | 10.01 | Jul | 9.40 | Jul | 7.73 | Jul | 7.66 | Jul | 6.54 | | |
| Aug | 13.50 | Aug | 10.33 | Aug | 9.16 | Aug | 7.86 | Aug | 7.86 | Aug | 6.78 | | |
| Sep | 13.35 | Sep | 11.00 | Sep | 9.03 | Sep | 7.62 | Sep | 7.87 | Sep | 6.58 | | |
| Oct | 13.19 | Oct | 11.32 | Oct | 8.99 | Oct | 7.46 | Oct | 8.02 | Oct | 6.50 | | |
| Nov | 13.33 | Nov | 10.82 | Nov | 8.93 | Nov | 7.40 | Nov | 7.86 | Nov | 6.44 | | |
| Dec | 13.48 | Dec | 10.99 | Dec | 8.76 | Dec | 7.21 | Dec | 8.04 | Dec | 6.36 | | |

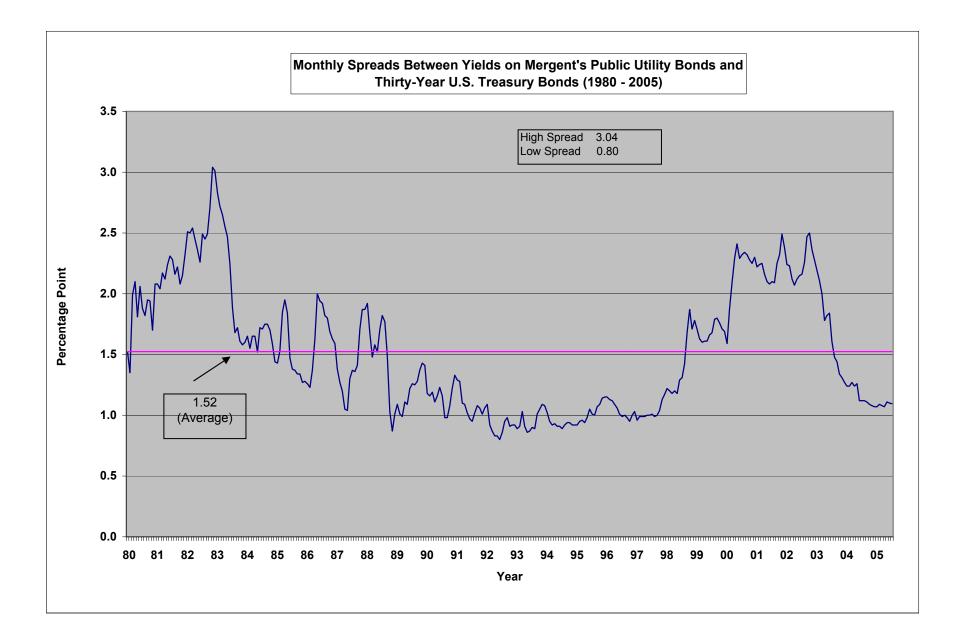
Source: Mergent Bond Record

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

| Mo/Year | Rate (%) |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Jan 1980 | 10.60 | Jan 1984 | 11.75 | Jan 1988 | 8.83 | Jan 1992 | 7.58 | Jan 1996 | 6.05 | Jan 2000 | 6.63 | Jan 2004 | 4.99 |
| Feb | 12.13 | Feb | 11.95 | Feb | 8.43 | Feb | 7.85 | Feb | 6.24 | Feb | 6.23 | Feb | 4.93 |
| Mar | 12.34 | Mar | 12.38 | Mar | 8.63 | Mar | 7.97 | Mar | 6.60 | Mar | 6.05 | Mar | 4.74 |
| Apr | 11.40 | Apr | 12.65 | Apr | 8.95 | Apr | 7.96 | Apr | 6.79 | Apr | 5.85 | Apr | 5.14 |
| May | 10.36 | May | 13.43 | May | 9.23 | May | 7.89 | May | 6.93 | May | 6.15 | May | 5.42 |
| Jun | 9.81 | Jun | 13.44 | Jun | 9.00 | Jun | 7.84 | Jun | 7.06 | Jun | 5.93 | Jun | 5.41 |
| Jul | 10.24 | Jul | 13.21 | Jul | 9.14 | Jul | 7.60 | Jul | 7.03 | Jul | 5.85 | Jul | 5.22 |
| Aug | 11.00 | Aug | 12.54 | Aug | 9.32 | Aug | 7.39 | Aug | 6.84 | Aug | 5.72 | Aug | 5.06 |
| Sep | 11.34 | Sep | 12.29 | Sep | 9.06 | Sep | 7.34 | Sep | 7.03 | Sep | 5.83 | Sep | 4.90 |
| Oct | 11.59 | Oct | 11.98 | Oct | 8.89 | Oct | 7.53 | Oct | 6.81 | Oct | 5.80 | Oct | 4.86 |
| Nov | 12.37 | Nov | 11.56 | Nov | 9.02 | Nov | 7.61 | Nov | 6.48 | Nov | 5.78 | Nov | 4.89 |
| Dec | 12.40 | Dec | 11.52 | Dec | 9.01 | Dec | 7.44 | Dec | 6.55 | Dec | 5.49 | Dec | 4.86 |
| 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 |
| Feb | 12.80 | Feb | 11.47 | Feb | 9.01 | Feb | 7.09 | Feb | 6.69 | Feb | 5.45 | Feb | 4.55 |
| Mar | 12.69 | Mar | 11.81 | Mar | 9.17 | Mar | 6.82 | Mar | 6.93 | Mar | 5.34 | Mar | 4.78 |
| Apr | 13.20 | Apr | 11.47 | Apr | 9.03 | Apr | 6.85 | Apr | 7.09 | Apr | 5.65 | Apr | 4.65 |
| May | 13.60 | May | 11.05 | May | 8.83 | May | 6.92 | May | 6.94 | May | 5.78 | May | 4.49 |
| Jun | 12.96 | Jun | 10.44 | Jun | 8.27 | Jun | 6.81 | Jun | 6.77 | Jun | 5.67 | Jun | 4.29 |
| Jul | 13.59 | Jul | 10.50 | Jul | 8.08 | Jul | 6.63 | Jul | 6.51 | Jul | 5.61 | Jul | 4.41 |
| Aug | 14.17 | Aug | 10.56 | Aug | 8.12 | Aug | 6.32 | Aug | 6.58 | Aug | 5.48 | Aug | 4.46 |
| Sep | 14.67 | Sep | 10.61 | Sep | 8.15 | Sep | 6.00 | Sep | 6.50 | Sep | 5.48 | | |
| Oct | 14.68 | Oct | 10.50 | Oct | 8.00 | Oct | 5.94 | Oct | 6.33 | Oct | 5.32 | | |
| Nov | 13.35 | Nov | 10.06 | Nov | 7.90 | Nov | 6.21 | Nov | 6.11 | Nov | 5.12 | | |
| Dec | 13.45 | Dec | 9.54 | Dec | 7.90 | Dec | 6.25 | Dec | 5.99 | Dec | 5.48 | | |
| Jan 1982 | 14.22 | Jan 1986 | 9.40 | Jan 1990 | 8.26 | Jan 1994 | 6.29 | Jan 1998 | 5.81 | Jan 2002 | 5.44 | | |
| Feb | 14.22 | Feb | 8.93 | Feb | 8.50 | Feb | 6.49 | Feb | 5.89 | Feb | 5.39 | | |
| Mar | 13.53 | Mar | 7.96 | Mar | 8.56 | Mar | 6.91 | Mar | 5.95 | Mar | 5.71 | | |
| Apr | 13.37 | Apr | 7.39 | Apr | 8.76 | Apr | 7.27 | Apr | 5.92 | Apr | 5.67 | | |
| May | 13.24 | May | 7.52 | May | 8.73 | May | 7.41 | May | 5.93 | May | 5.64 | | |
| Jun | 13.92 | Jun | 7.57 | Jun | 8.46 | Jun | 7.40 | Jun | 5.70 | Jun | 5.52 | | |
| Jul | 13.55 | Jul | 7.27 | Jul | 8.50 | Jul | 7.58 | Jul | 5.68 | Jul | 5.38 | | |
| Aug | 12.77 | Aug | 7.33 | Aug | 8.86 | Aug | 7.49 | Aug | 5.54 | Aug | 5.08 | | |
| Sep | 12.07 | Sep | 7.62 | Sep | 9.03 | Sep | 7.71 | Sep | 5.20 | Sep | 4.76 | | |
| Oct | 11.17 | Oct | 7.70 | Oct | 8.86 | Oct | 7.94 | Oct | 5.01 | Oct | 4.93 | | |
| Nov | 10.54 | Nov | 7.52 | Nov | 8.54 | Nov | 8.08 | Nov | 5.25 | Nov | 4.95 | | |
| Dec | 10.54 | Dec | 7.37 | Dec | 8.24 | Dec | 7.87 | Dec | 5.06 | Dec | 4.92 | | |
| Jan 1983 | 10.63 | Jan 1987 | 7.39 | Jan 1991 | 8.27 | Jan 1995 | 7.85 | Jan 1999 | 5.16 | Jan 2003 | 4.94 | | |
| Feb | 10.88 | Feb | 7.54 | Feb | 8.03 | Feb | 7.61 | Feb | 5.37 | Feb | 4.81 | | |
| Mar | 10.63 | Mar | 7.55 | Mar | 8.29 | Mar | 7.45 | Mar | 5.58 | Mar | 4.80 | | |
| Apr | 10.48 | Apr | 8.25 | Apr | 8.21 | Apr | 7.36 | Apr | 5.55 | Apr | 4.90 | | |
| May | 10.53 | May | 8.78 | May | 8.27 | May | 6.95 | May | 5.81 | May | 4.53 | | |
| Jun | 10.93 | Jun | 8.57 | Jun | 8.47 | Jun | 6.57 | Jun | 6.04 | Jun | 4.37 | | |
| Jul | 11.40 | Jul | 8.64 | Jul | 8.45 | Jul | 6.72 | Jul | 5.98 | Jul | 4.93 | | |
| Aug | 11.82 | Aug | 8.97 | Aug | 8.14 | Aug | 6.86 | Aug | 6.07 | Aug | 5.30 | | |
| Sep | 11.63 | Sep | 9.59 | Sep | 7.95 | Sep | 6.55 | Sep | 6.07 | Sep | 5.14 | | |
| Oct | 11.58 | Oct | 9.61 | Oct | 7.93 | Oct | 6.37 | Oct | 6.26 | Oct | 5.16 | | |
| Nov | 11.75 | Nov | 8.95 | Nov | 7.92 | Nov | 6.26 | Nov | 6.15 | Nov | 5.13 | | |
| Dec | 11.88 | Dec | 9.12 | Dec | 7.70 | Dec | 6.06 | Dec | 6.35 | Dec | 5.08 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Sources: Federal Reserve, http://www.stls.frb.org/fred/data/irates yahoo finance http://finance.yahoo.com/q/hp?s=^TYX





Economic Estimates and Projections, 2005 - 2007

| | | Inflation Rate | e | | Real GDP | | 1 | Unemployme | nt | 3- | Mo. T-Bill R | ate | 30 | -Yr. T-Bond F | Rate |
|---|-------|----------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|------------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Source | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| Value Line Investment Survey (08/26/05) | 3.30% | 2.40% | 2.00% | 3.70% | 3.40% | 3.10% | 5.10% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 3.20% | 4.20% | 4.30% | 4.70% | 5.30% | 5.60% |
| The Budget and Economic Outlook FY2005-2015 | 2.40% | 1.90% | 2.10% | 3.80% | 3.70% | 3.70% | 5.20% | 5.20% | 5.20% | 2.80% | 4.00% | 4.60% | N.A. | N.A. | N.A. |
| Current rate | 3.60% | | | 3.30% | | | 4.90% | | | 3.44% | | | 4.42% | | |

Notes: N.A. = Not Available.

| Sources of Current Rates: | Inflation: | The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers, 12-Month Period Ending August 31, 2005. |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|
| | 30-Yr. T-Bond: | Investopedia, 30-Year U.S. Treasury Bond Rate, http://www.investopedia.com/offsite.asp?URL=http://quote.yahoo.com/q?s=%5ETYX&d=1y as of October 7, 2005. |
| | 3-Month Treasury | : The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, 3-Month Treasury Bill Rate, http://research.stlouisfed.org/fred2/data/GS3M.txt as of August 1, 2005. |
| | GDP: | U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Real GDP for the 3-month period ending June 30, 2005. |
| | Unemployment: | The Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economy at a Glance - Unemployment Rate as of August 2005. |
| | | |
| | | |

Other Sources: The Congressional Budget Office, The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2005-2015 http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2727&sequence=11.

Historical Consolidated Capital Structures for

Aquila, Inc.

(Dollars in millions)

| Capital Structure | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Common Equity Preferred Stock Long-Term Debt Short-Term Debt | \$661.1 95.1 896.7 ** <u>230.9</u> \$1,883.8 | \$851.7 83.9 1,011.5 ** <u>70.0</u> \$2,017.1 | \$906.8 25.4 1,115.7 ** <u>182.4</u> \$2,230.3 | \$946.3 125.4 1,370.5 ** <u>288.6</u> \$2,730.8 | \$1,158.0 125.0 1,496.4 ** <u>252.0</u> \$3,031.4 |
| Capital Structure | 1997_ | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
| Common Equity Preferred Stock Long-Term Debt Short-Term Debt | \$1,163.6 100.0 * 1,508.9 ** <u>113.8</u> \$2,886.3 | \$1,446.3 100.0 * 1,625.4 ** <u>235.6</u> \$3,407.3 | \$1,525.4 350.0 * 2,245.1 ** <u>248.9</u> \$4,369.4 | \$1,799.6 450.0 * 2,397.6 ** 501.0 \$5,148.2 | \$2,551.6 250.0 * 2,427.0 ** 548.6 \$5,777.2 |
| Capital Structure | 2002_ | 2003 | 2004 | | |
| Common Equity Preferred Stock Long-Term Debt Short-Term Debt | \$1,608.0 0.0 * 2,929.0 ** <u>301.0</u> \$4,838.0 | \$1,359.3 0.0 * 2,706.0 ** 0.0 \$4,065.3 | \$1,130.5 0.0 * 2,371.9 ** 0.0 \$3,502.4 | | |

Notes: * Preferred Stock includes Company-obligated preferred securities. **Includes current maturities on long-term debt.

Sources: Aquila, Inc.'s 2000, 2002 and 2004 Annual Reports.

Historical Consolidated Capital Structures for

Aquila, Inc.

(In Percentages)

| Capital Structure | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Common Equity | 35.09% | 42.22% | 40.66% | 34.65% | 38.20% |
| Preferred Stock | 5.05% | 4.16% | 1.14% | 4.59% | 4.12% |
| Long-Term Debt | 47.60% ** | 50.15% ** | 50.02% ** | 50.19% ** | 49.36% ** |
| Short-Term Debt | 12.26% | 3.47% | 8.18% | 10.57% | 8.31% |
| Total | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| | | | | | |
| Capital Structure | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
| Common Equity | 40.31% | 42.45% | 34.91% | 34.96% | 44.17% |
| Preferred Stock | 3.46% * | 2.93% * | 8.01% * | 8.74% * | 4.33% * |
| Long-Term Debt | 52.28% ** | 47.70% ** | 51.38% ** | 46.57% ** | 42.01% ** |
| Short-Term Debt | 3.94% | 6.91% | 5.70% | 9.73% | 9.50% |
| Total | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% |
| | | | | 10-Year | 5-Year |
| | | | | (1992-2001) | (1997-2001) |
| Capital Structure | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | Average | Average |
| Common Equity | 33.24% | 33.44% | 32.28% | 38.76% | 39.36% |
| Preferred Stock | 0.00% * | 0.00% * | 0.00% * | 4.65% | 5.50% |
| Long-Term Debt | 60.54% ** | 47.70% ** | 67.72% ** | 48.73% | 47.99% |
| Short-Term Debt | 6.22% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 7.86% | 7.16% |
| | 100.00% | 81.14% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 100.00% |

Source: Schedule 7-1

Notes: * Preferred Stock includes Company-obligated preferred securities.

**Includes current maturities on long-term debt.

Sources: Aquila, Inc.'s 2000, 2002 and 2004 Annual Reports.

Selected Financial Ratios for Aquila, Inc. Consolidated Basis

| Financial Ratios | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 |
|---|---------|---------|------------|------------|------------|
| Return on Ending Common Equity | 13.46% | 11.70% | -129.06% * | -24.75% * | -25.87% * |
| Earnings Per Common Share | \$1.91 | \$2.01 | -\$12.83 | -\$1.73 | -\$1.13 |
| Cash Dividends Per Common Share | \$1.20 | \$1.20 | \$0.78 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Common Dividend Payout Ratio | 62.83% | 59.70% | N.M. | N.M. | N.M. |
| Year-End Market Price Per Common Share | \$31.00 | \$17.10 | \$1.77 | \$3.39 | \$3.69 |
| Year-End Book Value Per Common Share | \$17.94 | \$22.01 | \$8.30 | \$6.96 | \$4.68 |
| Year-End Market-to- Book Ratio | 1.73 x | 0.78 x | 0.21 x | 0.49 x | 0.79 x |
| Pre-Tax Interest Coverage Ratio | 2.51 x | 3.16 x | Negative x | Negative x | Negative x |
| Issuer Credit Rating | BBB ** | BBB ** | BB ** | B ** | B- ** |

* Because the financial data was not directly provided in Aquila, Inc.'s 2002 or 2004 Annual Report, Staff made its own calculation of the Return on Ending Common Equity.

**Ratings are as of year-end for respective years. Ratings for Aquila have changed many times during the period from 2002 to present.

Formulas:

Return on Ending Common Equity = Net Income Available for Common Stock / Ending Common Shareholders' Equity.

Year-End Market to Book Ratio = Year-End Market Price Per Common Share / Year-End Book Value Per Common Share.

Year-End Market Price Per Common Share has been adjusted for stock splits and stock dividends.

Pre-Tax Interest Coverage Ratio = (Net Income + Income Taxes + Total Interest Expense) / Total Interest Expense.

Sources:

Aquila, Inc.'s Stockholders Annual Reports. The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports July 1, 2005. S&P's Stock Guides, January 2005 and January 2004. S&P's Ratings Direct at: http://www.ratingsdirect.com/Apps/RD

Capital Structure as of June 30, 2005 for Aquila, Inc.

| Capital Component | Amount in Dollars | Percentage of Capital |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Common Stock Equity | \$1,103,700,000 | 36.16% |
| Preferred Stock | 0 | 0.00% |
| Long-Term Debt | 1,948,769,382 * | 63.84% |
| Short-Term Debt | 0 | 0.00% |
| Total Capitalization | \$3,052,469,382 | 100.00% |

Electric Financial Ratio Benchmark Total Debt / Total Capital

Standard & Poor's Corporation's RatingsDirect, Revised Financial Guidelines as of June 2, 2004 BBB Credit Rating based on a "6" Business Profile

48% to 58%

Note: *Net proceeds as indicated on Schedule 10.

Source: Aquila, Inc.'s response to Staff's Data Request No. MPSC-250 and Aquila's 10Q for June 30, 2005.

Aquila, Inc. Weighted Average Cost of Debt as of June 30, 2005

| LONG-TERM DEBT | ISSUE DATE YR/MO/DAY | DUE DATE YR/MO/DAY | INTEREST RATE | <u>A</u> ORIGINAL ISSUE | <u>B</u> AMOUNT OUTSTANDING | <u>C</u> DISCOUNT/PREMIUM & ISSUE COSTS | <u>D=B/A*C</u> RELATIVE COSTS | <u>B-D</u> NET PROCEEDS | ANNUAL INTEREST | COST OF MONEY |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Convertible Subordinated Debentures | July 24, 1986 | July 1, 2011 | 6.625% | 50,000,000 | 2,173,001 | 2,626,347 | 114,141 | 2,058,860 | 143,961 | 6.992% |
| Wamego, KS Pollution Control Bonds | March 1, 1996 | March 1, 2026 | 2.000% | 7,300,000 | 7,300,000 | 422,982 | 422,982 | 6,877,018 | 146,000 | 2.123% |
| Senior Notes, 9.0% Series | November 25, 1991 | November 15, 2021 | 9.000% | 150,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 3,018,294 | 100,610 | 4,899,390 | 450,000 | 9.185% |
| Senior Notes, 8.2% Series | January 29, 1992 | January 15, 2007 | 8.200% | 130,000,000 | 36,905,000 | 13,042,943 | 3,702,691 | 33,202,309 | 3,026,210 | 9.114% |
| Senior Notes, 8.0% Series | March 3, 1993 | March 1, 2023 | 8.000% | 125,000,000 | 51,500,000 | 1,982,502 | 816,791 | 50,683,209 | 4,120,000 | 8.129% |
| Environmental Improvement Bonds | May 26, 1993 | May 1, 2028 | 2.030% | 5,000,000 | 5,000,000 | 111,563 | 111,563 | 4,888,437 | 101,500 | 2.076% |
| Sanwa Bus CC | December 9, 1995 | December 9, 2009 | 6.990% | 8,190,000 | 3,533,280 | 35,000 | 15,099 | 3,518,181 | 246,976 | 7.020% |
| Senior Notes, 6.7% Series | October 17, 1996 | October 15, 2006 | 6.700% | 100,000,000 | 85,900,000 | 666,537 | 572,555 | 85,327,445 | 5,755,300 | 6.745% |
| Senior Notes, 8.27% Series | March 31, 1999 | November 15, 2021 | 8.270% | 131,750,000 | 80,850,000 | 3,591,143 | 2,203,749 | 78,646,251 | 6,686,295 | 8.502% |
| Senior Notes, 9.03% Series | March 31, 1999 | December 1, 2005 | 9.030% | 20,232,000 | 19,057,000 | 613,622 | 577,985 | 18,479,015 | 1,720,847 | 9.312% |
| Senior Notes, 7.625% Series | November 15, 1999 | November 15, 2009 | 7.625% | 200,000,000 | 199,000,000 | 3,025,739 | 3,010,610 | 195,989,390 | 15,173,750 | 7.742% |
| SJLP FMB | November 25, 1991 | February 1, 2021 | 9.440% | 22,500,000 | 18,000,000 | 664,653 | 531,722 | 17,468,278 | 1,699,200 | 9.727% |
| SJLP Unsecured MTN | December 6, 1993 | December 1, 2023 | 7.170% | 7,000,000 | 7,000,000 | 382,259 | 382,259 | 6,617,741 | 501,900 | 7.584% |
| SJLP Unsecured MTN | November 30, 1993 | November 30, 2023 | 7.330% | 3,000,000 | 3,000,000 | 163,606 | 163,606 | 2,836,394 | 219,900 | 7.753% |
| SJLP Unsecured MTN | November 30, 1993 | November 29, 2013 | 7.160% | 9,000,000 | 9,000,000 | 490,738 | 490,738 | 8,509,262 | 644,400 | 7.573% |
| SJLP Unsecured MTN | November 30, 1993 | November 29, 2013 | | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 54,526 | 54,526 | 945,474 | 71,300 | 7.541% |
| SJLP Unsecured Pollution Control Bonds | June 4, 1995 | February 1, 2013 | 5.850% | 5,600,000 | 5,600,000 | 913,838 | 913,838 | 4,686,162 | 327,600 | 6.991% |
| Senior Notes, 7.95% Series (downgrade 9.95%) | February 1, 2001 | February 1, 2011 | 7.950% | 250,000,000 | 250,000,000 | 1,880,959 | 1,880,959 | 248,119,041 | 19,875,000 | 8.010% |
| Senior Notes, 11.875% Series (downgrade 14.875%) | July 3, 2002 | July 1, 2012 | 6.700% | 500,000,000 | 500,000,000 | 9,365,205 | 9,365,205 | 490,634,795 | 33,500,000 | 6.828% |
| QUIBS | February 28, 2002 | March 1, 2032 | | 287,500,000 | 287,500,000 | 9,432,634 | 9,432,634 | 278,067,366 | 22,640,625 | 8.142% |
| Manditorily Convertible Senior Notes (PIES) (A) | August 24, 2004 | September 15, 2007 | | 345,000,000 | 3,926,375 | 10,699,751 | 121,772 | 3,804,603 | 265,030 | 6.966% |
| Term Loan | September 20, 2004 | September 19, 2009 | 4.010% | 220,000,000 | 220,000,000 | 5,839,825 | 5,839,825 | 214,160,175 | 8,822,000 | 4.119% |
| Everest Term Loan | April 28, 2004 | April 1, 2007 | 5.25% | 5,500,000 | 5,500,000 | 53,925 | 53,925 | 5,446,075 | 288,750 | |
| MZ Partners | December 1, 2004 | January 2, 2010 | 4.75% | 2,715,000 | 1,531,121 | 34,847 | 19,652 | 1,511,469 | 72,728 | 4.812% |
| MZ Partners Nebraska | June 9, 1994 | July 1, 2009 | 7.88% | 3,640,000 | 1,516,805 | 63,865 | 26,613 | 1,490,192 | 119,448 | 8.016% |
| UCFC 7.75% Senior Notes | June 20, 2001 | June 15, 2011 | 7.750% | 200,000,000 | 197,000,000 | 17,357,512 | 17,097,149 | 179,902,851 | 15,267,500 | 8.487% |
| Total Aquila Long-Term Debt | | | _ | 2,789,927,000 | 2,006,792,582 | | | 1,948,769,382 | 141,886,222 | 7.281% |

Source: Response to Staff's Data Information Request No. MPSC 250.

Notes:

July 3, 2002 11.875% senior note adjusted downward to more closely match the cost of a senior note that Empire issued during the same year. September 20, 2004 Term Loan adjusted downward to reflect the margin that would be charged if Aquila were investment grade.

Criteria for Selecting Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Two | |
| | | | | | Sources for | Comparable |
| | Stock | Information | 10-Years | At Least Investment | Projected Growth | Company |
| Vertically Integrated | Publicly | Printed In | of Data | Grade Credit | Available with One | Met All |
| Electric Utility Companies(Ticker) | Traded | Value Line | Available | Rating | from Value Line | Criteria |
| Cen. Vermont Pub. Serv.(CV) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | |
| El Paso Electric(EE) | Yes | Yes | No | | | |
| Empire Dist. Electric(EDE) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Green Mountain Power(GMP) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | |
| Hawaiian Electric(HE) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| IDACORP, Inc.(IDA) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| PacifiCorp(N.A.) | No | | | | | |
| Pinnacle West Capital(PNW) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Portland General Electric Co.(N.A.) | No | | | | | |
| Puget Energy Inc.(PSD) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Southern Co.(SO) | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

Sources: Columns 1 and 4 = Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect

Columns 2, 3 and 5 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports. Columnn 5 = August 2005 Earnings Guide and I/B/E/S Inc.'s Institutional Brokers Estimate System, August 18, 2005.

Notes: N.A. = Not available because not publicly traded.

Comparable Electric Utility Companies For Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks MPS And Aquila Networks L&P

| | Ticker | |
|--------|--------|------------------------------------|
| Number | Symbol | Company Name |
| 1 | EDE | Empire District Electric Company |
| 2 | HE | Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. |
| 3 | IDA | IDACORP, Inc. |
| 4 | PNW | Pinnacle West Capital |
| 5 | PSD | Puget Energy Inc. |
| 6 | SO | Southern Co. |

Dividends Per Share, Earnings Per Share & Book Value Per Share Growth Rates for the Six Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | | 10-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| | | | | Average of 10 Year Annual Compound |
| Company Name | DPS | EPS | BVPS | Growth Rates |
| Empire District Electric Company | 0.00% | -1.00% | 2.00% | 0.33% |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 1.00% | 2.00% | 2.50% | 1.83% |
| IDACORP, Inc. | -1.50% | -1.50% | 2.50% | -0.17% |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 17.50% | 3.00% | 5.00% | 8.50% |
| Puget Energy Inc. | -5.00% | -4.00% | -1.00% | -3.33% |
| Southern Co. | 2.00% | <u>2.50%</u> | <u>1.00%</u> | 1.83% |
| Average | <u>2.33%</u> | <u>0.17%</u> | <u>2.00%</u> | <u>1.50%</u> |
| Standard Deviation | 7.14% | 2.53% | 1.80% | 3.58% |

Source: The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, June 3, July 1 and August 12, 2005.

Dividends Per Share, Earnings Per Share & Book Value Per Share Growth Rates for the Six Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | | 5-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | Average of 10 Year |
| | | | | | Annual |
| | | | | | Compound |
| Company Name | DPS | EPS | _ | BVPS | Growth Rates |
| Empire District Electric Company | 0.00% | -3.50% | | 2.00% | -0.50% |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 0.00% | 1.00% | | 2.50% | 1.17% |
| IDACORP, Inc. | -3.00% | -9.00% | | 3.50% | -2.83% |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 7.00% | -3.00% | | 4.00% | 2.67% |
| Puget Energy Inc. | -10.50% | -5.50% | | 0.50% | -5.17% |
| Southern Co. | <u>1.00%</u> | <u>2.50%</u> | | <u>-1.50%</u> | <u>0.67%</u> |
| Average | <u>-0.92%</u> | <u>-2.92%</u> | | <u>1.83%</u> | <u>-0.67%</u> |
| Standard Deviation | 5.23% | 3.85% | | 1.86% | 2.62% |

Source: The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, June 3, July 1, and August 12, 2005.

Average of Ten- and Five-Year Dividends Per Share, Earnings Per Share & Book Value Per Share Growth Rates for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | 10-Year | 5-Year | Average of |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Average | Average | 5-Year & |
| | DPS, EPS & | DPS, EPS & | 10-Year |
| Company Name | BVPS | BVPS | Averages |
| Empire District Electric Company | 0.33% | -0.50% | -0.08% |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 1.83% | 1.17% | 1.50% |
| IDACORP, Inc. | -0.17% | -2.83% | -1.50% |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 8.50% | 2.67% | 5.58% |
| Puget Energy Inc. | -3.33% | -5.17% | -4.25% |
| Southern Co. | 1.83% | 0.67% | 1.25% |
| Average | 1.50% | -0.67% | 0.42% |

Historical and Projected Growth Rates for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| | | Projected | | | | |
| | Historical | 5 Year | Projected | Projected | | Average of |
| | Growth Rate | Growth | 5-Year | 3-5 Year | Average | Historical |
| | (DPS, EPS and | IBES | EPS Growth | EPS Growth | Projected | & Projected |
| Company Name | BVPS) | (Mean) | S&P | Value Line | Growth | Growth |
| Empire District Electric Company | -0.08% | 2.00% | 2.00% | 8.00% | 4.00% | 1.96% |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 1.50% | 3.10% | 3.00% | 2.50% | 2.87% | 2.18% |
| IDACORP, Inc. | -1.50% | 4.00% | 4.00% | 6.00% | 4.67% | 1.58% |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 5.58% | 4.50% | 5.00% | 3.50% | 4.33% | 4.96% |
| Puget Energy Inc. | -4.25% | 4.00% | 4.00% | 5.50% | 4.50% | 0.13% |
| Southern Co. | 1.25% | 4.80% | 5.00% | 4.00% | 4.60% | 2.93% |
| Average | 0.42% | 3.73% | 3.83% | 4.92% | 4.16% | 2.29% |

Proposed Range of Growth: 3.9%-4.9%

Column 5 = [(Column 2 + Column 3 + Column 4) / 3]

Column 6 = [(Column 1 + Column 5) / 2]

Sources: Column 1 = Average of 10-Year and 5-Year Annual Compound Growth Rates from Schedule 13-3.

Column 2 = I/B/E/S Inc.'s Institutional Brokers Estimate System, August 18, 2005.

Column 3 = Standard & Poor's Earnings Guide, August 2005.

Column 4 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, June 3, July 1 and August 12, 2005.

Average High / Low Stock Price for May 2005 through August 2005 for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) | (9) |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------|
| | May | 2005 | June | 2005 | July | 2005 | Augus | st 2005 | Average High/Low |
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low | Stock |
| | Stock | Price |
| Company Name | Price | (5/05 - 8/05) |
| Empire District Electric Company | 23.390 | 22.000 | 24.450 | 22.970 | 25.010 | 23.570 | 24.410 | 22.300 | 23.513 |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 26.030 | 24.690 | 27.450 | 25.790 | 27.770 | 26.510 | 27.810 | 26.210 | 26.533 |
| IDACORP, Inc. | 28.510 | 26.220 | 30.800 | 28.330 | 32.050 | 30.490 | 31.560 | 28.750 | 29.589 |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 44.340 | 41.310 | 45.340 | 43.820 | 46.160 | 43.760 | 46.680 | 43.220 | 44.329 |
| Puget Energy Inc. | 22.760 | 21.350 | 23.560 | 22.600 | 24.360 | 23.260 | 23.540 | 22.050 | 22.935 |
| Southern Co. | 34.700 | 32.700 | 35.000 | 33.830 | 35.930 | 34.300 | 35.310 | 33.240 | 34.376 |

Notes:

Column 9 = [(Column 1 + Column 2 + Column 3 + Column 4 + Column 5 + Column 6 + Column 7 + Column 8) / 8].

Sources: S & P Stock Guides: June 2005, July 2005, August 2005 and September 2005.

DCF Estimated Costs of Common Equity for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| | Expected Annual | Average High/Low Stock | Projected Dividend | Average of Historical & Projected | Estimated Cost of Common | |
| Company Name | Dividend | Price | Yield | Growth | Equity | |
| Empire District Electric Company Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. IDACORP, Inc. Pinnacle West Capital Puget Energy Inc. Southern Co. Average | \$1.28 \$1.24 \$1.20 \$1.98 \$1.00 \$1.51 | \$23.513 \$26.533 \$29.589 \$44.329 \$22.935 \$34.376 | 5.44% 4.67% 4.06% 4.47% 4.36% 4.38% 4.56% | 1.96% 2.18% 1.58% 4.96% 0.13% 2.93% 2.29% | 7.40% 6.86% 5.64% 9.42% 4.49% 7.30% 6.85% | |
| | | Proposed Dividend Yield: Proposed Range of Growth: | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | Estimated Co | quity: | 8.50%-9.50% | | |

Notes: Column 1 = Estimated Dividends Declared per share represents the average projected dividends for 2005 and 2006.

Column 3 = (Column 1 / Column 2).

Column 5 = (Column 3 +Column 4).

Sources: Column 1 = The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, June 3, July 1, and August 12, 2005.

Column 2 = Schedule 15.

Column 4 = Schedule 14.

Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) Costs of Common Equity Estimates for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | | | | CAPM | CAPM |
| | | | Market | Market | Cost of | Cost of |
| | Risk | Company's | Risk | Risk | Common | Common |
| | Free | Value Line | Premium | Premium | Equity | Equity |
| Company Name | Rate | Beta | (1926-2004) | (1995-2004) | (1926-2002) | (1995-2004) |
| Empire District Electric Company | 4.46% | 0.70 | 6.60% | 2.29% | 9.08% | 6.06% |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 4.46% | 0.65 | 6.60% | 2.29% | 8.75% | 5.95% |
| IDACORP, Inc. | 4.46% | 0.90 | 6.60% | 2.29% | 10.40% | 6.52% |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 4.46% | 0.85 | 6.60% | 2.29% | 10.07% | 6.41% |
| Puget Energy Inc. | 4.46% | 0.75 | 6.60% | 2.29% | 9.41% | 6.18% |
| Southern Co. | 4.46% | 0.65 | 6.60% | 2.29% | 8.75% | 5.95% |
| Average | | 0.75 | | | 9.41% | 6.18% |

Sources:

- Column 1 = The appropriate yield is equal to the average 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond yield for August 2005 which was obtained from Investopedia at: http://www.investopedia.com
- Column 2 = Beta is a measure of the movement and relative risk of an individual stock to the market as a whole as reported by the Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, June 3, July 1, and August 12, 2005.
- 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 2004 was determined to be 6.60% as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2005 Yearbook.
- 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 1995 2004 was determined to be 2.29% as calculated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2005 Yearbook.

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

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

Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) Costs of Common Equity Estimates for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| | | | | | CAPM | |
| | | | Ibbotson & | | Cost of | CAPM |
| | | | Chen | Damodaran | Common | Cost of |
| | Risk | Company's | Ex-Post | Ex-Post | Equity | Common |
| | Free | Value Line | Risk | Risk | (Ibbotson | Equity |
| Company Name | Rate | Beta | Premium | Premium | & Chen) | (Damodaran) |
| Empire District Electric Company | 4.46% | 0.70 | 3.99% | 2.47% | 7.25% | 6.19% |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 4.46% | 0.65 | 3.99% | 2.47% | 7.05% | 6.07% |
| IDACORP, Inc. | 4.46% | 0.90 | 3.99% | 2.47% | 8.05% | 6.68% |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 4.46% | 0.85 | 3.99% | 2.47% | 7.85% | 6.56% |
| Puget Energy Inc. | 4.46% | 0.75 | 3.99% | 2.47% | 7.45% | 6.31% |
| Southern Co. | 4.46% | 0.65 | 3.99% | 2.47% | 7.05% | 6.07% |
| Average | | 0.75 | | | 7.45% | 6.31% |

Sources:

- Column 1 = The appropriate yield is equal to the average 30-year U.S. Treasury Bond yield for August 2005 which was obtained from Investopedia at: http://www.investopedia.com
- Column 2 = Beta is a measure of the movement and relative risk of an individual stock to the market as a whole as reported by the Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings & Reports, June 3, July 1 and August 12, 2005.
- Column 3 = The Market Risk Premium represents the expected return from holding the entire market portfolio less the expected holding period return from holding long-term treasury bonds. The appropriate Market Risk Premium of 3.99% is based on Roger G. Ibbotson and Peng Chen's expected return from investing in the stock market of 9.52% over the long run, which was indicated in Ibbotson Associates, Inc.'s Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation: 2005 Yearbook and the expected average yield of 5.53% on long-term treasury bond's through 2009 provided by Value Line.
- 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 of 2.26% is based on Dr. Aswath Damadoran's implied equity risk premium model provided on New York University's Leanard N. Stern School of Business' website. Inputs: 1.80% dividend yield (September 2005 Standard & Poor's Stock Guide), 10.58% S&P 500 earnings growth rate (http://finance.yahoo.com) and 4.46% growth in earnings over the long-run.

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

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

Selected Financial Ratios for the Comparable Electric Utility Companies

| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|--------|
| | June 30, 2005 | | | | 2005 | |
| | Common Equity | June 30, 2005 | Pre-Tax | Market- | Projected | |
| | to | Long-Term | Interest | Market- | Return on | |
| | Total Capital | Debt | Coverage | to-Book | Common | Bond |
| Company Name | Ratio | Ratio | Ratio | Value | Equity | Rating |
| Empire District Electric Company | 47.07% | 44.52% | 2.00 x * | 1.56 x | 8.50% | BBB |
| Hawaiian Electric Industries, Inc. | 52.91% | 39.04% | 3.90 x * | 1.75 x | 10.00% | BBB+ |
| IDACORP, Inc. | 49.87% | 47.73% | 1.90 x * | 1.22 x | 7.50% | BBB+ |
| Pinnacle West Capital | 48.04% | 50.58% | 4.20 x * | 1.32 x | 8.50% | BBB |
| Puget Energy Inc. | 39.47% | 56.69% | 2.20 x * | 1.35 x | 8.50% | BBB- |
| Southern Co. | 40.72% | 53.49% | 4.50 x * | 2.37 x | 14.50% | Α |
| Average | 46.35% | 48.68% | 3.12 x | 1.60 x | 9.58% | BBB+ |

Sources: SEC 10Qs for columns (1) and (2)

The Value Line Investment Survey: Ratings and Reports, June 3, July 1, and August 12, 2005 for columns (3) and (5). C.A. Turner Utility Reports, September 2005 for column (4). Standard & Poor's RatingsDirect for column (6).

Notes: * As of March 31, 2005.

Public Utility Revenue Requirement

or

Cost of Service

The formula for the revenue requirement of a public utility may be stated as follows :

| Equation 1 : | Revenue Requirement = Cost of Service | | |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | or | | |
| Equation 2 : | R R = O + (V - D) R | | |

The symbols in the second equation are represented by the following factors :

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| RR | = Revenue Requirement |
|-----------|---|
| 0 | = Prudent Operating Costs, including Depreciation and Taxes |
| V | = Gross Valuation of the Property Serving the Public |
| D | = Accumulated Depreciation |
| (V-D) | = Rate Base (Net Valuation) |
| V - D) R | = Return Amount (\$\$) or Earnings Allowed on Rate Base |
| R | = iL+dP+kE or Overall Rate of Return (%) |
| i | = Embedded Cost of Debt |
| L | = Proportion of Debt in the Capital Structure |
| d | = Embedded Cost of Preferred Stock |
| Р | = Proportion of Preferred Stock in the Capital Structure |
| k | = Required Return on Common Equity (ROE) |
| E | = Proportion of Common Equity in the Capital Structure |

Weighted Cost of Capital as of June 30, 2005 For Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks MPS And Aquila Networks L&P

| | | | Common Equity Return of: | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Capital Component | Percentage of Capital | Embedded Cost | 8.50% | 9.00% | 9.50% |
| | | | | | |
| Common Stock Equity | 36.16% | | 3.07% | 3.25% | 3.43% |
| Long-Term Debt | 63.84% | 7.281% | 4.65% | 4.65% | 4.65% |
| Short-Term Debt | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| | 100.00% | | 7.72% | 7.90% | 8.08% |

Weighted Cost of Capital Using

Notes:

See Schedule 9 for the Capital Structure Ratios.

See Schedule 10 for the Embedded Cost of Long-Term Debt.

SCHEDULE 21 IS DEEMED HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL IN ITS ENTIRETY