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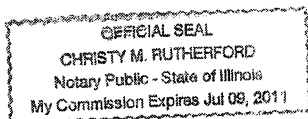
COUNTY OF SANGAMON)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

William Dunkel, of lawful age and being first duly sworn, deposes and states:

1. My name is William Dunkel. I am a Consultant for the Office of the Public Counsel.
2. Attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes is my direct testimony.
3. I hereby swear and affirm that my statements contained in the attached testimony are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



William Dunkel

William Dunkel
Consultant

Subscribed and sworn to me this 22nd day of February 2008.

Christy M. Rutherford
Notary Public

My commission expires 7/9/11.

Q. Please state your name and address.

A. My name is William W. Dunkel. My business address is 8625 Farmington Cemetery Road, Pleasant Plains Illinois, 62677.

Q. What is your present occupation?

A. I am the principal of William Dunkel and Associates, which was established in 1980. Since that time, I have regularly provided consulting services in utility regulatory proceedings throughout the country. I have participated in over 200 state regulatory proceedings before over one-half of the state commissions in the United States. I have participated in utility regulatory proceedings for over 20 years.

Q. Have you prepared an appendix that describes your qualifications?

A. Yes. My qualifications, including a list of Missouri proceedings in which I participated, are shown on Appendix A.

Q. On whose behalf are you providing testimony?

A. I am providing this Testimony on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel of the State of Missouri (OPC).

Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?

A. The purpose of this testimony is to address appropriate depreciation rates for Empire District Electric Company (Empire or Company).

Q. Can you summarize the issues you will discuss?

A. Yes. I will primarily address two related issues which can be summarized as follows:

1 (1) The existing book amounts in the Depreciation Reserves¹ should be used when
2 calculating the depreciation rates. For all Production Plant, Transmission Plant, and
3 Distribution Plant accounts, Empire witness Donald S. Roff ignored the book amounts in
4 the Depreciation Reserves (Reserve), and instead effectively based his proposed
5 depreciation rates on theoretical Reserve amounts. Overall the book amounts in the
6 Reserves total more than the theoretical Reserve amounts that Mr. Roff used (there is an
7 overall Reserve “surplus”). Overall the depreciation rates Mr. Roff proposes for the
8 Production Plant, Transmission Plant, and Distribution Plant accounts are excessive,
9 because they ignore the booked Depreciation Reserve amounts.

10 I present depreciation rates that are calculated using the booked Reserve amounts.

11 (2) In the General Plant accounts overall the booked amounts in the Depreciation
12 Reserve exceed the theoretical Reserve. This means there is an overall surplus, not a
13 deficiency.

14 However Mr. Roff divided the General Plant accounts into two groups. One of those
15 groups had a booked Reserve that was less than the theoretical Reserve (a Reserve
16 “deficiency”), and the other group was the opposite, with booked Reserve being more
17 than the theoretical Reserve (a Reserve “surplus”).

18 For the group with the deficiency, Mr. Roff did consider the booked Reserve amount, and
19 proposed an additional amount to be collected from the customers to recover the
20 deficiency in the booked Reserve amount for this group. However for the other group, in

¹ Account 108, Accumulated Provision for Depreciation

1 which there is a Reserve surplus, Mr. Roff did not consider the booked Reserve amount,
2 and gave customers no depreciation rate benefit from the Reserve surplus that exists in
3 that group. This is a double standard. In addition, there is no overall deficiency in the
4 General Plant Reserves in aggregate. There is an overall surplus.

5 I redistributed the Reserves within the General Plant accounts.² After the Reserves are
6 redistributed, no General Plant account has a Reserve deficiency, and some accounts still
7 have a Reserve surplus. There is no need to collect extra money from the customers
8 based on General Plant account Reserve deficiencies, because redistributing the Reserves
9 within the General Plant accounts eliminates all Reserve deficiencies in all General Plant
10 accounts.

11 The elimination of the two above problems in Mr. Roff's proposal results in an annual
12 depreciation accrual that is \$1.1 million less than Mr. Roff proposal, with no other
13 changes being made.

14 **Q. What is the importance of the booked Depreciation Reserve level in the calculation**
15 **of depreciation rates?**

16 A. The book Reserve level shows how much the customers have already paid for
17 depreciation. The past depreciation expense that has been paid by the customers is
18 credited into the Depreciation Reserve.³ Knowing how much customers have already
19 paid, is needed in order to calculate how much remains to be collected.

² For consistency, I also redistributed the Reserves within each Plant category other than General Plant (within the Transmission Plant category, within the Distribution Plant category, and within each of the Production Plant categories). Redistributing the Reserves within these other categories had only a minor impact.

³ 18 CFR 101 - Accumulated Provision for Depreciation

1 As an analogy, assume years ago you took out a \$100,000 mortgage on your home, and
2 in the past you have paid-off \$80,000 of the principal, and the bank's records show that
3 you have paid-off \$80,000. If you ask how much more is needed to pay off the principal,
4 the correct answer is \$20,000 ($\$100,000 - \$80,000 = \$20,000$). Imagine if your bank
5 asserted that you instead owed \$40,000 because it decided to use a hypothetical paid-off
6 amount instead of the actual \$80,000 paid-off amount. This bank calculation would not
7 be reasonable. This bank's incorrect calculation is very similar to Empire's use of the
8 theoretical Reserve, instead of the book Reserve, when calculating the depreciation rates
9 Empire proposes.

10 **Q. Can you illustrate what difference this makes in calculating depreciation?**

11 A. Yes. Assume a \$1,000 investment that has a book Reserve level of \$700.⁴ This means
12 the company needs to collect another \$300 from the customers in future depreciation
13 expense, to have the investment fully depreciated when it is expected to retire ($\$1,000$
14 investment - \$700 already in the Reserve = \$300).

15 However if Mr. Roff uses a theoretical Reserve amount of \$600, he would incorrectly
16 calculate that \$400 remains to be collected in the depreciation rates. The correct number
17 is \$300, as shown above. The booked Reserve amount should be used in the depreciation
18 rate calculations.

19 **Q. In another current case, has Mr. Roff testified that adjusting the depreciation rate**
20 **based on the existing book Reserve is required?**

21 A. Yes. In a current case in Kansas, Mr. Roff's testifies as follows in his Direct Testimony:

⁴ We assume zero net salvage for this example.

1 “Q. WHEN YOU USE THE TERM “RESERVE POSITION”, WHAT
2 DO YOU MEAN?

3 A. The term “reserve position” refers to the difference between a
4 theoretical reserve and the existing book reserve. If the theoretical reserve
5 is greater than the book reserve, past depreciation has been inadequate
6 compared to the depreciation parameters developed in the Kansas and
7 SSU study, and an upward adjustment to the depreciation rate is
8 required. If the opposite is true, a downward adjustment to the
9 depreciation rate is required.”⁵ (Emphasis added).

10 Schedule WWD-2 contains pages from Mr. Roff’s current testimony in Kansas which
11 contain the above quotation. In that testimony, Mr. Roff says that adjusting the
12 depreciation rate based on the existing book Reserve is required.

13 **Q. In Kansas, Mr. Roff says that adjusting the depreciation rate based on the existing**
14 **book Reserve is required. Has Mr. Roff adjusted the depreciation rates based on**
15 **the existing book Reserve in this Missouri Empire proceeding?**

16 A. Not for the Production Plant, Transmission Plant, and Distribution Plant accounts. Those
17 accounts contain almost 96% of the Empire investment.⁶ For these accounts he
18 calculated the Empire proposed depreciation rates effectively using the theoretical
19 Reserve amounts, not the book Reserve amounts.

20 Later I will discuss the accounts which contain the remaining 4% of the investment, the
21 General Plant accounts.

⁵ Page 14, Direct Testimony of Donald S. Roff for Atmos Energy Corporation Before the State Corporation Commission of Kansas, filed on or about 9-14-2007 in Docket No. 08-ATMG-280-RTS.

⁶ From Schedule DSR-3 Production Plant investment \$508,907,485 plus Transmission Plant investment \$168,281,698 plus Distribution Plant investment \$533,654,596 divided by total Electric Plant investment \$1,265,546,604. $(\$508,907,485 + \$168,281,698 + \$533,654,596) / \$1,265,546,604 = 95.67\%$

1 **Q. Could you show that the depreciation rates that Mr. Roff proposes for the**
2 **Production Plant, Transmission Plant, and Distribution Plant accounts are not**
3 **based on the booked Reserve amounts?**

4 A. Yes. In his workpapers Mr. Roff actually calculates two different depreciation rates for
5 each account. One depreciation rate is calculated using the booked Reserve amount, and
6 the other depreciation rate is calculated effectively using the theoretical Reserve amount.
7 In his filed depreciation study, he uses the depreciation rate that is calculated using the
8 theoretical Reserve amount, not the depreciation rate that is calculated using the booked
9 Reserve amount.

10 Schedule WWD-3 is one of Mr. Roff's workpapers. As you can see for account 314
11 (Turbogenerator Units, the account I have underlined) Mr. Roff has calculated two
12 different depreciation rates: 1.83% which effectively uses the "Theoretical Reserve," and
13 1.38%, which uses the "book Reserve." In his filing he uses the 1.83% depreciation rate,
14 which is the depreciation rate that effectively uses the "Theoretical Reserve," not the
15 "Book Reserve."

16 **Q. How have you corrected this problem?**

17 A. I have used the depreciation rate that is calculated using the book Reserve.⁷ Likewise for
18 all of the Production Plant, Transmission Plant, and Distribution Plant accounts, the

⁷ As discussed elsewhere I redistributed the book Reserve amounts within each Plant category. Because of this the depreciation rate shown on my Schedule WWD-1 maybe different than the depreciation rate based on book Reserve shown in the Roff workpapers.

1 depreciation rate I used on Schedule WWD-1 is the depreciation rate that uses the book
2 Reserve amounts.⁸

3 For some accounts the correct depreciation rate (the rate that uses the book Reserve) is
4 lower than the depreciation rate Mr. Roff proposed, and for other accounts it is higher.
5 However in total the correct depreciation rates produce a lower total annual depreciation
6 accrual for the Production Plant, Transmission Plant, and Distribution Plant accounts,
7 than the total depreciation accrual produced by the incorrect depreciation rates Mr. Roff
8 proposes.

9 **Q. Above you have addressed all accounts except the General Plant Accounts. Is there**
10 **an overall surplus or a deficiency in the Reserves in the General Plant accounts?**

11 A. There is an overall surplus in the General Plant Reserve. Schedule WWD-4 is one of Mr.
12 Roff's workpapers.⁹ It shows the "Theoretical Reserve" for General Plant totals
13 \$23,648,001, but the "book Reserve" is the higher figure of \$28,519,594. As this Roff
14 workpaper shows there is a deficiency in some accounts, and a surplus in other accounts,
15 but in total there is an overall surplus in the General Plant Reserve. In the General Plant
16 accounts overall the booked amounts in the Depreciation Reserve exceed the theoretical
17 Reserve. This means there is an overall surplus, not a deficiency.

⁸ The issue is not whether a "whole life" or "remaining life" technique should be used, a correct "whole life" calculation would include an adjustment for the book Reserve level, which Mr. Roff failed to do.

⁹ For each account in the "amortize group" Mr. Roff made two different calculations of theoretical Reserve depending on the treatment he was using, however under either of these calculations there is net Reserve surplus for General Plant overall.

1 **Q. What did Mr. Roff do in the General Plant accounts?**

2 A. Mr. Roff divided the General Plant accounts into two subdivisions, (1) the group of
3 accounts he proposes to “amortize” (which I will call the “amortize group”), and (2) the
4 accounts he does not propose to “amortize” (the “non-amortize” group)

5 The “amortize group” had an overall book Reserve that was less than the theoretical
6 Reserve (a Reserve “deficiency”), but the other group, the “non-amortize” group, was the
7 opposite, with book Reserve being more than the theoretical Reserve (a Reserve
8 “surplus”).

9 For the group with the deficiency, the “amortize group”, Mr. Roff did consider the book
10 Reserve amount, and proposed an additional amount to be collected from the customers
11 to recover the deficiency in the booked Reserve amount for this group. This additional
12 annual charge of \$731,122 is shown on Schedule DSR-3, Table 1A, column [8] attached
13 to the Direct Testimony of Mr. Roff.

14 However for the other General Plant group, the “non-amortize” group, in which there is a
15 book Reserve surplus; Mr. Roff did not consider the book Reserve amount. For this
16 group he purposes the depreciation rates that use the theoretical Reserves, not the
17 depreciation rates that use the book Reserves. He gave customers no depreciation rate
18 benefit from the surplus that exists in the book Reserve in this “non-amortize” group.

19 This is a double standard. He did adjust for the book Reserve in the group in which that
20 adjustment increases the charges to the customers, but did not adjust for the book Reserve
21 in the group in which that adjustment would reduce the charges to the customers.

1 **Q. How did you correct for Empire's use of this double standard?**

2 A. I redistributed the Reserves within the General Plant accounts.¹⁰ After the Reserves are
3 redistributed, no General Plant account has a Reserve deficiency, and some General Plant
4 accounts still have a Reserve surplus, as shown on Schedule WWD-5. There is no need
5 to collect extra money from the customers based on Reserve deficiencies in the General
6 Plant accounts, because redistributing the Reserves within the General Plant accounts
7 eliminates all Reserve deficiencies in the General Plant accounts.

8 There is no overall deficiency in the General Plant Reserves. There is an overall surplus.

9 After redistributing the Reserves within the General Plant accounts, I calculated the
10 depreciation rates using the redistributed book Reserves.

11 The results are shown on Schedule WWD-1.

12 **Q. What is the impact of making these two changes?**

13 A. As shown on Schedule WWD-1 the annual depreciation accruals are \$1,153,610 less than
14 Mr. Roff's proposal, when these two changes, and only these two changes, are made.

15 The only changes I made were to (1) use the book Reserve instead of the theoretical

16 Reserve, and (2) redistribute the book Reserve within each Plant category.¹¹

¹⁰ For consistency, I also redistributed the Reserves within each Plant category other than General Plant (within the Transmission Plant category, within the Distribution Plant category, and within each of the Production Plant categories), as shown on Schedule WWD-6. Redistributing the Reserves within these other categories had only a minor impact on the total annual depreciation accruals.

¹¹ For consistency, In addition to distributing the Reserve within the General Plant category, I also redistributed the Reserves within each Plant category other than General Plant. However, redistributing the Reserves within these other Plant categories did not contribute to my proposal being \$1,153,610 less than Mr. Roff's proposal. In fact, had I not redistributed within these other categories (within the Transmission Plant category, within the Distribution Plant category, and within each of the Production Plant categories), my proposed annual accruals would have been \$1,228,482 less than Mr. Roff's proposal.

1 I recommend these two corrections be made to the Company's proposed depreciation
2 rates.

3 **Q. Are you addressing service lives, dispersions (curve shapes), or future net salvage**
4 **percentages?**

5 A. No. In this testimony I am not addressing service lives, dispersion (curve shapes), or
6 future net salvage percentages. At this time the only proposed service lives, curve
7 shapes, and future net salvage in the case are from Empire. I have used the Empire
8 proposed service lives, curve shapes, and future net salvage on Schedule WWD-1, but
9 that does not imply I necessarily endorse those parameters. If any other party
10 recommends different service lives, curve shapes, or future net salvage, I will prepare an
11 alternative version of Schedule WWD-1 that uses the parameters proposed by the other
12 party.

13 **Q. Does this conclude your Direct Testimony?**

14 A. Yes.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT RATES, COMPANY PROPOSED RATES, AND OPC PROPOSED RATES
ASSUMING EMPIRE'S PROPOSED LIVES AND CURVE SHAPES

Account Number	Description	12/13/06 Balance	Current Rate	Annual Accrual	Company Proposal			OPC Proposal Using Empire Proposed Life and Curve Shape			
					Whole Life Rate	Annual Accrual	Difference from Present	Remaining Life Rate	Annual Accrual	Difference from Present	Difference from Company
A	B	C	D	E=C*D	F	G=C*F	H=G-E	I	J=C*I	K=J-E	L=J-G
STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT											
311.0	Structures & Improvements	23,811,430	1.06%	251,353	1.60%	380,983	129,630	1.39%	331,008	79,655	(49,974)
312.0	Boiler Plant Equipment	128,877,453	1.88%	2,428,748	2.18%	2,809,528	380,780	1.82%	2,340,435	(88,313)	(469,093)
312.1	Coal Cars	5,580,296	6.67%	372,206	5.00%	279,015	(93,191)	0.00%	0	(372,206)	(279,015)
314.0	Turbogenerator Units	36,776,791	1.61%	593,822	1.83%	673,015	79,193	1.38%	508,371	(85,451)	(164,644)
315.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	7,330,476	1.49%	109,207	1.75%	128,283	19,076	1.06%	77,567	(31,640)	(50,716)
316.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	3,909,460	1.95%	76,348	1.55%	60,597	(15,751)	1.27%	49,555	(26,793)	(11,042)
	Total Steam Production Plant	206,285,906	1.86%	3,831,684	2.10%	4,331,421	499,737	1.60%	3,306,937	(524,747)	(1,024,485)
HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION PLANT											
331.0	Structures & Improvements	556,389	1.64%	9,125	1.25%	6,955	(2,170)	1.18%	6,571	(2,554)	(384)
332.0	Reservoirs, Dams & Waterways	1,450,298	1.67%	24,220	2.00%	29,006	4,786	1.05%	15,269	(8,951)	(13,737)
333.0	Waterwheels, Turbines & Generators	1,611,159	1.47%	23,684	1.39%	22,395	(1,289)	1.35%	21,757	(1,927)	(638)
334.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	812,324	1.47%	11,941	1.83%	14,866	2,925	1.76%	14,330	2,389	(536)
335.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	366,646	2.44%	8,946	1.82%	6,673	(2,273)	1.72%	6,298	(2,648)	(375)
	Total Hydraulic Production Plant	4,796,816	1.62%	77,916	1.67%	79,894	1,978	1.34%	64,224	(13,692)	(15,670)
OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT											
341.0	Structures & Improvements	14,593,800	2.31%	336,689	1.82%	265,607	(71,082)	1.51%	220,988	(115,701)	(44,620)
342.0	Fuel Holders, Producers & Accessories	13,779,806	2.87%	394,824	3.75%	516,743	121,919	2.68%	368,692	(26,132)	(148,051)
343.0	Prime Movers	159,329,953	2.42%	3,863,033	2.27%	3,616,790	(246,243)	1.99%	3,175,620	(687,413)	(441,170)
344.0	Generators	81,375,321	2.12%	1,725,090	2.27%	1,847,220	122,130	2.10%	1,705,570	(19,520)	(141,650)
345.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	14,394,151	3.19%	458,614	1.67%	240,382	(218,232)	1.52%	219,084	(239,530)	(21,298)
346.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	14,351,732	3.85%	552,461	1.82%	261,202	(291,259)	1.68%	241,476	(310,985)	(19,725)
	Total Other Production Plant	297,824,763	2.46%	7,330,711	2.27%	6,747,943	(582,768)	1.99%	5,931,430	(1,399,281)	(816,514)
	Total Production Plant	508,907,485	2.21%	11,240,311	2.19%	11,159,259	(81,052)	1.83%	9,302,591	(1,937,720)	(1,856,669)
TRANSMISSION PLANT											
352.0	Structures & Improvements	2,357,554	2.09%	49,273	1.92%	45,265	(4,008)	2.15%	50,651	1,378	5,386
353.0	Station Equipment	82,068,329	2.20%	1,805,503	2.30%	1,887,572	82,069	2.57%	2,110,622	305,119	223,051
354.0	Towers & Fixtures	799,508	1.92%	15,351	1.67%	13,352	(1,999)	2.26%	18,079	2,728	4,727
355.0	Poles & Fixtures	29,992,731	3.33%	998,758	4.09%	1,226,703	227,945	4.55%	1,365,270	366,512	138,568
356.0	Overhead Conductors & Devices	53,063,576	2.15%	1,140,867	4.09%	2,170,300	1,029,433	4.59%	2,436,735	1,295,868	266,434
	Total Transmission Plant	168,281,698	2.38%	4,009,752	3.18%	5,343,191	1,333,439	3.55%	5,981,357	1,971,605	638,166
DISTRIBUTION PLANT											
361.0	Structures & Improvements	9,117,131	2.08%	189,636	2.50%	227,928	38,292	2.64%	240,683	51,047	12,755
362.0	Station Equipment	63,879,547	1.89%	1,207,323	3.33%	2,127,189	919,866	3.52%	2,246,736	1,039,413	119,547
364.0	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	106,735,812	4.35%	4,643,008	4.69%	5,005,910	362,902	4.96%	5,290,932	647,924	285,022
365.0	Overhead Conductors & Devices	115,440,681	3.77%	4,352,114	3.88%	4,479,098	126,984	4.05%	4,680,916	328,802	201,818
366.0	Underground Conduit	19,414,728	3.92%	761,057	2.22%	431,007	(330,050)	2.31%	448,381	(312,676)	17,374
367.0	Underground Conductors & Devices	45,457,445	3.59%	1,631,922	3.50%	1,591,011	(40,911)	3.68%	1,674,009	42,087	82,998
368.0	Line Transformers	76,635,996	2.78%	2,130,481	2.00%	1,532,720	(597,761)	2.09%	1,603,930	(526,551)	71,210
369.0	Services	54,565,246	5.00%	2,728,262	5.00%	2,728,262	0	5.28%	2,880,131	151,869	151,869
370.0	Meters	17,136,148	2.27%	388,991	2.34%	400,986	11,995	2.45%	420,426	31,435	19,440
371.0	Installations on Customers' Premises	13,667,365	5.80%	792,707	3.93%	537,127	(255,580)	4.19%	573,090	(219,617)	35,962
373.0	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	11,604,497	3.13%	363,221	2.40%	278,508	(84,713)	2.52%	292,260	(70,961)	13,753
	Total Distribution Plant	533,654,596	3.60%	19,188,722	3.62%	19,339,746	151,024	3.81%	20,351,493	1,162,771	1,011,747
GENERAL PLANT											
Depreciable Plant											
390.0	Structures & Improvements	9,212,785	2.75%	253,352	2.63%	242,296	(11,056)	2.27%	209,490	(43,862)	(32,806)
392.0	Transportation Equipment	6,819,102	7.08%	482,792	6.92%	471,882	(10,910)	6.09%	415,612	(67,180)	(56,269)
396.0	Power Operated Equipment	10,392,093	6.33%	657,819	6.33%	657,819	0	5.11%	531,164	(126,655)	(126,656)
	Total Depreciable General Plant	26,423,980	5.28%	1,393,963	5.19%	1,371,998	(21,965)	4.38%	1,156,266	(237,697)	(215,731)
Amortized Plant											
391.1	Office Furniture & Equipment	3,041,719	5.00%	152,086	4.00%	178,900	26,814	4.00%	121,669	(30,417)	(57,231)
391.2	Computer Equipment	10,715,630	10.00%	1,071,563	10.00%	1,366,512	294,949	10.00%	1,071,563	0	(294,949)
393.0	Store Equipment	333,503	3.17%	10,572	3.13%	(6,326)	(16,898)	3.13%	10,439	(133)	16,765
394.0	Tools, Shop, & Garage Equipment	2,797,946	4.50%	125,908	5.00%	156,467	30,559	5.00%	139,897	13,989	(16,570)
395.0	Laboratory Equipment	917,132	2.63%	24,121	2.38%	(29,195)	(53,316)	2.38%	21,828	(2,293)	51,023
397.0	Communications Equipment	6,784,189	4.00%	271,368	5.00%	768,844	497,476	5.00%	339,209	67,841	(429,635)
398.0	Miscellaneous Equipment	245,314	4.55%	11,162	4.00%	10,338	(824)	4.00%	9,813	(1,349)	(525)
	Total Amortized General Plant (1)	24,835,433	6.71%	1,666,780	9.85%	2,445,540	778,760	6.90%	1,714,417	47,637	(731,123)
	"Fully Depreciated" Retirements	3,443,412	6.71%	231,098		(231,098)				(231,098)	0
	Total General Plant	54,702,825	6.02%	3,291,841	6.98%	3,817,538	525,697	5.25%	2,870,684	(421,157)	(946,854)
	Total Electric Plant	1,265,546,604	2.98%	37,730,626	3.13%	39,659,734	1,929,108	3.04%	38,506,125	775,499	(1,153,610)

Sources:
Schedule DSR-3 and Company Depreciation workpapers

Notes:

1. Empire's proposed \$1,714,418 of amortization expense plus \$731,122 of four-year amount of Reserve Difference equals \$2,445,540. See Schedule DSR-3, Table 1A.

REMAINING LIFE DEPRECIATION RATES

Account Number	Description	Surviving Balance 12/31/06	Net Salvage	Theoretical Reserve with Salvage	Redistributed Book Reserve	Average Remaining Life	Remaining to Accrue $H=C^*(1-D)-F$	Annual Accrual $I=H/G$	Remaining Life Rate $J=I/C$
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H=C*(1-D)-F	I=H/G	J=I/C
STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT									
311.0	Structures & Improvements	23,811,407	-20.00%	6,470,755	9,368,595	58.02	19,205,094	331,008	1.39%
312.0	Boiler Plant Equipment	128,877,438	-20.00%	42,140,208	61,012,128	40.01	93,640,798	2,340,435	1.82%
312.1	Coal Cars	5,580,296		4,882,759	5,580,296	2.50	0	0	0.00%
314.0	Turbogenerator Units	36,776,779	-10.00%	14,345,765	20,770,321	38.72	19,684,136	508,371	1.38%
315.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	7,330,468	-5.00%	3,609,319	5,225,704	31.86	2,471,288	77,567	1.06%
316.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	3,909,454	15.00%	951,782	1,378,025	39.25	1,945,011	49,554	1.27%
	Total Steam Production Plant	206,285,842		72,400,588	103,335,068		136,946,326	3,306,936	1.60%
HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION PLANT									
331.0	Structures & Improvements	556,388		148,422	170,931	58.66	385,457	6,571	1.18%
332.0	Reservoirs, Dams & Waterways	1,450,298	-20.00%	1,318,272	1,518,194	14.55	222,163	15,269	1.05%
333.0	Waterwheels, Turbines & Generators	1,611,159		248,676	286,389	60.89	1,324,770	21,757	1.35%
334.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	812,325	-10.00%	178,514	205,587	48.01	687,971	14,330	1.76%
335.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	366,646		97,993	112,854	40.30	253,792	6,298	1.72%
	Total Hydraulic Production Plant	4,796,816		1,991,877	2,293,955		2,874,153	64,224	1.34%
OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT									
341.0	Structures & Improvements	14,593,792		2,595,737	4,600,739	45.22	9,993,053	220,987	1.51%
342.0	Fuel Holders, Producers & Accessories	13,779,799	-20.00%	4,472,306	7,926,809	23.35	8,608,950	368,692	2.68%
343.0	Prime Movers	159,329,946		21,899,522	38,815,172	37.95	120,514,774	3,175,620	1.99%
344.0	Generators	81,375,315		7,439,896	13,186,628	39.98	68,188,687	1,705,570	2.10%
345.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	14,394,146		1,455,041	2,578,945	53.93	11,815,201	219,084	1.52%
346.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	14,351,825		1,264,776	2,241,716	50.15	12,110,109	241,478	1.68%
	Total Other Production Plant	297,824,823		39,127,278	69,350,008		231,230,775	5,931,431	1.99%
	Total Production Plant	508,907,481		113,519,743	174,979,031		371,051,254	9,302,591	1.83%
TRANSMISSION PLANT									
352.0	Structures & Improvements	2,357,554	-15.00%	781,951	548,385	42.70	2,162,802	50,651	2.15%
353.0	Station Equipment	82,068,327	-15.00%	26,743,014	18,754,980	35.83	75,623,596	2,110,622	2.57%
354.0	Towers & Fixtures	799,508	-25.00%	543,932	381,462	34.18	617,923	18,079	2.26%
355.0	Poles & Fixtures	29,992,727	-125.00%	18,491,840	12,968,400	39.93	54,515,236	1,365,270	4.55%
356.0	Overhead Conductors & Devices	53,063,577	-125.00%	34,735,860	24,360,394	39.00	95,032,654	2,436,735	4.59%
	Total Transmission Plant	168,281,693		81,296,597	57,013,621		227,952,211	5,981,357	3.55%
DISTRIBUTION PLANT									
361.0	Structures & Improvements	8,820,046	-50.00%	3,673,342	3,138,773	43.34	10,091,296	232,840	2.64%
362.0	Station Equipment	63,879,548	-50.00%	26,368,062	22,530,807	32.62	73,288,515	2,246,736	3.52%
364.0	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	106,735,813	-125.00%	67,926,880	58,041,711	34.42	182,113,869	5,290,932	4.96%
365.0	Overhead Conductors & Devices	115,440,679	-125.00%	61,626,016	52,657,790	44.24	207,083,738	4,680,916	4.05%
366.0	Underground Conduit	19,414,726		4,134,815	3,533,089	35.42	15,881,637	448,380	2.31%
367.0	Underground Conductors & Devices	45,457,443	-5.00%	12,602,145	10,768,197	22.08	36,962,118	1,674,009	3.68%
368.0	Line Transformers	76,635,996		18,545,976	15,847,043	37.90	60,788,953	1,603,930	2.09%
369.0	Services	54,565,243	-125.00%	33,966,580	29,023,538	32.55	93,748,258	2,880,131	5.28%
370.0	Meters	17,136,144	-3.00%	4,379,940	3,742,542	33.08	13,907,686	420,426	2.45%
371.0	Installations on Customers' Premises	13,667,367	-10.00%	4,757,511	4,065,167	19.14	10,968,937	573,090	4.19%
373.0	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	11,604,496	-15.00%	3,472,317	2,967,002	35.51	10,378,168	292,260	2.52%
	Total Distribution Plant	533,357,501		241,453,584	206,315,660		715,213,174	20,343,650	3.81%
GENERAL PLANT									
Depreciable Plant									
390.0	Structures & Improvements	9,212,785	-5.00%	4,183,993	4,917,997	22.70	4,755,427	209,490	2.27%
392.0	Transportation Equipment	6,619,639	10.00%	2,422,117	2,847,033	7.71	3,110,642	403,456	6.09%
396.0	Power Operated Equipment	10,373,951	5.00%	5,163,520	6,069,364	7.14	3,785,889	530,237	5.11%
	Total Depreciable General Plant	26,206,375		11,769,630	13,834,395		11,651,958	1,143,182	4.36%
Amortized Plant									
391.1	Office Furniture & Equipment	3,041,719		1,773,251	1,773,251		1,268,468	121,669	4.00%
391.2	Computer Equipment	10,715,630		3,675,583	3,675,583		7,040,047	1,071,563	10.00%
393.0	Store Equipment	333,503		175,626	175,626		157,877	10,439	3.13%
394.0	Tools, Shop, & Garage Equipment	2,797,946		1,102,527	1,102,527		1,695,419	139,897	5.00%
395.0	Laboratory Equipment	917,132		382,355	382,355		534,777	21,828	2.38%
397.0	Communications Equipment	6,784,189		4,057,362	4,057,362		2,726,827	339,209	5.00%
398.0	Miscellaneous Equipment	245,314		75,083	75,083		170,231	9,813	4.00%
	Total Amortized General Plant	24,835,433		11,241,788	11,241,788		13,593,645	1,714,417	6.90%
	"Fully Depreciated" Retirements	3,443,412		3,443,412	3,443,412		0	0	0.00%
	Total General Plant	54,485,220		26,454,829	28,519,594		25,245,604	2,857,600	5.24%
	Total Electric Plant	1,265,031,895		462,724,753	466,827,906		1,339,462,243	38,485,197	3.04%

Source:
Company Depreciation Study workpapers

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Kansas Corporation Commission
/s/ Susan K. Duffy

**BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	Docket No.
OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION)	
FOR REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENT OF ITS)	
NATURAL GAS RATES)	08-ATMG-<u>280</u>-RTS

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

DONALD S. ROFF

FOR ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1
- 2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND BUSINESS**
- 3 **AFFILIATION.**
- 4 A. My name is Donald S. Roff and my address is 2832 Gainesborough Drive, Dallas,
- 5 Texas 75287. I am President of Depreciation Specialty Resources.
- 6 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE?**
- 7 A. My qualifications and experience are described on Exhibit DSR-1.
- 8 **Q. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?**
- 9 A. Yes. A listing of my regulatory appearances is contained on Exhibit DSR-2.
- 10 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**
- 11 A. I have conducted a depreciation study of the depreciable natural gas distribution
- 12 properties in Kansas (referred to hereinafter as the "Kansas System") of Atmos
- 13 Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "the Company") as of September 30, 2006, and I
- 14 have made recommendations for revised depreciation rates for inclusion in the
- 15 Company's revenue requirement. I have also conducted a depreciation study of
- 16 the plant assets of the Company's Shared Services Unit (SSU)¹ as of September

¹ The Company's Shared Services Unit provides common services, such as accounting, legal, risk management, treasury, procurement, information technology, etc., to all of the Company's utility divisions.

1 A. Yes. The Company recently settled a general rate case in Kentucky which, as part
2 of the settlement, adopted these rates. These depreciation rates have also been
3 included in a general rate case the Company filed in Tennessee earlier this year,
4 but, as of the date of this direct testimony, that case is still pending. Based upon a
5 similar study which I performed in 2002, Atmos has had SSU depreciation rates
6 approved in several other jurisdictions, including Louisiana, Texas and Virginia.

7 **Q. WOULD YOU SUMMARIZE THE RESULTS OF THE SSU**
8 **DEPRECIATION STUDY?**

9 A. Yes. In general, average service lives have increased. Net salvage remained the
10 same for each asset category. There are three asset categories containing the
11 largest changes in annual depreciation expense: Account 399.01, Server
12 Hardware; Account 399.08, Application Software and Account 399.24, General
13 Start-up Costs. For Account 399.01, the decrease in annual depreciation expense
14 of \$1,069,241 is due to an increase in average service life from 5 years to 10
15 years. For Account 399.08, the increase in annual depreciation expense of
16 \$3,217,244 is due to reserve position. For Account 399.24, the increase in annual
17 depreciation expense of \$1,751,828 is due to reserve position.

18 **Q. WHEN YOU USE THE TERM "RESERVE POSITION", WHAT DO YOU**
19 **MEAN?**

20 A. The term "reserve position" refers to the difference between a theoretical reserve
21 and the existing book reserve. If the theoretical reserve is greater than the book
22 reserve, past depreciation has been inadequate compared to the depreciation
23 parameters developed in the Kansas and the SSU study, and an upward
24 adjustment to the depreciation rate is required. If the opposite is true, a downward
25 adjustment to the depreciation rate is required.

26 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING**
27 **THE DEPRECIATION RATES THAT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR**
28 **SSU IN THIS CASE.**

29 A. I recommend that the Commission adopt the depreciation rates shown on
30 Schedule 1 of Exhibit DSR-4. I base this recommendation on the fact that I have
31 conducted a comprehensive depreciation study, giving appropriate recognition to

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY
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TRANSMISSION PLANT
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AVERAGE LIFE GROUP METHOD REMAINING LIFE RATE

ACCOUNT NUMBER	SURVIVING BALANCE DECEMBER 31 2006	ASL & CURVE	% NET SLVG RATE	WHOLE LIFE	THEORETICAL RESERVE W/SALVAGE	BOOK RESERVE BY GROUP	AVERAGE REMAINING LIFE	REMAINING TO ACCRUE	ANNUAL ACCRUAL	REMAINING LIFE ACCRUAL RATE
31100000	23811407.	75.0R2.0	-20.0	1.60	6470755.	8661408.	58.02	19912280.	343223.	1.44
31200000	12887438.	55.0S.5	-20.0	2.18	42140208.	62899279.	40.01	91753647.	2293069.	1.78
31210000	5580296.	20.0S0	0.0	5.00	4882759.	5489556.	2.50	90740.	36296.	0.65
31400000	36776779.	60.0R3.0	-10.0	1.83	14345765.	20748143.	38.72	19706314.	508903.	1.38
31500000	7330468.	60.0R4.0	-5.0	1.75	3609319.	3555522.	31.86	4141469.	129971.	1.77
31600000	3909454.	55.0R2.5	15.0	1.55	951782.	1981160.	39.25	1341876.	34191.	0.87
	206285842.				72400588.	103335068.		136946326.	3345654.	1.62

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*** THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY ***

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AVERAGE LIFE GROUP METHOD REMAINING LIFE RATE

ACCOUNT NUMBER	SURVIVING BALANCE DECEMBER 31 2006	ASL & CURVE	% NET SLVG RATE	WHOLE LIFE	THEORETICAL RESERVE %/SALVAGE	BOOK RESERVE BY GROUP	AVERAGE REMAINING LIFE	REMAINING TO ACCRUE	ANNUAL ACCRUAL	REMAINING LIFE ACCRUAL RATE
39000000	9212785.	40.082.0	-5.0	2.62	4183993.	5230549.	22.70	4442875.	195730.	2.12
39110000	3274188.	25.011.0	0.0	4.00	1263708.	1776797.	15.35	1497391.	97544.	2.98
39120000	11577927.	10.012.0	0.0	10.00	3771130.	3358085.	6.74	8219842.	1219050.	10.53
39200000	6619639.	13.012.0	10.0	6.92	2422117.	5708172.	7.71	249503.	32341.	0.49
39300000	340331.	32.082.5	0.0	3.12	161235.	257315.	16.84	83016.	4930.	1.45
39400000	3464358.	20.085.0	10.0	4.50	1604231.	1765859.	9.71	1352063.	139250.	4.02
39500000	947056.	42.083.0	0.0	2.38	377623.	616370.	25.25	330886.	13095.	1.36
39600000	10373951.	15.084.0	5.0	6.33	5163520.	5820161.	7.14	4035093.	565063.	5.45
39700000	8197844.	20.082.0	0.0	5.00	4618202.	3886370.	8.73	4311274.	493669.	6.02
39800000	272048.	25.08.5	0.0	4.00	82249.	99716.	17.44	172332.	9680.	3.63
	54280129.				23648011.	28519594.		24694077.	2770551.	5.10

REDISTRIBUTION OF GENERAL PLANT BOOK RESERVE

Account Number	Description	Book Reserve	Theoretical Reserve with Salvage	Percent used to Redistribute Reserve	Redistributed Reserve
A	B	C	D	E=D/(j)	F (1)
GENERAL PLANT					
Depreciable Plant					
390.0	Structures & Improvements	5,230,549	4,183,993	35.55%	4,917,997
392.0	Transportation Equipment	5,708,172	2,422,117	20.58%	2,847,033
396.0	Power Operated Equipment	5,820,161	5,163,520	43.87%	6,069,364
	Total Depreciable General Plant	<u>16,758,882</u>	<u>11,769,630</u> (j)	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>13,834,395</u> (g)-(h)-(i)
Amortized Plant					
391.1	Office Furniture & Equipment	1,776,797	1,773,251		1,773,251
391.2	Computer Equipment	3,358,085	3,675,583		3,675,583
393.0	Store Equipment	257,315	175,626		175,626
394.0	Tools, Shop, & Garage Equipment	1,765,859	1,102,527		1,102,527
395.0	Laboratory Equipment	616,370	382,355		382,355
397.0	Communications Equipment	3,886,570	4,057,362		4,057,362
398.0	Miscellaneous Equipment	99,716	75,083		75,083
	Total Amortized General Plant	<u>11,760,712</u>	<u>11,241,788</u>		<u>11,241,788</u> (h)
	"Fully Depreciated" Retirements		<u>3,443,412</u>		<u>3,443,412</u> (i)
	Total General Plant	<u>28,519,594</u> (g)	<u>26,454,829</u>		<u>28,519,594</u>

Note:

- (1) Redistributed Reserve for Amortized Plant set equal to Theoretical Reserve.
Redistributed Reserve for Depreciable Plant allocates remaining Book Reserve by column E.

Sources:

Columns C and D from Company Depreciation Study workpapers for General Plant

REDISTRIBUTION OF BOOK RESERVE BY PLANT CATEGORY

Account Number	Description	Book Reserve	Theoretical Reserve with Salvage	Percent used to Redistribute Reserve	Redistributed Reserve
A	B	C	D	E=D/Total Cat D	F=E*Total Cat C
STEAM PRODUCTION PLANT					
311.0	Structures & Improvements	8,661,408	6,470,755	8.94%	9,368,595
312.0	Boiler Plant Equipment	62,899,279	42,140,208	58.20%	61,012,128
312.1	Coal Cars	5,489,556	4,882,759	6.74%	5,580,296 (1)
314.0	Turbogenerator Units	20,748,143	14,345,765	19.81%	20,770,321
315.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	3,555,522	3,609,319	4.99%	5,225,704
316.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	1,981,160	951,782	1.31%	1,378,025
	Total Steam Production Plant	<u>103,335,068</u>	<u>72,400,588</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>103,335,068</u>
HYDRAULIC PRODUCTION PLANT					
331.0	Structures & Improvements	239,275	148,422	7.45%	170,931
332.0	Reservoirs, Dams & Waterways	1,322,680	1,318,272	66.18%	1,518,194
333.0	Waterwheels, Turbines & Generators	386,529	248,676	12.48%	286,389
334.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	188,302	178,514	8.96%	205,587
335.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	157,169	97,993	4.92%	112,854
	Total Hydraulic Production Plant	<u>2,293,955</u>	<u>1,991,877</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>2,293,955</u>
OTHER PRODUCTION PLANT					
341.0	Structures & Improvements	3,856,677	2,595,737	6.63%	4,600,739
342.0	Fuel Holders, Producers & Accessories	3,794,238	4,472,306	11.43%	7,926,809
343.0	Prime Movers	42,382,604	21,899,522	55.97%	38,815,172
344.0	Generators	13,297,506	7,439,896	19.01%	13,186,628
345.0	Accessory Electric Equipment	2,893,533	1,455,041	3.72%	2,578,945
346.0	Misc. Power Plant Equipment	3,125,450	1,264,776	3.23%	2,241,716
	Total Other Production Plant	<u>69,350,008</u>	<u>39,127,278</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>69,350,008</u>
TRANSMISSION PLANT					
352.0	Structures & Improvements	956,612	781,951	0.96%	548,385
353.0	Station Equipment	28,339,591	26,743,014	32.90%	18,754,980
354.0	Towers & Fixtures	728,199	543,932	0.67%	381,462
355.0	Poles & Fixtures	12,215,983	18,491,840	22.75%	12,968,400
356.0	Overhead Conductors & Devices	14,773,236	34,735,860	42.73%	24,360,394
	Total Transmission Plant	<u>57,013,621</u>	<u>81,296,597</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>57,013,621</u>
DISTRIBUTION PLANT					
361.0	Structures & Improvements	3,206,981	3,673,342	1.52%	3,138,773
362.0	Station Equipment	24,206,728	26,368,062	10.92%	22,530,807
364.0	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	48,298,664	67,926,880	28.13%	58,041,711
365.0	Overhead Conductors & Devices	40,553,223	61,626,016	25.52%	52,657,790
366.0	Underground Conduit	6,685,692	4,134,815	1.71%	3,533,089
367.0	Underground Conductors & Devices	14,080,733	12,602,145	5.22%	10,768,197
368.0	Line Transformers	26,073,278	18,545,976	7.68%	15,847,043
369.0	Services	25,335,853	33,966,580	14.07%	29,023,538
370.0	Meters	6,061,647	4,379,940	1.81%	3,742,542
371.0	Installations on Customers' Premises	7,280,613	4,757,511	1.97%	4,065,167
373.0	Street Lighting & Signal Systems	4,532,248	3,472,317	1.44%	2,967,002
	Total Distribution Plant	<u>206,315,660</u>	<u>241,453,584</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>206,315,660</u>

Note:

(1) Account 312.1-Coal Cars is now fully depreciated due to redistribution.

Sources:

Columns C and D from Company Depreciation Study workpapers

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Qualifications

The Consultant is a consulting engineer specializing in utility regulatory proceedings. He has participated in over 200 state regulatory proceedings as listed on the attached Relevant Work Experience.

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Iowa	Utah
Maine	Washington

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Illinois	South Dakota
Minnesota	Wisconsin

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