

OTS Statement No. 1
Witness: Kevan Deardorff
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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF PECO ENERGY :
COMPANY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS :
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Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Kevan L. Deardorff. My business address is Pennsylvania
Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-3265.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am currently employed by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
as a Fixed Utility Financial Analyst. I am assigned to the Office of Trial
Staff as an expert witness.

**Q. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL
BACKGROUND?**

A. I have prepared this information and presented it in Appendix A which is
attached to my direct testimony.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

A. *The purpose of my testimony is to respond to concerns regarding cost
savings raised by PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL”) in its
Objections to the Joint Petition for Settlement (“PPL Objections”).*

Q. DOES YOUR TESTIMONY INCLUDE AN EXHIBIT?

1 A. Yes. OTS Exhibit No. 1 presents the information I have gathered to
2 determine savings to PECO's distribution customers that will result from
3 the merger.

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5 **Q. WHAT IS PPL'S SPECIFIC OBJECTION TO THE SETTLEMENT**
6 **WITH RESPECT TO THE RATE REDUCTION AND COST**
7 **SAVINGS?**

8 A. On pages 20-22 of PPL's Objections, PPL addressed the lack of evidence
9 in this proceeding regarding cost savings and hypothesizes that service
10 quality may diminish if cost savings are insufficient to support the \$200
11 million rate reduction.

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13 **Q. DID PECO FURTHER ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY COST SAVINGS**
14 **OTHER THAN THAT WHICH IT PRESENTED IN DIRECT**
15 **TESTIMONY?**

16 A. Yes. In response to OTS-11 (see Schedule 1, of OTS Exhibit No. 1),
17 PECO estimated total merger savings for the five-year period to be
18 \$573.2 million¹. PECO's share of the estimated five-year regulated
19 merger savings is \$113.1 million². PECO's share of the estimated five-

¹ OTS Schedule No. 1, response to OTS-11 and OTS Schedule No. 2, response to OTS-12.

² OTS Schedule No. 1. Regulated gas savings totaled \$19.3 million and regulated electric savings totaled \$93.8 million.

1 year unregulated merger savings is \$70.9 million³. As a result, PECO's
2 share of the total merger savings is \$184.0 million.

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4 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THESE ESTIMATES MAY BE**
5 **CONSERVATIVE?**

6 A. Yes.

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8 **Q. WHY?**

9 A. It was in the best interest of PECO's shareholders to provide conservative
10 cost saving synergy estimates.

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12 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE MERGER SAVINGS WILL BE**
13 **SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE RATE REDUCTIONS, THUS**
14 **RESULTING IN NO MATERIAL IMPACT ON SERVICE**
15 **QUALITY?**

16 A. Yes. PECO is well aware of its overall financial position and is willing to
17 commit to those rate reductions. Consequently, it follows that PECO is
18 convinced that it can achieve cost savings in excess of \$200 million in

³ OTS Schedule No. 1, response to OTS-12. The Company estimated total unregulated merger saving for the 5 year period to be \$242.3 million. PECO's share of the savings was determined by dividing PECO's 1998 generating capacity of 9.3 million kwh by the total PECO/Unicom capacity of 31.8 million kwh and multiplying that result by the total savings of \$242.3 million. (Unicom and PECO 1998 Annual Report to Stockholders).

1 order to create shareholder value, otherwise it would not have agreed to
2 those terms.

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4 **Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE IDENTIFIED**
5 **SAVING MAY BE UNDERESTIMATED?**

6 A. Yes. Schedule No. 3 presents a Value Line sheet for Unicom that
7 estimates the merger savings in the third year to be \$180 million. PECO
8 estimates the third year merger savings to be \$156.3 million.

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10 **Q. HAVE YOU OBSERVED AN INSTANCE WHERE ACTUAL**
11 **UTILITY MERGER COST SAVINGS EXCEEDED THE**
12 **ESTIMATES?**

13 A. Yes. In the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX merger the actual cost savings greatly
14 exceeded initial estimates. On page 4 of Bell Atlantic's 1997 Annual
15 Report the following statement was made by the Chairman and Vice
16 Chairman of the Board of Directors regarding the Bell Atlantic/NYNEX
17 merger:

18 "We have identified about \$1.8 billion in annual
19 expense synergies, capital savings and incremental revenue
20 opportunities to be achieved by 2000-nearly twice what we
21 believed possible before closing the merger in August
22 1997."
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1 Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?

2 A. Yes.

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Kevan L. Deardorff
Educational and Professional Background

I am a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Economics and Finance and a Master of Arts Degree in Economics. Before coming to the Pennsylvania PUC in 1983, I worked as a consultant for the United States Environmental Protection Agency between 1980 and 1981, and as a Research Economist for the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce during 1982.

I am currently employed as a Fixed Utility Financial Analyst III. I have completed rate of return analyses in a large number of rate cases and assisted in the analyses of many electric, gas, water and telephone rate cases. I have prepared rate of return and price cap testimony in the following rate cases:

Keystone Water Company	R-822211-12 R-822215-19 R-822221
Western Pennsylvania Water Company	R-832381
Philadelphia Suburban Water Company	R-842592
Duquesne Light Company	R-842583
Western Pennsylvania Water Company	R-842621-25
Riverton Consolidated Water Company	R-842675
Keystone Water Company	R-842755-56 R-842759
Equitable Gas Company	R-842769
Western Pennsylvania Water Company	R-850096-97
West Penn Power Company	R-850220
Dauphin Consolidated Water Supply Co.	R-860350

Western Pennsylvania Water Company	R-860397
Philadelphia Electric Company (Gas Division)	R-870629
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.	R-870719
Western Pennsylvania Water Company	R-870825
Philadelphia Suburban Water Company	R-870840
Equitable Gas Company	R-880971
Chartiers Natural Gas Company	R-891283
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	R-891468
Arrowhead Public Service Corp.	R-891557
Pennsylvania-American Water Co.	R-901652
Citizens Utilities Water Company of Pennsylvania	R-901663
Citizens Utilities Home Water Company	R-901664
National Fuel Gas Distribution	R-901670
York Water Company	R-901813
Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	R-901873
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.	R-911912
The Peoples Natural Gas Company	R-00922180
York Water Company	R-00922168

Pennsylvania & Southern Gas Company	R-00922312
North Penn Gas Company	R-00922276
North East Heat and Light Company	R-00922309
Shenango Valley Water Company	R-00922420
Mechanicsburg Water Company	R-00922502
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.	R-00932548
Roaring Creek Water Company	R-00932665
Shenango Valley Water Company	R-00932798
The Peoples Natural Gas Company	R-00932866
Blue Mountain Consolidated Water Co.	R-00932873
Allied Gas Company, et. al.	R-00932952
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.	R-00942991
Borough of Media Water Works	R-00943098
Newtown Artesian Water Company	R-00943157
Roaring Creek Water Company	R-00943177
Borough of Schuylkill Haven	R-00943156
Pennsylvania Power & Light Company	R-00943271
National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.	R-00953299
Frontier Companies	P-00951005

PFG Gas, Inc. and North Penn Gas Company	R-00953524
Commonwealth Telephone Company	P-00961024
PECO Energy Company	R-00973877
PECO Energy Company	R-00973953
Ironton Telephone Company	P-00971182
Metropolitan Edison Company	R-00974008
Pennsylvania Electric Company	R-00974009
Pennsylvania Power Company	R-00974149
PG Energy Company	R-00984280
ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc.	P-00981423
Pennsylvania Telephone Association Small Group	P-00981425, <u>et al</u>
United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania	P-00981410
City of Lancaster Water Fund	R-00984567
York Water Company	R-00994605
Pittsburgh Thermal, L.P.	R-00994641

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OTS-11 Question:

Re: Response to Interrogatory OTS-4. Please estimate the merger savings allocated to the Pennsylvania jurisdiction. Please provide all assumptions necessary to make these estimates.

OTS-11 Answer:

Attachment OTS-11 provides the requested estimate. This estimate is based on customer and labor allocation factors applied to the various cost savings categories. Other allocation criteria could have been employed for certain cost items but it is believed that the use of such factors would not materially affect the results of the estimate. While the Company believes the allocation method used in the estimate is a reasonable one, the allocation of the benefits will not be known until the merger is complete, actual savings are achieved, and actual costs directly assigned or allocated to the entity(ies) incurring the costs.

Responsible Witness: Thomas J. Flaherty/Thomas P. Hill, Jr.

Attachment OTS-11

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Schedule 1
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Project Bookends

Allocator

Avg. Cust/Emp

Peco Elec	Peco Gas	Peco Total	Unicom Elec	Unicom Gas	Unicom Total	Newco Elec	Newco Gas
28.8%	100.0%	30.8%	73.4%	0.0%	69.2%	94.2%	8.6%

Peco

Unicom

Combined

	Elec	Gas	Total	Elec	Gas	Total	Elec	Gas	Total
Customers	1,487,888	415,420	1,903,117	3,454,544	-	3,454,544	4,942,232	415,420	5,357,661
Co	79.2%	21.8%		100.0%	0.0%				
Combined	30.1%	100.0%	36.5%	69.9%	0.0%	64.5%	92.2%	7.6%	
Field Employees	1508	230	1638	4361	0	4361	5668	230	
Co	83.0%	19.0%		100.0%	0.0%				
Combined	23.1%	100.0%	26.1%	78.0%	0.0%	73.0%	66.1%	3.9%	
Employees			4,512			8,393			13,805
Total									
Corporate			2974			5032			8008
Field			1538			4361			5800
Company % of Combined									
Total			32.4%			67.6%			
Corporate			37.1%			67.9%			57.8%
Field			26.1%			73.9%			42.4%
Company % of Total									
Corporate			65.9%			63.8%			67.6%
Field			34.1%			40.4%			42.4%

Allocation by Jurisdiction

Electric		Customers	State Allocation
Peco Energy Co.	PA	1,487,888	30.1%
Commonwealth Edison	IL	3,454,544	69.9%
Total		4,942,232	100.0%
Gas			
Peco Energy Co.	PA	415,420	100.0%
Total		415,420	100.0%

Project Bookend

Total Potential Savings Detail

Regulated

Potential Areas (\$ in 000s)

Labor	Regional Allocation		Rationale	Company Allocation			Rationale
	Elco	Gas		Pecc Elec	Union Elec	Pecc Gas	
Compress	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Field	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Total							
Corporate & Administrative Programs:							
Administrative & General Overhead	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Advertising	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Benefits	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Insurance	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Information Services (ITRM)	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Information Services (Capital)	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Professional Services	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Facilities	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Shareholder Services	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Vehicles	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Director's Fees	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Association Dues	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Research & Development	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Total							
Purchasing Economies:							
Purchasing	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Contract Services	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Total							
Total Savings	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA
Costs to Achieve	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Pre-Major Initiatives	94.2%	1.8%	Avg Cust,Emp,Newco	26.6%	73.4%	100.0%	0.0% Avg Cust,Emp,(Company Name)(Elec or Gas)
Net Regulated Savings	NA	NA		NA	NA	NA	NA

Total Regulated Savings

(\$ in 000s)

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Labor						
Corporate	\$30,038	\$49,775	\$52,414	\$55,177	\$58,070	\$245,474
Field	\$6,645	\$7,341	\$8,070	\$8,833	\$9,632	\$40,521
Total	<u>\$36,683</u>	<u>\$57,116</u>	<u>\$60,484</u>	<u>\$64,010</u>	<u>\$67,702</u>	<u>\$285,996</u>
Corporate & Administrative Programs:						
Administrative & General Overhead	\$1,045	\$1,761	\$1,825	\$1,890	\$1,958	\$8,479
Advertising	\$880	\$918	\$958	\$999	\$1,042	\$4,797
Benefits	\$0	\$4,136	\$4,462	\$4,884	\$5,332	\$18,814
Insurance	\$1,580	\$1,627	\$1,676	\$1,726	\$1,778	\$8,388
Information Services (O&M)	\$158	\$4,155	\$8,390	\$8,642	\$8,901	\$30,247
Information Services (Capital)	\$158	\$3,017	\$8,732	\$14,618	\$20,681	\$47,206
Professional Services	\$9,685	\$10,101	\$10,536	\$10,989	\$11,461	\$52,771
Facilities	\$0	\$4,539	\$4,675	\$4,815	\$4,960	\$18,988
Shareholder Services	\$809	\$834	\$859	\$884	\$911	\$4,297
Vehicles	\$65	\$105	\$108	\$111	\$114	\$502
Directors' Fees	\$139	\$144	\$148	\$152	\$157	\$740
Association Dues	\$248	\$255	\$263	\$271	\$279	\$1,317
Research & Development	\$1,020	\$1,051	\$1,082	\$1,115	\$1,148	\$5,416
Total	<u>\$15,787</u>	<u>\$32,642</u>	<u>\$43,713</u>	<u>\$51,097</u>	<u>\$58,722</u>	<u>\$201,962</u>
Purchasing Economies:						
Procurement	\$5,339	\$6,308	\$7,306	\$8,334	\$9,393	\$36,681
Contract Services	\$4,538	\$5,420	\$6,341	\$7,301	\$8,302	\$31,901
Total	<u>\$9,877</u>	<u>\$11,728</u>	<u>\$13,647</u>	<u>\$15,635</u>	<u>\$17,695</u>	<u>\$68,582</u>
Savings Subtotal	<u>\$62,348</u>	<u>\$101,486</u>	<u>\$117,844</u>	<u>\$130,742</u>	<u>\$144,119</u>	<u>\$556,539</u>
Costs to Achieve	<u>\$104,071</u>	<u>\$35,193</u>	<u>\$17,446</u>	<u>\$14,239</u>	<u>\$14,300</u>	<u>\$185,249</u>
Pre-Merger Initiatives	<u>\$907</u>	<u>\$272</u>	<u>\$486</u>	<u>\$709</u>	<u>\$940</u>	<u>\$40,312</u>
Net Regulated Savings	<u><u>(\$47,630)</u></u>	<u><u>\$58,022</u></u>	<u><u>\$91,912</u></u>	<u><u>\$107,794</u></u>	<u><u>\$120,880</u></u>	<u><u>\$330,977</u></u> ✓

Total Regulated Electric

(\$ in 000s)

Labor	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Corporate						
Field	\$28,288	\$46,875	\$49,360	\$51,962	\$54,687	\$231,172
Total	\$6,258	\$6,913	\$7,600	\$8,318	\$9,071	\$38,160
	34,546	53,788	56,960	60,281	63,758	269,332
Corporate & Administrative Programs:						
Administrative & General Overhead						
Advertising	\$984	\$1,659	\$1,719	\$1,780	\$1,844	\$7,985
Benefits	\$829	\$865	\$902	\$941	\$981	\$4,517
Insurance	\$0	\$3,895	\$4,202	\$4,600	\$5,022	\$17,718
Information Services (O&M)	\$1,488	\$1,532	\$1,578	\$1,626	\$1,675	\$7,899
Information Services (Capital)	\$149	\$3,913	\$7,902	\$8,139	\$8,383	\$28,485
Professional Services	\$148	\$2,841	\$8,223	\$13,766	\$19,476	\$44,455
Facilities	\$9,121	\$9,513	\$9,922	\$10,348	\$10,793	\$49,697
Shareholder Services	\$0	\$4,274	\$4,402	\$4,535	\$4,671	\$17,882
Vehicles	\$762	\$785	\$809	\$833	\$858	\$4,047
Directors' Fees	\$61	\$98	\$101	\$104	\$108	\$473
Association Dues	\$131	\$135	\$139	\$143	\$148	\$697
Research & Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchasing Economies:	\$14,868	\$30,740	\$41,166	\$48,120	\$55,301	\$190,195
Procurement						
Contract Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	\$9,302	\$11,045	\$12,852	\$14,724	\$16,664	\$64,586
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Savings Subtotal						
Costs to Achieve	\$98,007	\$33,142	\$16,422	\$13,410	\$13,467	\$174,456
Pre-Merger Initiatives						
	5,563	7,790	7,992	8,201	8,419	37,964
Net Regulated Savings	<u>(\$44,835)</u>	<u>\$54,641</u>	<u>\$86,536</u>	<u>\$101,514</u>	<u>\$113,837</u>	<u>\$311,693</u>

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Total Regulated Gas

(\$ in 000s)		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Total
Labor							
	Corporate	1,750	2,900	3,054	3,215	3,383	14,302
	Field	387	428	470	515	561	2,361
	Total	2,137	3,328	3,524	3,730	3,945	16,663
Corporate & Administrative Programs:							
	Administrative & General Overhead	\$61	\$103	\$106	\$110	\$114	\$494
	Advertising	\$51	\$53	\$56	\$58	\$61	\$279
	Benefits	\$0	\$241	\$260	\$285	\$311	\$1,096
	Insurance	\$92	\$95	\$98	\$101	\$104	\$489
	Information Services (O&M)	\$9	\$242	\$489	\$504	\$519	\$1,762
	Information Services (Capital)	\$9	\$176	\$509	\$852	\$1,205	\$2,750
	Professional Services	\$564	\$589	\$614	\$640	\$668	\$3,075
	Facilities	\$0	\$264	\$272	\$281	\$289	\$1,106
	Shareholder Services	\$47	\$49	\$50	\$52	\$53	\$250
	Vehicles	\$4	\$6	\$6	\$6	\$7	\$29
	Directors' Fees	\$8	\$8	\$9	\$9	\$9	\$43
	Association Dues	\$14	\$15	\$15	\$16	\$16	\$77
	Research & Development	\$59	\$61	\$63	\$65	\$67	\$316
	Total	\$920	\$1,902	\$2,547	\$2,977	\$3,421	\$11,767
Purchasing Economies:							
	Procurement	\$311	\$368	\$426	\$486	\$547	\$2,137
	Contract Services	\$264	\$316	\$369	\$425	\$484	\$1,859
	Total	\$575	\$683	\$795	\$911	\$1,031	\$3,996
	Savings Subtotal	\$3,633	\$5,913	\$6,866	\$7,618	\$8,397	\$32,426
	Costs to Achieve	\$6,064	\$2,030	\$1,016	\$810	\$833	\$10,791
	Pre-Merger Initiatives	344	482	494	307	521	2,349
	Net Regulated Savings	(\$2,775)	\$3,381	\$5,353	\$6,281	\$7,043	\$19,284 ✓

OTS-12 Question:

Re: Response to Interrogatory OTS-3, Attachment OTS-3. Please estimate total merger savings (both regulated and unregulated) for the 10 year period. Please provide all assumptions necessary to make these assumptions.

OTS-12 Answer:

The requested data was provided in response to OCA-VI-13 (unregulated) and OTS-3 (regulated).

Responsible Witness: Thomas J. Flaherty

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Non-Regulated

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10 Year Total Potential Savings Detail (O&M/Fixed Charge)

Potential Areas (\$ in 000s)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Non-Regulated											
Corporate labor allocation	\$14,266	\$23,639	\$24,893	\$26,205	\$27,579	\$29,018	\$30,524	\$32,101	\$33,752	\$35,481	\$277,458
Nuclear labor	\$14,349	\$15,832	\$18,137	\$19,882	\$21,682	\$23,528	\$25,527	\$27,629	\$29,799	\$32,070	\$228,559
Total labor	\$28,615	\$39,491	\$43,030	\$46,087	\$49,266	\$52,595	\$56,081	\$59,730	\$63,551	\$67,551	\$506,017
Corporate program allocation	\$9,883	\$20,434	\$27,365	\$31,988	\$36,761	\$41,592	\$46,892	\$46,571	\$48,316	\$50,129	\$357,930
Nuclear Purchasing	\$1,040	\$1,229	\$1,423	\$1,623	\$1,830	\$2,042	\$2,261	\$2,488	\$2,718	\$2,958	\$19,611
Nuclear Fuel	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$7,488	\$74,880
Nuclear Contract Services	\$4,153	\$4,902	\$5,683	\$6,482	\$7,306	\$8,158	\$9,028	\$9,928	\$10,851	\$11,809	\$78,305
Total	\$22,564	\$34,058	\$41,959	\$47,582	\$53,385	\$59,276	\$65,669	\$66,473	\$69,377	\$72,383	\$530,726
Total											
Total non-regulated synergy savings	\$31,179	\$73,549	\$85,009	\$93,668	\$102,631	\$111,871	\$119,749	\$126,203	\$132,928	\$139,933	\$1,036,743
Costs to Achieve	\$65,150	\$22,031	\$10,921	\$8,914	\$8,952	\$4,324	\$1,402	\$537	\$527	\$517	\$123,276
Pre-Merger Initiatives	\$8,580	\$9,446	\$9,682	\$9,942	\$10,203	\$10,478	\$10,761	\$11,051	\$11,360	\$11,673	\$103,149
Net Non-regulated Savings	(\$22,511)	\$42,072	\$64,398	\$74,812	\$83,494	\$97,070	\$107,587	\$114,611	\$121,040	\$127,743	\$810,318
											*242,265
Total Opportunity	(\$1,908)	\$56,437	\$81,705	\$92,792	\$102,300	\$116,708	\$128,040	\$135,873	\$142,993	\$150,360	\$998,300

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Project Name

50 Year Total CMM Savings

Allocated (1-700, 2-00)

Allocation %

Label 2196 100%

Year Label 2996 9%

Area (in CMM)

Label	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Labels													
1 Corporate	250	310,177	373,000	322,500	321,050	320,000	320,100	320,000	320,000	320,000	320,000	320,000	3,200,000
2 Nuclear	225	12,520	14,153	15,510	16,379	17,002	17,000	16,830	16,510	16,030	15,590	15,150	174,200
3 Field	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	570	322,697	387,153	338,010	337,429	337,002	336,930	336,830	336,510	336,030	335,590	335,150	3,474,200
Corporate & Administrative Programs													
1 Administrative & General Overhead	0	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	340,000
1 Advertising	0	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	35,000
1 Benefits	0	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	24,000
1 Insurance	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	10,000
1 Information Services (M&M)	0	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	26,000
1 Information Services (Nuclear)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 Professional Services	0	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	40,000
1 Facilities	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	20,000
1 Maintenance Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 Vehicles	0	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	400
1 Director's Pass	0	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	900
1 Association Dues	0	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	1,500
1 Research & Development	0	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	450	4,500
Total	0	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	347,000
Production Resources													
2 Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Contract Services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Nuclear Procurement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 Nuclear Contract Services	0	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	35,000
Total	0	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	35,000
Total Savings	570	326,197	390,653	341,510	340,929	340,502	340,430	340,330	340,010	339,530	339,090	338,650	3,509,200
Cost to Achieve	0	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	34,700	347,000
Net Savings	570	291,497	355,953	306,810	306,229	305,802	305,730	305,630	305,310	304,830	304,390	303,950	3,162,200

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10 Year Revenue Requirements Review
Allocated (1-yr, 2-yr)
Allocation %

Labor **33% 100%**
 Non-Labor **39% 0%**

Area (1 to 9999)	Allocated	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Labor												
1 Corporate	000	249	233	209	250	275	290	31,070	31,271	31,074	31,425	125,320 <i>Sum</i>
2 Nuclear	225	210	1,897	2,647	3,645	4,605	5,776	4,910	4,113	3,302	10,479	34,320
3 Field	00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1,225	259	2,130	2,906	3,900	4,900	6,066	36,980	35,384	34,376	41,904	202,260
Corporate & Administrative Programs												
1 Administrative & General Overhead	00	011	010	025	035	040	040	040	040	045	074	074
1 Advertising	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Benefits	00	99	202	310	425	540	670	816	962	1,116	1,280	3,150
1 Insurance	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Information Services (IS&M)	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Information Services (Capital)	99	1,899	3,405	4,154	5,247	6,737	8,400	10,300	12,170	14,170	16,733	125,770
1 Professional Services	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Facilities	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Checkable Services	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Vehicles	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Auxiliary Data	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Regulatory Expenses	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Research & Development	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
1 Loss of Profit	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
Total	000	2,120	3,617	4,600	5,687	6,780	7,740	11,310	10,170	8,115	6,074	101,120 <i>Sum</i>
Procurement Expenses												
2 Procurement	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
2 Inventory	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
2 Contract Services	100	200	400	600	800	1,000	1,200	1,400	1,600	1,800	2,000	9,400
2 Nuclear Procurement	020	1,222	1,824	2,632	3,362	4,222	5,122	6,022	6,922	7,822	8,722	32,200
2 Nuclear Contract Services	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000	000
Total	020	1,422	2,224	3,232	4,162	5,022	5,922	6,822	7,722	8,622	9,522	41,700
Total Savings		31,867	33,527	31,157	34,970	32,984	32,164	30,941	32,467	34,859	34,326	301,440
Cost to Address		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Savings		31,867	33,527	31,157	34,970	32,984	32,164	30,941	32,467	34,859	34,326	301,440

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10 Year Capital Summary
Allocated (1-yr, 2-yr)
Allocation %

Labor 32% 100%
Materials 39% 0%

Item (1 to 9999)	Allocated	Restrictions	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Total
Labor													
1 Corporate		100	\$746	\$1,270	\$1,290	\$1,330	\$1,414	\$1,438	\$1,500	\$1,623	\$1,690	\$1,779	\$14,040
2 Nuclear		725	6,563	7,292	7,990	8,363	8,750	9,170	9,601	10,053	10,525	11,000	\$93,940
3 Field		96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1,291	\$7,310	\$8,562	\$9,280	\$9,700	\$10,172	\$10,608	\$11,101	\$11,673	\$12,214	\$12,780	\$107,980
Corporate & Administrative Programs													
1 Administrative & General Overhead			\$34	\$37	\$39	\$61	\$63	\$65	\$67	\$69	\$71	\$73	\$670
1 Advertising			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Benefits			\$0	\$70	\$64	\$46	\$71	1,029	1,091	1,146	1,225	1,299	9,300
1 Insurance			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Information Services (IT&AD)			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Information Services (Capital)			\$30	\$,997	\$1,903	\$2,534	\$2,694	\$3,074	\$3,007	\$3,871	\$4,207	\$4,715	\$12,713
1 Professional Services			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Facilities			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Shareholder Services			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Vehicles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Director's Fees			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Association Dues			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Regulatory Expenses			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Research & Development			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Telecommunications			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1 Financing and Lines of Credit			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total			\$34	\$,074	\$2,842	\$3,591	\$3,757	\$4,069	\$4,067	\$4,995	\$5,350	\$5,984	\$22,111
Purchasing Expenses													
2 Procurement			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2 Inventory			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2 Contract Services			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2 Nuclear Procurement			1,304	1,364	1,404	1,467	1,490	1,535	1,561	1,620	1,677	1,737	15,177
2 Nuclear Contract Services			1,286	1,461	1,608	1,726	1,858	1,928	2,012	2,101	2,196	2,292	18,522
Total			\$1,590	\$2,825	\$2,912	\$3,233	\$3,348	\$3,463	\$3,573	\$3,720	\$3,873	\$4,029	\$33,776
Total Recharge			<u>\$14,040</u>	<u>\$22,207</u>	<u>\$29,192</u>	<u>\$39,239</u>	<u>\$41,322</u>	<u>\$42,071</u>	<u>\$43,608</u>	<u>\$45,908</u>	<u>\$46,188</u>	<u>\$47,510</u>	<u>\$392,988</u>
Cost to Achieve			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Recharge			<u>\$14,040</u>	<u>\$22,207</u>	<u>\$29,192</u>	<u>\$39,239</u>	<u>\$41,322</u>	<u>\$42,071</u>	<u>\$43,608</u>	<u>\$45,908</u>	<u>\$46,188</u>	<u>\$47,510</u>	<u>\$392,988</u>

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PECO ENERGY CO. NYSE-PE

RECENT PRICE **32** PE RATIO **9.8** (Trading 13.8 Median: 12.0) RELATIVE PE RATIO **0.66** DIVD YLD **3.1%** VALUE LINE **180**

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 8/13/98	High: 21.3 24.5 23.5 28.0 26.8 33.6 30.0 30.3 32.5 28.4 42.2 50.5	Low: 18.9 18.1 14.5 17.5 22.6 26.5 23.6 24.3 23.0 18.9 18.9 30.8	Target Price Range 2002 2003 2004	80- 60- 50- 40- 30- 20- 15- 10- 5-
SAFETY 2 Raised 8/11/98	LEGENDS 0.00 = Dividends p sh divided by Interest Rate Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession			
TECHNICAL 3 Lowered 8/18/98				
BETA .85 (1.00 = Market)				
2002-04 PROJECTIONS				
Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return		
High 60	(+90%)	19%		
Low 45	(+40%)	11%		
Insider Decisions				
J F M A M J J A S				
To Buy	1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0			
To Sell	1 0 5 4 2 2 0 0 0			
To Buy	1 0 5 5 2 3 0 0 0			
Institutional Decisions				
43188 10188 50188				
To Buy	153 146 106	Percent 12.0		
To Sell	108 120 154	shares 8.0		
Held	127841 120954 97669	traded 4.0		
% TOT. RETURN 11/99				
1 yr. -15.3 10.6				
3 yr. 49.7 44.7				
5 yr. 79.7 121.2				

1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	VALUE LINE PUBL. INC.	02-04
18.18	18.37	18.96	18.36	18.16	15.83	18.07	17.06	18.07	17.97	18.00	18.23	18.84	19.25	20.75	23.19	28.60	27.60	Revenues per sh	30.50
3.48	3.70	3.52	4.02	3.73	3.68	3.97	4.21	4.40	4.51	4.36	4.00	4.91	4.79	4.80	5.45	5.45	5.45	"Cash Flow" per sh	6.35
2.40	2.70	2.56	2.80	2.33	2.33	2.49	2.18	2.15	2.17	2.45	1.78	2.52	2.24	1.82	2.33	3.00	3.55	Earnings per sh (A)	4.15
2.12	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	1.45	1.23	1.33	1.43	1.55	1.65	1.78	1.80	1.00	1.00	1.00	Div'd Decl'd per sh (B)	1.08
7.21	6.49	4.65	4.06	4.98	4.54	4.89	2.49	2.30	2.70	2.56	2.58	2.60	2.47	2.20	1.85	2.45	2.45	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.45
17.99	17.81	17.97	18.48	17.20	17.39	17.67	18.71	17.69	18.24	19.25	19.41	20.40	20.88	12.25	13.61	10.05	12.80	Book Value per sh (C)	21.25
142.81	182.30	177.68	189.08	196.68	206.59	211.98	216.97	220.03	220.53	221.52	221.61	222.17	222.54	222.54	224.68	182.50	182.50	Common Shs Outst'g (D)	182.50
7.0	5.0	6.0	8.0	8.2	8.1	8.7	8.0	8.8	11.8	12.2	15.0	10.9	11.6	12.3	12.8	12.8	12.8	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	13.0
5.9	4.7	4.8	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.8	5.9	6.3	7.2	7.2	9.8	7.3	7.3	7.1	5.7	5.7	5.7	Relative P/E Ratio	.85
12.6%	16.3%	14.3%	10.6%	10.3%	11.7%	10.2%	8.4%	5.8%	5.2%	4.8%	5.8%	6.0%	6.8%	6.1%	3.4%	3.4%	3.4%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.0%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 9/30/99
Total Debt \$6320 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1535 mill.
LT Debt \$6052 mill. LT Interest \$300 mill.
(LT interest earned: 3.5x)
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$48.8 mill.
Pfd Stock \$321.2 mill. Pfd Div'd \$27.0 mill.
Incl. 1,374,720 shs. \$3.80-\$7.48 at cum. (\$100 par), callable at prices ranging from \$104.00/sh. - \$112.50/sh; 556,000 shs. \$8.12 with mand. red. reqs.; 2.0 mill. shs. 8.0% series C (\$50 mill.); 78,105 shs. 7.38% series D (\$78 mill.).
Common Stock 185,786,206 shs. as of 11/5/99
MARKET CAP: \$5.9 billion (Large Cap)

3405.6	3706.2	3975.8	3662.5	3988.1	4049.8	4186.2	4283.7	4617.9	5210.5	6215	5035	Revenue (\$mill)	5565
619.4	560.8	534.7	538.7	580.7	435.3	603.7	543.9	450.1	563.1	645	680	Net Profit (\$mill)	770
15.1%	27.4%	36.6%	33.2%	38.3%	36.4%	39.9%	38.5%	43.9%	36.2%	36.5%	36.5%	Income Tax Rate	28.0%
56.9%	24.6%	4.3%	3.8%	4.0%	5.1%	4.5%	3.7%	4.8%	.6%	NMF	NMF	AFUDC % to Net Profit	.5%
55.0%	57.8%	54.7%	53.4%	50.7%	50.0%	45.7%	43.7%	54.8%	45.2%	59.5%	56.5%	Long-Term Debt Ratio	46.5%
36.7%	34.9%	38.1%	40.1%	43.1%	43.9%	48.0%	49.9%	37.4%	46.0%	34.5%	40.5%	Common Equity Ratio	50.5%
10481	10389	10214	10031	9890.9	9783.6	9444.1	9008.5	7282.3	6641.8	6025	5685	Total Capital (\$mill)	7660
10994	10833	10822	10901	10958	11003	10938	10942	4670.7	4764.0	4980	5255	Net Plant (\$mill)	6085
8.6%	8.1%	7.9%	7.3%	8.2%	6.4%	6.4%	7.6%	6.4%	10.4%	16.5%	13.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	11.5%
13.1%	12.6%	11.5%	11.5%	12.1%	8.9%	11.8%	10.4%	13.8%	15.5%	32.0%	26.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	18.0%
14.0%	12.7%	12.0%	11.9%	12.7%	9.1%	12.3%	10.7%	14.8%	17.0%	33.5%	28.0%	Return on Com Equity (E)	19.5%
1.7%	4.2%	5.2%	4.7%	5.3%	1.1%	4.2%	2.3%	1.2%	10.7%	23.5%	20.5%	Retained to Com Eq	14.5%
90%	72%	82%	85%	82%	89%	68%	81%	83%	42%	34%	29%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	27%

ELECTRIC OPERATING STATISTICS:

1996	1997	1998	
% Change Retail Sales (KWh)	-3.1	+2.8	+3.3
Avg Indust. Use (MWh)	4810	4545	4827
Avg Indust. Rate per KWh (¢)	7.22	7.17	6.81
Capacity at Peak (MW)	9201	9204	9262
Peak Load, Summer (MW)	6509	7390	7108
Annual Load Factor (%)	62.1	54.8	55.0
% Change Customers (yr-ec)	+3	+8	+7

BUSINESS: PECO Energy Company (formerly Philadelphia Electric) supplies electricity (92% of '98 revenues) and gas (8% to Philadelphia and surrounding areas. Service area is highly industrialized. 1998 electric revs.: residential, 40.8%; small commercial & industrial, 23.2%; large comm. & ind., 31.6%; other, 4.4%. '98 gas revs.: residential, 67.0%; commercial and industrial, 33.0%. Prime

Fixed Charge Cov. (%)	265	257	336
ANNUAL RATES	10 Yrs	5 Yrs	Est'd '98-'99
% change (par sh)	19 Yrs	5 Yrs	to 10/04
Revenues	3.0%	3.0%	6.5%
"Cash Flow"	3.0%	2.5%	4.0%
Earnings	-1.5%	-1.0%	12.0%
Dividends	-3.5%	2.5%	-6.5%
Book Value	-1.5%	-3.5%	8.5%

PECO Energy and Unicom are submitting the necessary regulatory filings to complete their merger. In the deal, PECO investors may receive one common share in the combined company or \$45 in cash for each of their common shares. Unicom stockholders can elect to receive 0.95 of a share in the new company or \$42.75 in cash for each of the Chicago company's outstanding shares—there is a total cash cap of \$1.5 billion. At closing, PECO and Unicom stockholders will have equal stakes in what will be one of the largest domestic utility holding companies. We estimate annual cost synergies of \$180 million by the third year of operation. The new company will pay a yearly dividend of \$1.69 a share. Management has submitted filings with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and Pennsylvania regulators. Other petitions will be given to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Securities and Exchange Commission. Shareholders in both companies must vote on the deal as well. PECO and Unicom likely will merge sometime next fall. AmerGen Energy's nuclear acquisition spree continues. Since our Septem-

Calendar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
1996	1170.5	989.4	1110.2	1013.6	4283.7
1997	1163.4	1032.3	1278.2	1144.0	4617.9
1998	1173.1	1207.5	1773.9	1058.0	5210.5
1999	1256.0	1194.4	1731.8	1032.8	5215
2000	1180	1165	1685	1005	5035

Calendar	EARNINGS PER SHARE(A)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
1998	.65	.43	.65	.51	2.24
1997	.49	.35	.69	.29	1.82
1996	.50	.66	1.20	0.03	2.33
1999	.69	.44	1.22	.85	3.00
2000	.83	.57	1.36	.79	3.65

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID (¢)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
1995	.405	.405	.405	.435	1.65
1996	.435	.435	.435	.45	1.76
1997	.45	.45	.45	.45	1.80
1998	.25	.25	.25	.25	1.00
1999	.25	.25	.25	.25	1.00

(A) Basic earnings. Excludes nonrec. gains (losses): '89, (13¢); '90, (\$1.58); '92, (27¢); '95, 12¢; '97, (\$8.82); '04 '98, (9¢); '99, (20¢). Next earnings report due late Jan. (B) Next dividend meeting about Jan. 26. Goes ex about Feb. 18. Approx. dividend payment dates: Mar. 30, June 30, Sep. 30, Dec. 20 = Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) Incl. deferred chgs. in '98, \$23.48/sh. (D) In millions. (E) Rate base: fair value. Rate aff'd on com. equity in '94: N/A. Rate earned on average com. eq. in '98: 17.3%. Regulatory Climate: Below Avg.

ber-report, the PECO/British Energy joint venture has entered an agreement to purchase GPU's Oyster Creek plant (619 Mws) for \$10 million and won a bid to buy Vermont Yankee (510 Mws) for \$23.5 million. The deals join the pending acquisitions of Three Mile Island Unit 1 (786 Mws), Clinton (930 Mws) and Nine-Mile-Point (1,286 Mws) for \$443 million. Separately, PECO will pay Conectiv \$17.5 million to increase its stake in the Peach Bottom plant by 7.51% (164 Mws), to 50%. Potential operating improvements suggest sizable long-term earnings gains. PECO and Unicom stock valuations have lost ground in recent months. We attribute the price declines to investors' concerns about possible future interest rate hikes and their rising skepticism over projected merger benefits in general. The lower stock valuations suggest that the deal's cash cap will be met. We believe that the combined company will compete well under deregulation and produce 3- to 5-year returns above the industry averages. All said, PECO shareholders would do well to maintain their current stakes. *David M. Reimer* December 10, 1999

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	B5
Price Growth Persistence	30
Earnings Predictability	60

OTS Statement No. 2
Witness: Paul J. Metro
Date: May 3, 2000

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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF PECO ENERGY :
COMPANY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTERS :
11,19,21,22 AND 28 OF THE PUBLIC :
UTILITY CODE, FOR APPROVAL :
OF (1) A PLAN OF CORPORATE :
RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING THE :
CREATION OF A HOLDING COMPANY :
AND (2) THE MERGER OF THE NEWLY :
FORMED HOLDING COMPANY AND :
UNICOM CORPORATION :

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Decommissioning
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Q. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS?

A. My name is Paul J. Metro. My business address is P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265.

Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

A. I am employed by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in the Office of Trial Staff as a Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND?

A. I am a 1982 graduate of The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania, where I earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mineral Economics. Immediately subsequent to graduation, I attended The Pennsylvania State University and met the requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering. I am also a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a Masters of Engineering Degree, majoring in Engineering Science with an emphasis on Industrial Engineering/Operations Research. I have been employed by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission since May of 1985. Attached

1 to this testimony, as Appendix A is a statement, which more fully
2 describes my educational background and employment experience.

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4 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to address Nuclear Decommissioning and
6 Market Power Analysis relating to the proposed PECO Energy Company
7 (PECO) and Unicom merger. This is in response to the Objections of
8 PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“PPL”) to the Joint Petition for
9 Settlement.

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11 **Q. HOW IS YOUR TESTIMONY ORGANIZED?**

12 A. My testimony is organized in sections related to the following issues: (1)
13 Nuclear Decommissioning and (2) Market Power Analysis.

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15 **Issue I – Decommissioning**
16 **Settlement Position**

17 **Q. MR. METRO, DOES THE SETTLEMENT ADDRESS NUCLEAR**
18 **DECOMMISSIONING?**

19 A. Yes. In particular, PECO agrees in the Settlement that it will not seek to
20 recover through Pennsylvania retail electric distribution rates the costs
21 associated with the ownership and operation of any nuclear generating
22 plants, or any fractional interests in such nuclear generating plants that it

1 did not hold on December 31,1999 (See Joint Petition, page 10). In
2 addition, PECO has also agreed that if and when it seeks to increase its
3 annual nuclear decommissioning expense allowance above the base
4 \$29.162 million annual accrual level used for the purpose of calculating its
5 Nuclear Decommissioning Cost adjustment Charge (“NDCAC”), it will,
6 under specifically defined circumstances as set forth in the Distribution
7 Tariff, voluntarily forego recovery of (1) \$50 million of its total
8 decommissioning cost obligations, plus (2) 5% of any additional increase in
9 the annual accrual level above the base \$29.162 million annual accrual
10 level (See Joint Petition, page 11).

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12 **Q. MR. METRO, IN REGARD TO THE NUCLEAR**
13 **DECOMMISSIONING PROVISIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT, PPL**
14 **ARGUES THAT THE COMMISSION CANNOT APPROVE THE**
15 **PROVISIONS REGARDING NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING**
16 **COST (See PPL Objections, page 18). THE BASIS OF PPL’S**
17 **ARGUMENT IS THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL LEAD TO AN**
18 **UNDER-FINANCED OR INCOMPLETE DECOMMISSIONING**
19 **FUND. DO YOU AGREE?**

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21 **A.** No. The financial concessions made by PECO in the Settlement in no way
22 impact this Commission’s (or the appropriate federal and state agency’s)

1 ability to review the appropriate level of the decommissioning fund and/or
2 PECO's ability to safely decommission its nuclear plants. PECO will
3 continue to provide the appropriate level of decommissioning funding. In
4 addition, PECO will still be responsible to file actuarial reports which assist
5 the Commission in monitoring the condition of the decommissioning fund
6 as it always has. And finally, the ratepayers are protected from the first 5%
7 of potential additional decommissioning costs.

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9 **Q. MR. METRO, WHAT IS DECOMMISSIONING?**

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11 A. Decommissioning is the dismantlement, decontamination, removal and
12 disposal of the components of a generating facility at the end of its useful
13 life.

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15 **Q. HOW IS THE EXPENSE FOR DECOMMISSIONING**
16 **RECOVERED?**

17 A. The Commission has authorized PECO to collect funds through rates for
18 the recovery of nuclear decommissioning based on PECO's ownership
19 share in Limerick Units 1 and 2, Peach Bottom Units 1,2, and 3, and Salem
20 Units 1 and 2.

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22 **Q. DOES PECO RECOVER FUNDS ASSOCIATED WITH FOSSIL**
23 **FUEL DECOMMISSIONING?**

1 A. No, not at this time.

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3 **Q. HOW DOES PECO CURRENTLY HANDLE THE FUNDS IT**
4 **RECEIVES FOR NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING EXPENSE?**

5 A. As required by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) regulations
6 and applicable Commission orders, the funds collected for nuclear
7 decommissioning expenses are deposited in external nuclear
8 decommissioning trust funds, which the IRS has designated as qualified for
9 tax purposes. In a qualified fund, the Company can claim a current tax
10 deduction for amounts paid into the fund for both federal and state tax
11 purposes. In addition, the earnings on the fund are not treated as taxable
12 income to the Company. Currently, PECO's estimated nuclear
13 decommissioning costs total approximately \$29.2 million per year and are
14 being recovered from retail customers within the PECO service territory
15 (See PECO Statement No. 3, page 7).

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17 **Q. WHAT IS PECO'S POSITION REGARDING WHERE THE**
18 **ULTIMATE DECOMMISSIONING FUNDING RESPONSIBILITY**
19 **RESIDES?**

20 A. PECO states that the ultimate responsibility to fund decommissioning will
21 remain with PECO, the regulated utility, for those units that were built to
22 serve PECO's retail customers (See PECO Statement No. 3, pg. 8).

1 **Q. DOES UNICOM HAVE AN EXISTING DECOMMISSIONING**
2 **LIABILITY?**

3 A. Yes. However, the Company avers that the merger will not cause a shift in
4 that liability (See PECO Statement No. 3, Page 9).

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6 **Q. IF THE MERGER IS APPROVED, WILL THE**
7 **DECOMMISSIONING LIABILITY OF UNICOM, IN ANY WAY**
8 **AFFECT PECO AND ITS RETAIL CUSTOMERS?**

9 A. No. PECO states that Unicom's decommissioning liability will in no way
10 affect PECO or its customers and that PECO's distribution customers are
11 only responsible for funding the decommissioning cost of the nuclear plants
12 that were built to serve them (See PECO Statement No. 3, pg.9).

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14 **Issue 2 – Competitive Effects of the Merger and Market Power**

15 **Company Position**

16 **Q. DID PECO PERFORM AN ANALYSIS OF THE COMPETITIVE**
17 **IMPACT OF THE MERGER ON ELECTRICITY MARKETS?**

18 A. Yes. The Company performed an analysis of the competitive impact of the
19 PECO\Unicom merger on electricity markets as part of their Application to
20 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for approval of the
21 merger. The Company avers that the analysis was conducted in

1 accordance with the Competitive Analysis Screen described in Appendix A
2 to the FERC's Merger Policy Statement (See PECO Statement No. 5, pg.4).

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4 **Q. WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE ANALYSIS?**

5 A. The Company witness, Dr. Hieronymus, states that the analysis shows that
6 the proposed merger will not lead to material increases in market
7 concentration or lead to increases in PECO and Unicom's market share in
8 any relevant market (See PECO Statement No. 5, pg.4).

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10 **Q. MR. METRO, DO YOU AGREE WITH PECO'S ANALYSIS**
11 **RELATING TO MARKET POWER AND MARKET**
12 **CONCENTRATION?**

13 A. I agree with the HHI analysis. However, there are other factors to consider,
14 such as public benefit, in determining whether the merger should be
15 approved. In my opinion, the Joint Petition for Settlement addresses the
16 public benefit issue.

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18 **Q. MR. METRO, ARE YOU SURPRISED BY THE RESULTS SHOWN**
19 **IN THE COMPANY'S COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS SCREENING**
20 **MODELS?**

21 A. No. I would expect, given the geographic separation of Unicom's market
22 and PECO's market and the fact that Unicom has no generation plants in

1 PJM, that the merger would not create a market power issue in
2 Pennsylvania.

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4 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

5 **A. Yes.**

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APPENDIX A

Professional and Educational Experience of Paul J. Metro

Education

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Bachelor of Science, Mineral Economics, 1982

Earned additional credits in Industrial Engineering from 1982-1984, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park

The Pennsylvania State University, Capitol Campus, Master of Engineering Science, Industrial Engineering/Operations Research Emphasis, 1992.

Professional Experience

April 1996 to Present: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer in the Office of Trial Staff - Participates in the review and prosecution of gas, electric, telecommunications, water, and sewer rate filings in the areas of valuation, depreciation, rate base, rate structure, and purchased gas.

March 1994 to March 1996: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer - Rate Structure/Engineering Section, Energy Division, Office of Trial Staff. Participates in the review and prosecution of natural gas and electric rate filings in the areas of valuation, depreciation, rate base, rate structure, and purchased gas.

December 1987 to March 1994: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer - Engineering Section, Engineering and Rate Design Division, Office of Trial Staff. Participates in the review and prosecution of gas, electric, telecommunications, water, and sewer rate filings in the areas of valuation, depreciation, rate base, rate structure, and purchased gas.

September 1986 to December 1987: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer - Engineering Section, Rate Design Division, Office of Trial Staff. Participated in the review and prosecution of gas, electric, telecommunications, and water rate filings in the areas of cost of service and tariff rules and regulations.

May 1985 to September 1986: Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Fixed Utility Valuation Engineer - Valuation Section, Gas Division, Bureau of Rates. Participated in the review and prosecution of gas rate filings in the areas of valuation, depreciation, rate structure, purchased gas, and cost of service.

Professional Affiliations

Engineers Society of Pennsylvania

Testimony Presented Before The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Equitable Gas Company, Transportation Investigation, R-870666

UGI Corporation - Gas Division, Transportation Investigation, R-870665

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, General Rate Case, R-870719

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Proceeding, R-880932

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, 1307(f) Proceeding, R-880958

Equitable Gas - Energy Company, General Rate Case, R-880941

Equitable Gas Company, General Rate Case, R-880971

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Proceeding, R-891238

Lake Latonka Water Company, General Rate Case, R-891257

Philadelphia Electric Company, General Rate Case, R-891364

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Proceeding, R-901645

Roaring Creek Water Company, General Rate Case, R-901625

Equitable Gas Company, General Rate Case, R-901595

West Penn Power Company, General Rate Case, R-901609

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, 1307(f) Proceeding, R-901699

Western Utilities, Inc., General Rate Case, A-210017

T.W. Phillips Gas & Oil Co., 1307(f) Proceeding, R-911889

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., General Rate Case, R-901873

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., 1307(f) Proceeding, R-911921

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, 1307(f) Remand Proceeding, R-901699

Olwen Heights Water Company, General Rate Case, R-891226

Peoples Natural Gas Company, General Rate Case, R-922180

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, Transportation Tariff Filing, R-922169

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-922324

West Penn Power, General Rate Case, R-922378

Peoples Natural Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-932598

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-932599

National Fuel Gas Distribution Company, General Rate Case, R-932548

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, Transportation Tariff Filing, R-932655

Allied Gas Company ET AL, Transportation Tariff Filing, R-932662

Peoples Natural Gas Company, General Rate Case, R-932866, R-932915

Peoples Natural Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-943028

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, 1307(f) Filing, R-943029

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-943022

Pennsylvania Gas & Water Company, Tariff Filing, R-943078

Pennsylvania Power & Light Company, General Rate Case, R-943271

Equitable Gas Company, Transportation Filing, R-943272

UGI Utilities, Inc., General Rate Case, R-953297

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-953320

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, 1307(f), R-953487

Equitable Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-963576

PFG Gas, Inc. and North Penn Gas Co., General Rate Case, R-963524

PECO Energy Company, Electric Securitization Filing, R-973877

PECO Energy Company, Restructuring, R-973953

Peoples Natural Gas Company, 1307(f) Filing, R-973896

Equitable Gas Company, General Rate Case, R-963858

West Penn Power Company, Restructuring, R-973981

Duquesne Light Company, Restructuring, R-974104

DQE, Inc., Allegheny Power, System, Inc. And AYP Sub, Inc., Merger,
A-110150F0015

Metropolitan Edison Company, Restructuring, R-974008

Pennsylvania Electric Company, Restructuring, R-974009

Pennsylvania Power Company, Restructuring, R-974149

The Peoples Natural Gas Company, 1307(f), R-984281/A-122250

PG Energy, General Rate Case, R-984280

Bell/GTE Merger, A-310200

Peoples Natural Gas Company, 1307(f), R-994600

Pittsburgh Thermal, LTD, Base Rate Case, R-994641

Peoples Natural Gas Company, Restructuring, R-994782

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation, Restructuring, R-994785

PECO Energy Company, Restructuring, R-994787