

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
OKLAHOMA GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY)
FOR AN ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)
AUTHORIZING APPLICANT TO MODIFY ITS)
RATES, CHARGES, AND TARIFFS FOR RETAIL)
ELECTRIC SERVICE IN OKLAHOMA)**

CASE NO. PUD 2023-000087

RESPONSIVE TESTIMONY

OF

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COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN ISSUES

ON BEHALF OF

OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS ("OIEC")

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I. WITNESS IDENTIFICATION AND PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY

1 **Q: PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A: My name is Mark E. Garrett. My business address is 4028 Oakdale Farm Circle, Edmond,
3 Oklahoma 73013.

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5 **Q: WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT OCCUPATION?**

6 A: I am the President of Garrett Group Consulting, Inc., a firm specializing in public utility
7 regulation, litigation and consulting services.

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9 **Q: DID YOU PROVIDE TESTIMONY ON REVENUE REQUIREMENT ISSUES IN
10 THIS CASE ON APRIL 26, 2024?**

11 A: Yes.

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13 **Q: HAVE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THIS COMMISSION
14 IN PROCEEDINGS DEALING WITH COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN
15 ISSUES?**

16 A: Yes, they have. A description of my qualifications and a list of the proceedings in which
17 I have been involved are attached to my testimony filed April 26, 2024 as *Exhibit MG-1*.

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19 **Q: ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU APPEARING IN THESE PROCEEDINGS?**

20 A: I am appearing on behalf of Oklahoma Industrial Energy Consumers ("OIEC"). A
21 description of OIEC and OIEC's interest in this proceeding was provided with my April

1 26, 2024 testimony.

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3 **Q: WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

4 A: The purpose of my testimony is to address several important cost-of-service allocation and
5 rate design issues. These issues include:

- 6 1. The allocation of transmission system costs;
- 7 2. The allocation of wind production costs;
- 8 3. The allocation of 1MW Customer Costs; and
- 9 4. OG&E's proposed Vegetation Management Tracker.

10 Regarding the first two issues, the Company is attempting to overturn two long-standing
11 Commission-approved cost allocation methodologies for transmission and wind. Electric
12 utility transmission costs have been allocated using a 4 Coincident Peak ("4CP") allocation
13 since the mid-1990s. Wind generation has been allocated by this Commission using a 4CP
14 allocation since 2008 when wind first came on Oklahoma's electric utility systems. A
15 change in these allocators would move significant costs to the industrial customers,
16 making their rates far less competitive. Such an arbitrary shift of costs onto many of the
17 job-providers in the state would diminish the Commission efforts to foster economic
18 development and promote job growth in our state. Further, it would raise questions as to
19 the consistency and dependability of Commission regulatory policy by authorizing such a
20 watershed change. It would also impose real harm to the customers that have relied on the
21 Commission's sound cost allocation methods for many years.

22 Regarding the third issue, the allocation of costs to customers located outside of

1 OG&E's service territory, the Company apparently enticed these customers onto its
2 system by paying their line extension costs and is now improperly allocating those costs
3 to the captive customers inside the service territory for cost recovery. The under-recovered
4 line extension costs for these customers should be paid by OG&E's shareholders as the
5 Company has elected not to collect the line extension costs from such customers. The costs
6 clearly cannot be recovered from other customers already on the system. The Company's
7 cost recovery scheme is anti-competitive and contrary to Oklahoma law.

8 Regarding the fourth issue, OG&E's proposed Vegetation Management Tracker
9 meets none of the criteria for tracker recovery. Moreover, the proposed tracker is a classic
10 example of objectionable piecemeal ratemaking. The tracker should be rejected.

II. ALLOCATION OF TRANSMISSION SYSTEM COSTS

11 **Q: WHAT IS THE ISSUE REGARDING OG&E'S PROPOSED TRANSMISSION**
12 **COST ALLOCATION?**

13 A: OG&E proposes to change the allocation of transmission costs from a 4CP method to a
14 12CP method. OG&E's proposed change has been rejected by the Commission in prior
15 litigated cases, as discussed below. The 4CP allocation has been used by OG&E and other
16 electric utilities to allocate transmission costs in Oklahoma since 1996. and a departure from
17 this method would require significant new rationale and support. The Company provides no
18 such rationale or support in this case. OG&E is a summer peaking system and its generation
19 costs are allocated on a 4CP basis; the delivery system for these costs – the transmission lines
20 – should continue to be allocated in the same manner.

1 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMMISSION'S DECISIONS ON THIS ISSUE IN**
2 **PRIOR LITIGATED CASES.**

3 A: On two separate occasions, Public Service Company of Oklahoma ("PSO") attempted to
4 change its transmission cost allocation method to a 12CP allocation for transmission costs,
5 and both of those attempts were rejected by this Commission. In Order No. 657877, in
6 Cause No. PUD 201500208, the Commission specifically found that PSO's system is a
7 summer peaking system, and that it is appropriate to use a 4CP method for transmission
8 cost allocation.

9 **Transmission Allocation (ALJ Initial Report at p. 156)**

10 The Commission does not adopt the AL's recommendation that a
11 12 coincident peak (12CP) method to allocate PSO's transmission
12 costs be used. Instead, the Commission finds that a 4CP method is
13 appropriate for transmission cost allocation. The Commission finds
14 that PSO's system is a summer peaking system, and that it is
15 appropriate to reflect the cost to use the transmission system during
16 the four peak periods of the year, rather than all twelve months.

17 Again, in Cause No. PUD 201700151, the Commission rejected the 12CP and made the
18 following findings regarding this issue:¹

19 140. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS that in its retail cost
20 of service study, PSO proposed to change its allocation of
21 transmission costs for retail customers from a 4CP
22 allocation to a 12CP allocation. (Exhibit 24, pp. 13-14.)

23 141. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS that OIEC
24 recommends PSO's class cost of service study be modified
25 to retain the four Coincident Peak (4 CP) methodology for
26 allocation of transmission costs to PSO's retail customers,
27 rather than changing to a 12 Coincident Peak (12 CP)

¹ See Report and Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge (Dec. 11, 2017), Cause No. PUD 201700151, accepted by the Commission in Order No. 672864.

1 methodology. (Exhibit 124, pp. 4-9.) PUD also rejects
2 PSO's proposed 12CP method for transmission cost
3 allocation and notes that PSO made the same request in
4 Cause PUD 201500208 with the Commission rejecting that
5 requested change. (Exhibit 112, pp. 16-18.)

6 142. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS that the data
7 demonstrates and the Commission has determined that PSO
8 is clearly a summer peaking system for retail load. (Exhibit
9 124, p. 5.) This is the reason that both PSO's production
10 costs and its transmission costs have historically been
11 allocated using a 4CP allocation methodology. (Id. at 6.)

12 143. THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS that PSO's proposed
13 transmission cost allocation is rejected and, instead,
14 approves PSO's continued use of the 4CP allocation
15 methodology for transmission costs.

16 **Q. HAS THE COMMISSION ALSO CONSISTENTLY UTILIZED THE 4CP**
17 **ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY FOR OG&E'S TRANSMISSION COST**
18 **ALLOCATION?**

19 A. Yes. The 4CP allocation has been the longstanding allocation methodology for
20 transmission costs for many years for both PSO and OG&E.

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22 **Q: WHAT METHODOLOGY DOES THE TEXAS PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
23 **AUTHORIZE FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSMISSION COSTS?**

24 A: Like Oklahoma, the Texas PUC has a long-standing precedent of using a 4CP allocation
25 for transmission costs.² In fact, PSO's sister utility in Texas, SWEPCO, has tried in two
26 rate case filings to change from a 4CP method to a 12CP method, making similar

² Texas uses an Average and Excess 4 CP which gives virtually the same results as a straight 4CP.

1 arguments to those OG&E has made in this case. The Texas PUC rejected SWEPCO's
2 attempt in Docket No. 40443, and again in Docket No. 46449, in which the ALJs stated:

3 SWEPCO's arguments on the question of replacing the
4 Commission's historically-approved A&E/4CP methodology with
5 the 12CP methodology it proposed here and in its last rate case,
6 Docket No. 40443, brings to mind the old adage that "you can't hit
7 a home run unless you come to the plate." While SWEPCO may be
8 applauded by some for continuing to advocate a method it believes
9 best fits its system (particularly with reference to the manner in
10 which SPP allocates transmission costs), it is also true that, as TIEC
11 states, "if there is one constant in Commission ratemaking, it is the
12 use of the A&E/4CP methodology for the class allocation of both
13 production and transmission costs." The ALJs concur with TIEC.

14 SWEPCO has not presented any persuasive evidence in this case
15 that there are dispositive facts, or any real facts, that are different
16 today than they were when the Commission decided Docket No.
17 40443.³

18 **Q: DOES THE SAME PROBLEM EXIST IN TEXAS THAT PSO POINTS TO HERE?**

19 A: Yes. OG&E's purported rationale for the change to a 12CP is based in part on the assertion
20 that OG&E is a member of the SPP and the SPP allocates its costs using a 12CP.⁴
21 However, SWEPCO-TX is a member of the SPP and pays its SPP costs on a 12CP basis
22 but it charges its retail customers on a 4CP basis because that is how they use the system,
23 which is what matters in an allocation of *retail* system costs.

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³ See Texas PUC Docket No. 46449, Proposal for Decision, Sept. 22, 2017, p. 322; *aff'd*. Order, (Jan. 11, 2018), p. 46, ¶¶ 291-293, Order on Rehearing, (Mar. 19, 2018), p. 46 (requiring SWEPCO's continued use of A&E/4CP for allocating transmission costs as it "is standard and the most reasonable methodology.").

⁴ Direct Testimony of Lauren E. Maxey at 18, lines 20-24.

1 **Q: IN ADDITION TO ADHERENCE TO SOUND RATEMAKING PRINCIPLES,**
2 **ARE THERE REASONS FROM A POLICY PERSPECTIVE THAT THE**
3 **COMMISSION SHOULD CONTINUE TO USE A 4CP TO ALLOCATE**
4 **TRANSMISSION COSTS?**

5 A: Yes. If the other large electric utilities in Oklahoma and Texas allocate transmission costs
6 using a 4CP allocation, OG&E's manufacturing customers will be put at a competitive
7 disadvantage compared to the manufacturing customers on these other systems if OG&E
8 is allowed to use a 12CP to allocate its transmission costs.

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10 **Q: ARE THERE REASONS FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE WHY**
11 **TRANSMISSION COSTS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE CUSTOMER**
12 **CLASSES USING OG&E'S PRODUCTION COST ALLOCATOR?**

13 A: Yes. OG&E is attempting to relitigate an issue that has long since been resolved by this
14 Commission. In prior litigated rate cases, Cause Nos. PUD 2001500208 and PUD
15 201700151, PSO proposed a departure from the use of the 4CP methodology for
16 transmission cost allocation. The Commission, however, rejected PSO's requests and
17 reaffirmed its use of a 4CP-A&E allocation for transmission assets. This Commission has
18 consistently allocated transmission cost using a 4CP demand allocator for both PSO and
19 OG&E. The Company provides no new arguments or rationale to support its requested
20 change from the Commission's longstanding treatment of this issue, nor does it provide
21 any change in circumstance that would help justify a departure from longstanding

1 precedent. Without these, it would be inappropriate for the Commission to repudiate its
2 position on this issue.

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4 **Q: ARE THERE OTHER REASONS WHY THE COMMISSION SHOULD REJECT**
5 **OG&E'S PROPOSED CHANGE IN TRANSMISSION COST ALLOCATION**
6 **METHOD?**

7 A: Yes. Customers must be able to rely on the Commission to be consistent on important
8 issues such as this. Stability, consistency, and predictability are fundamental attributes in
9 our system of law. These attributes allow people to conduct their lives more efficiently.
10 Here, these attributes allow customers, especially large industrial customers, to rely on
11 prior precedent and organize their business decisions accordingly.

12 Industrial customers make facility location decisions, based in large part, on the
13 cost it takes to operate in one location versus another. Since electricity is one of the largest
14 costs of a manufacturing facility, a great deal of focus is placed on the cost of electricity
15 in one jurisdiction versus another. Moreover, most industrial customers are typically
16 sophisticated in their understanding of the regulatory treatment of electric rates in the
17 jurisdictions in which they operate.

18 Industrial customers are aware when regulatory commissions allow and maintain
19 inter-class subsidies from industrial customers to the other classes and they are aware
20 when commissions work to eliminate such subsidies. They are also very aware when a
21 commission makes decisions that create subsidies to low-load factor customers, such as
22 the subsidies OG&E is trying to create here. Many industrial customers have made the

1 decision to site, maintain, or expand facilities in this state based on the low energy rates
 2 the electric utilities of this state have historically provided. It would be patently unfair to
 3 those companies for the Commission to change course at this point and take a very large
 4 step in the wrong direction, as OG&E recommends.

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 6 **Q: WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE TRANSMISSION COST ALLOCATION**
 7 **CHANGE?**

8 A: The increase this allocation causes in the industrial classes along with the percentage
 9 change in base rates is set forth in the table below.

Table 1: Customer Class Impacts from Proposed Transmission Allocation Change			
Customer Class	LPL-SL1	LPL-SL2	LPL-SL3
Amount of Increase ⁵	\$525,595	\$3,632,992	\$587,771
Percentage Increase in Rates ⁶	3.947%	4.092%	2.419%

III. ALLOCATION OF WIND PRODUCTION COSTS

10 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF WIND**
 11 **GENERATION COSTS.**

12 A: The Company currently allocates all wind production costs based on its production
 13 demand allocator, which is a four coincident peak (“4CP”) average and excess (“A&E”)

⁵ See Direct Testimony of Lauren E. Maxey at 19 (Figure 8).

⁶ Percentage increase in rates is calculated from the Company’s Cost of Service Study (COSS) by dividing the increase by customer class provided in the testimony of Lauren E. Maxey, Figure 8, into the non-fuel rate revenues of each class in the COSS.

1 allocator (“4CP A&E”).⁷ The Company is proposing to change the allocation of wind
2 production costs to a blended allocation of 84% energy and 16% demand, based on a recent
3 partial stipulation filed in PSO Rate Case No. PUD 2022-000093,⁸ in which the
4 Commission approved a blended allocation for a new PSO wind facility. The wind
5 allocation provision of the partial stipulation in that case, however, conflicts with long-
6 standing Commission precedent, sound ratemaking principles and good public policy.
7 Moreover, circumstances giving rise to the allocation provision of the PSO partial
8 stipulation in that case are not present in OG&E’s application here.

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10 **Q: PLEASE DISCUSS PRIOR CASES IN WHICH THE COMMISSION HAS**
11 **DECIDED THE ALLOCATION OF WIND GENERATION COSTS/**

12 **A:** In Cause No. PUD 200900031, the Commission determined that wind generation costs
13 should be allocated using PSO’s production cost allocator.

14 The Commission finds that the wind energy costs should be allocated by
15 the use of PSO’s production cost allocator rather than an energy allocator
16 as recommended by the ALJ in Findings paragraph 7. It is the
17 Commission’s understanding that PSO’s production cost allocator contains
18 components of both demand and energy and is therefore acceptable to
19 allocate the costs of wind power.⁹

20 Again, in Cause No. PUD 201300188, the Commission found that wind generation costs
21 should be allocated using a production demand allocation.

⁷ Direct Testimony of Lauren E. Maxey at 14, lines 17-19.

⁸ See Stipulation in PSO 2022 Rate Case, Cause No. PUD 2022-000093, accepted by the Commission in Order No. 738571.

⁹ See PSO Rate Case, Cause No. PUD 200900031, Order No. 568769 at 2.

1 THE COMMISSION FURTHER FINDS that the costs of the Renewable
2 Energy Purchase agreements should be recovered through the Fuel Cost
3 Adjustment Rider using PSO's Production Demand Allocator;

4 IT IS THEREFORE THE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION that the
5 Renewable Energy Purchase Agreements are hereby approved for cost
6 recovery through Public Service Company of Oklahoma's Fuel Cost
7 Adjustment Rider using PSO's Production Demand Allocator.¹⁰

8 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WERE**
9 **UNIQUE IN PSO'S LAST RATE CASE.**

10 A: This wind allocation issue was partially litigated in PSO's last rate case, Case No. PUD
11 2022-000093. In that case, the Commission authorized a different allocation, other than
12 the 4CP, for the Sundance Wind facility. The Commission authorized an 84% energy and
13 16% demand allocation of the Sundance facility – based on the recommendations of
14 AARP – as a *pilot project* to further evaluate the allocation of wind.¹¹ Sundance was a
15 new wind project that was coming into rates for the first time in that case. The
16 Commission adopted a new allocation for the Sundance project on a trial basis, but left the
17 allocation of all of the Company's other wind projects as they were being allocated using
18 a 4CP allocation.

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20 **Q: IS THERE A NEW WIND PROJECT BEING ADDED TO OG&E'S SYSTEM IN**
21 **THIS CASE FOR WHICH THE COMMISSION COULD CHANGE THE**
22 **ALLOCATION ON A TRIAL BASIS?**

¹⁰ See PSO Rate Case, Cause No. PUD 201300188, Order No. 621229 at 9.

¹¹ See Final Order in Case No. PUD 2022-000093.

1 A: No. There is no new wind project coming onto the OG&E system in this case. Here,
2 OG&E is attempting to change the allocation of all of its existing wind facilities.

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4 **Q: FROM A RATEMAKING PERSPECTIVE, WHY SHOULD THE COST OF WIND**
5 **GENERATION BE ALLOCATED TO CUSTOMER CLASSES USING OG&E'S**
6 **PRODUCTION COST ALLOCATOR?**

7 A: From a ratemaking perspective, it would be inappropriate to carve out one type of
8 generation asset and allocate its costs using a different methodology. For example, all of
9 OG&E's generation plants are allocated using a 4 CP-A&E methodology. Base load
10 plants are not allocated with one methodology to include more energy in the allocation,
11 intermediate plants are not allocated with another method to include a mix of energy and
12 demand and the peaking plants are not allocated with a third approach to include only
13 demand. Instead, all generation plants are allocated with a 4CP average and excess
14 methodology which already includes about 50% energy in the formula. This means base-
15 load generation, intermediate generation, peaking plants and renewable energy plants are
16 all allocated with the same formula, to recognize the fact that one type of generation should
17 not be carved out and treated differently for the sole purpose of deriving a subsidy for the
18 residential class.

19 Likewise, the allocation of energy costs is not based on the type of generation that
20 produces the costs. For example, this Commission has not allocated the extremely high
21 energy costs of the peaking units to the low-load factor classes that require their use – the

1 residential and commercial classes primarily. Energy costs are averaged and have been
2 allocated to all classes equally.

3 Consequently, all generation costs should be allocated using the same
4 methodology without treating some generating units differently than others, just like all
5 energy costs are allocated with the same method without making allowances for which
6 classes actually cause their costs to be incurred.

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8 **Q: ARE THERE REASONS FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE WHY WIND**
9 **GENERATION SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE CUSTOMER CLASSES**
10 **USING OG&E'S PRODUCTION COST ALLOCATOR?**

11 A: Yes. As discussed above, OG&E is attempting to relitigate an issue that has long since
12 been resolved by this Commission. In prior litigated rate cases, Cause Nos. PUD
13 200900031 and PUD 201300188, PSO proposed a departure from the use of the 4CP
14 methodology for wind cost allocation. The Commission, however, rejected PSO's
15 requests and reaffirmed its use of a 4CP-A&E allocation for all generation assets. This
16 Commission has consistently allocated wind using a 4CP production cost demand
17 allocator for both PSO and OG&E.

18 OG&E provides no new arguments or rationale to support its requested change
19 from the Commission's longstanding treatment of this issue, nor does it provide any
20 change in circumstance that would help justify a departure from longstanding precedent.
21 Without these, it would be inappropriate for the Commission to repudiate its position on
22 this issue.

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Q: SHOULD THERE BE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES OR NEW RATIONALE TO JUSTIFY A DEPARTURE FROM THE COMMISSION’S LONGSTANDING TREATMENT?

A: Yes. Customers must be able to rely on the Commission to be consistent on important issues such as this. Stability, consistency, and predictability are fundamental attributes in our system of law. Reliable precedent is important because it allows people, here ratepayers, to plan and conduct their affairs more efficiently. In short, the Commission’s consistency in allocation methodology allows residential and commercial customers alike, and especially large industrial customers, to rely on prior precedent and organize their business decisions accordingly. Because OG&E has not demonstrated any new circumstance or raised any new argument, the Commission should be consistent and continue its longstanding allocation methodology.

Q: WHY IS IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS THAT THE COMMISSION FOLLOW PRIOR PRECEDENT?

A: Industrial customers make facility siting decisions based in part on the cost it takes to operate in one location versus another. Moreover, most industrial customers are fairly sophisticated in their understanding of the regulatory treatment of electric rates in the jurisdictions in which they operate. They are aware when regulatory commissions allow and maintain inter-class subsidies from industrial customers to the other classes and they know those commissions that work to eliminate such subsidies. Many industrial

1 customers have made the decision to site and maintain facilities in this state based on the
2 low energy rates the electric utilities this state have historically provided. It would be
3 patently unfair to those companies for the Commission to change course at this point and
4 take a large step in the wrong direction, as OG&E proposes.

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6 **Q: FROM A POLICY PERSPECTIVE, WHY SHOULD WIND GENERATION BE**
7 **ALLOCATED ON A PRODUCTION COST DEMAND BASIS?**

8 A: Industrial customers are high load factor customers that use a great deal of energy. If the
9 wind generation costs are allocated on an energy basis, this will shift significant costs on
10 to the industrial customers, making these renewable resources an uneconomic source of
11 power for them. In essence, the Commission would be promoting one industry in
12 Oklahoma, the wind industry, at the expense of the manufacturing and oil and natural gas
13 industries.

14
15 **Q: WOULD THE WIND PROJECTS CURRENTLY LOCATED ON OG&E'S**
16 **SYSTEM HAVE BEEN APPROVED IF THE COSTS WERE ALLOCATED ON**
17 **AN ENERGY BASIS FROM THE START?**

18 A: Likely, no. An energy allocation makes the wind costs uneconomic for large, high-load
19 factor customers. I know that OIEC specifically supported Commission approval of these
20 projects because the allocation was not punitive to the large customers. It would patently
21 unfair, at this point, to change the terms of the projects that were either approved by the
22 Commissions or agreed to by the parties.

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2 **Q: ASIDE FROM THE SUNDANCE WIND PROJECT, ARE PSO'S WIND**
 3 **GENERATION COSTS ALLOCATED USING A 4CP-A&E ALLOCATION?**

4 A: Yes. Like OG&E, this has been the longstanding treatment authorized by the Commission
 5 for both PSO's and OG&E's wind generation costs. It is important that this treatment
 6 remain consistent because, if other large electric utilities in Oklahoma allocate wind costs
 7 using a 4CP allocation, OG&E's manufacturing customers will be put at a competitive
 8 disadvantage compared to the manufacturing customers on these other systems if OG&E
 9 is allowed to use an energy-based allocation for its wind costs.

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11 **Q: WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THE WIND ALLOCATION CHANGE?**

12 A: The increase this allocation change causes the industrial classes along with the % change
 13 in base rates is set forth below.

Table 2: Customer Class Impacts from Proposed Wind Allocation Change			
Customer Class	LPL-SL1	LPL-SL2	LPL-SL3
Increase Amount ¹²	\$698,370	\$5,774,833	\$1,014,957
Percentage Increase in Rates ¹³	5.245%	6.505%	4.178%

¹² From OG&E's response to OIEC 4-02-Att1.

¹³ Percentage increase in rates is calculated based on the Company's Cost of Service Study (COSS).

IV. TREATMENT OF 1 MW CUSTOMER COSTS

1 **Q: PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ISSUE REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF COSTS**
2 **FOR CONNECTIONS TO CUSTOMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE SERVICE**
3 **TERRITORY OF OG&E.**

4 A: Under Oklahoma law, regulated utilities such as OG&E can extend service beyond its
5 certified service territory to customers in an unincorporated area if the customer has a load
6 greater than one Mega Watt ("1MW"). OG&E over the past several years has extended
7 service to many such customers outside of its service territory. In its last rate case,
8 pursuant to the Joint Stipulation reached in that case, OG&E agreed to file a cost of service
9 study in this rate case that would treat the 1MW customers as a separate class of customers
10 for cost allocation purposes. OG&E filed the 1MW cost of service study in this case but
11 has declined to use it for ratemaking purposes. In other words, OG&E filed the 1MW cost
12 of service study, but has elected to ignore its results.

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14 **Q: WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF THE 1MW STUDY?**

15 A: The 1MW cost service study showed that significant subsidies were being provided to the
16 1MW customers. In other words, a significant portion of the costs of the 1MW customers
17 were being paid by other customers. The lion's share of the subsidy to the 1MW class is
18 being paid by other large industrial customers in the Service Level 2 class. In short, the
19 cost of service study showed that the 1MW customers were not paying their way on the
20 system and their costs were being paid by other customers, potentially competitors. This
21 raises significant concerns about the anti-competitive nature of OG&E's approach.

1 **Q: WHAT RATE CLASSES ARE PAYING THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SUBSIDIES?**

2 A: The 1MW cost of service study shows that the vast majority of the subsidy to the 1MW
 3 customers is coming directly from the Large Power and Light Service Level 2 (“LPL-
 4 SL2”) class.

Table 3: OG&E’s Proposed Subsidy to the 1MW Customers from LPL-SL2 Class		
	Amount of Subsidy to 1MW Customers	% of Base Rates Subsidizing 1MW
LPL-SL2	\$3.5 Million	11.1%

5 As shown in the table above, 11% of OG&E’s existing SL2 customers’ base rates are
 6 nothing more than a subsidy to new 1MW customers to pay for OG&E’s connection of
 7 new customers outside the service territory. This also means that the rates that SL2
 8 customers pay are not just, reasonable and non-discriminatory rates, as required by law,
 9 because they are paying the electric costs of other large customers, sometimes their
 10 competitors.

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 12 **Q: WHY IS THIS TYPE OF SUBSIDY OBJECTIONABLE FROM A POLICY
 13 PERSPECTIVE?**

14 A: A subsidy such as the one with the 1MW customers is particularly objectionable because
 15 it is forcing manufacturing facilities, who already operate in an intensely competitive
 16 environment, to pay the electric costs of other large customers. In some cases, they are

1 being forced to pay the electricity costs of their competitors. This flawed and patently
2 unfair approach must be corrected.

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4 **Q: ARE THER OTHER REASONS THE SUBSIDY SHOULD BE CORRECTED?**

5 A: Yes. The subsidy to the 1MW class is unlawful. 17 O.S. § 158 (F), which became
6 effective November 1, 2023, requires (1) that 1MW customers be put into their own
7 customer class and (2) that 1MW customers not be subsidized by other customers. The
8 bill specifically states:

9 F. [r]etail electric service providers are required to establish and utilize
10 rate tariffs which are specifically applicable to a rate class of customers
11 composed of electric consuming facilities being served under the 1,000 kw
12 size exception found in subsection E of this section and located outside the
13 service provider’s certified territory.

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. . .

15 For electric service providers that are rate-regulated by the commission, the
16 rates supporting this rate class shall be determined in the rate-regulated
17 service provider’s most recent rate proceeding. Rates for this class shall be
18 designed to recover (i) the cost extending service to the to the competitive
19 load . . . and (ii) the allocated share of other costs associated with
20 providing service to the electric consuming facility. Such tariffs shall be
21 cost-of-service based and shall not subsidize other rate classes or be
22 subsidized by other rate classes.¹⁴

23 **Q: IF THE LAW REQUIRES THAT THE 1MW CUSTOMERS BE PUT INTO THEIR**
24 **OWN CUSTOMER CLASS, WHY DID OG&E CHOOSE NOT TO UTILIZE THE**
25 **1MW COST OF SERVICE STUDY THAT PUTS THESE CUSTOMERS IN A**
26 **SEPARATE CLASS?**

¹⁴ See 17 O.S. § 158 (F) (Emphasis added).
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1 A: OG&E apparently interprets the statute to require a separate class for these customers
2 going forward.¹⁵ So, it kept the existing 1MW customers on the system with the other
3 customer classes thereby perpetuating their sizeable subsidies.

4
5 **Q: IS THIS TREATMENT CONTRARY TO THE STATUTE?**

6 A: Yes. It is. The language in the statute is clear. The statute requires that customers "being
7 served" under the 1MW exception to be put into their own customer class, without any
8 subsidies.

9
10 **Q: CAN THE STATUTE BE INTERPRETED TO ONLY APPLY TO CUSTOMERS**
11 **COMING ONTO THE SYSTEM UNDER THE 1MW EXCEPTION IN THE**
12 **FUTURE?**

13 A: No. The language is clear. It specifically applies to "customers being served" under the
14 1MW exception.

15
16 **Q: IS IT INAPPROPRIATE TO APPLY THE STATUTE TO EXISTING**
17 **CUSTOMERS?**

18 A: Absolutely not. By placing these customers into their own separate class these customers

¹⁵ See response to OAEC 01-09:

The Outside Certified Territory (OCT-1) tariff is applicable only to 1MW customers who have signed contracts for service after September 30, 2022. As of the filing of this case, OG&E has not signed a contract for service for a 1MW customer since October 1, 2022. Because there are no 1MW customers on the system subject to this tariff, nor are there any 1MW customers projected to be signed and/or active by the end of the 6 month pro forma period (March 31, 2024), there are no results for this class of customers in Schedules K, L or M.

1 will, on a going-forward basis, pay their own actual cost of service which is consistent
2 with traditional ratemaking objectives.

3
4 **Q: WHY IS THERE SUCH A LARGE SUBSIDY TO THESE CUSTOMERS RIGHT**
5 **NOW?**

6 A: OG&E's response to Data Request OAEC 1-02 shows the transmission and distribution
7 investment cost that was required to extend service to the 1MW customers. It also shows
8 the amount of these investments collected from the 1MW customers as a Contribution in
9 Aid of Construction ("CIAC"). The response shows that OG&E spent \$59.127M to extend
10 service to these customers, but it collected only \$0.996M in CIAC. This means that these
11 customers paid about 1.64% of their costs to connect service.

12
13 **Q: IS THIS IMPROPER?**

14 A: Yes. It is highly improper. Typically, large customers, especially those with radial service
15 (service to one customer), as is the case with many of these customers, pay most, if not
16 all, of the costs incurred to extend service to them. Here, OG&E's new 1MW customers
17 have paid virtually none of the costs to extend service.

18
19 **Q: IS THAT A CONCERN?**

20 A: Yes. My concern is that OG&E waived the CIAC charges for competitive load outside
21 the certified service territory in an attempt to entice these customers onto OG&E's system.
22 This approach is unfair to the electric providers that OG&E was competing with for this

1 load. It is also unfair to the existing customers on the system expected to subsidize this
2 scheme.

3

4 **Q: WHO IS PAYING THE CIAC CHARGES OG&E FAILED TO COLLECT?**

5 A: Under OG&E's proposed treatment, other customers in the LPL-SL2 class are paying the
6 line extension costs for the new 1MW customers. That is why there is such an enormous
7 subsidy revealed when the 1MW customers are put into their own rate class. Thus, not
8 only did OG&E engage in anti-competitive behavior when it waived its CIAC charges to
9 new 1MW customers to unfairly entice these customers onto the system, but it also further
10 abused its monopoly power when it forced existing customers on the system to pay the
11 line extension costs for these new 1 MW customers.

12

13 **Q: IS OG&E'S CONDUCT DEFENSIBLE?**

14 A: No. OG&E may assert that adding load to the system spreads system costs over a larger
15 customer base, which reduces costs for all customers over time. However, that rationale
16 is not valid. Here, the costs to other customers – that result from adding the 1MW
17 customers to the system – are significantly higher, not lower. The costs allocated to the
18 LPL-SL2 class alone are \$3.47M higher because of the addition of these new customers.
19 On a percentage basis, this means that the LPL-SL2 rates are 3.9% higher than they should
20 be, due to OG&E's erroneous treatment of line extension costs

21

22 **Q: WHO ARE THE WINNERS AND LOSERS FROM THIS SCHEME?**

1 A: The losers in this flawed scheme are: (1) OG&E's existing customers, mainly SL2
2 customers, that are being forced to pay the line extension costs that the 1MW customers
3 should be paying, and (2) the CO-OPS who lost the 1MW customers to OG&E, based on
4 rates improperly and involuntarily subsidized by other customers. The winners are: (1)
5 the 1MW customers who are paying rates far below their actual cost of service, and (2)
6 OG&E shareholders who are reaping the profits from the capital investment expended to
7 connect these customers.

8
9 **Q: HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL PROFIT IS OG&E MAKING AS A RESULT OF**
10 **ADDING THE 1MW CUSTOMERS?**

11 A: The Company's response to OAEC 01-02-Att1 shows that OG&E spent about \$59.127M
12 in capital investment to connect the 1MW customers, and only collected \$966,848 in
13 CIAC charges, which is only about 1.64% of the total line extension costs. This means
14 OG&E's capital investment level for the 1MW customers is about \$59.161M. OG&E's
15 profit on that amount is \$2.967M per year.¹⁶

16
17 **Q: IS IT TRUE THAT LPL-SL2 CUSTOMERS ARE OVERPAYING RATES BY \$3.48**
18 **MILLION PER YEAR SO THAT OG&E CAN MAKE ADDITIONAL PROFITS**
19 **OF \$2.97 MILLION PER YEAR?**

20 A: Yes, in a nutshell, that's it.

21

¹⁶ \$58.161M x 9.5% x 53.7% = \$2.967M, using an ROE of 9.5% and a capital structure of 53.7%, from OG&E's last rate case, PUD 21-164, Order No. 728277.

1 **Q: WHAT CAN BE DONE AT THIS POINT, NOW THAT THESE CUSTOMERS**
2 **ARE ON THE SYSTEM?**

3 A: These customers must be put into their own separate 1MW class. Further, that class must
4 pay its full cost of service, so that other customers are not subsidizing them.

5
6 **Q: SHOULD THE COMPANY'S 1MW COST OF SERVICE STUDY FROM OG&E**
7 **WITNESS MAXEY'S TESTIMONY BE USED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?**

8 A: Yes, with some corrections. The 1MW COSS has at least one material error in it that needs
9 to be corrected. Evidently, when OG&E allocated transmission costs to the 1MW class,
10 it used an "average dollars/mile." This approach could significantly understate the
11 transmission costs assigned to the 1MW class. The Company should provide the study
12 with its rebuttal testimony to include the actual cost of the radial lines installed to serve
13 these customers.

14
15 **Q: WHAT WAS THE IMPACT OF THIS ERROR?**

16 A: Because OG&E did not provide the necessary information requested in OAEC 6-1, I was
17 not able to calculate the impact of this error. I reserve the right to supplement my
18 testimony on this issue when the information becomes available.

19
20 **Q: WHAT DO YOU RECOMMEND?**

21 A: I make the following recommendations for the 1MW customers.

22 1. The Commission should order OG&E to correct its 1MW cost of service study to
23 include actual radial-line transmission costs to the 1MW customers.

- 1 2. The Commission should order OG&E to put the 1MW customers into their own
2 class for ratemaking purposes with no subsidies to or from the 1MW class.
- 3 3. OG&E's under-recovered line extension costs attributable to 1 MW customers
4 should be recovered from the Company's shareholders.
- 5 4. The Commission should order OG&E to make a compliance filing using the
6 corrected 1MW cost of service study updated to include all of the revenue
7 requirement adjustments and cost of service allocations ordered by the
8 Commission in this case, along with the resulting rate design and proof of
9 revenues.

V. **VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COST TRACKER MECHANISM**

10 **_Q: WHAT IS OG&E'S PROPOSED VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TRACKER?**

11 A: As discussed in Scott Norwood's direct testimony, OG&E is proposing to increase test
12 year vegetation management expense by \$28 million.¹⁷ OG&E is also proposing approval
13 of a Vegetation Management Tracker that would allow the Company to defer vegetation
14 management expenses that are above or below the amount set in base rates.¹⁸ The
15 resulting deferred asset or liability, as the case may be, would then be presented for
16 recovery in the Company's next general rate case.¹⁹

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18 **Q: IS THE PROPOSED TRACKER MECHANISM REASONABLE?**

19 A: No. As discussed in Mr. Norwood's Direct Testimony in the revenue requirements phase
20 of this proceeding, OG&E's request to increase the level of Distribution Vegetation
21 Management O&M expenses by \$28.0 million per year is unreasonable and unnecessary

17 See the Direct Testimony of OG&E witness Robert Shaffer, page 3.

18 See the Direct Testimony of OG&E witness Jason Thenmadathil, pages 18-19.

19 Ibid.

1 due to the fact that vegetation-related outage time on OG&E's system averages about 27
2 minutes per year, which equates to approximately .005% of total minutes per year, and is
3 a very small impact on OG&E's system reliability.²⁰ Moreover, the Company does not
4 expect its proposed increase in vegetation management spending to improve vegetation-
5 related outage time in the future.²¹

6

7 **Q: DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS WITH OG&E'S PROPOSED VEGETATION**
8 **MANAGEMENT TRACKER?**

9 A: Yes. The proposed Vegetation Management Tracker meets none of the ratemaking criteria
10 for tracker recovery: it is not a cost outside the control of the utility, it is not a volatile cost,
11 it is not a nonrecurring cost and it is not a cost that would cause substantial financial harm
12 to the utility if not tracked. Moreover, the proposed tracker is a classic example of
13 piecemeal ratemaking, because the Company would be allowed to defer and recover
14 increases in a single category of expenses (i.e., vegetation management) without
15 considering other cost increases and decreases in other categories. This type of piecemeal
16 ratemaking is objectionable and should not be approved.

17

18 **Q: WHAT ARE THE RATEMAKING CRITERIA FOR A TRACKER**
19 **MECHANISM?**

20 See the Direct Testimony of Scott Norwood, page 12.

21 See the Direct Testimony of Scott Norwood, page 13 and Exhibit SN-4.

1 A: According to the National Regulatory Research Institute's (NRRI) white paper published
2 in 2009,²² public utility commissions traditionally approve riders only under
3 "extraordinary circumstances." Commissions consider cost trackers / riders an exception
4 to the general rule for cost recovery and place the burden on a utility to demonstrate why
5 certain costs require special treatment. According to the NRRI, the circumstances
6 typically required for approval of riders occur when costs are:

- 7 (1) Largely outside the control of the utility;
8 (2) Unpredictable and volatile;
9 (3) Substantial and recurring; *and*
10 (4) Causing severe financial consequences to the company.

11 Based on these criteria, fuel costs historically have been viewed as good candidates for
12 rider recovery because fuel prices are largely beyond the utility's control, are volatile,
13 recurring and significant in size. A second example could be storm-related expenses for
14 costs incurred to restore power after a major weather occurrence. Such costs are generally
15 considered to be emergency costs that are largely outside the control of management and
16 are significant in size.

17

18 **Q: DO YOU AGREE WITH THE NRRI CRITERIA?**

19 A: Yes. I agree that these are the appropriate criteria to apply when evaluating a utility's
20 request for rider treatment.

21

22 **Q: DO THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COSTS MEET THESE CRITERIA?**

22 Costello, Ken, NRRI, "How Should Regulators View Cost Trackers?" published in September 2009.

1 A: No. To qualify for rider treatment, the vegetation management costs would have to meet
2 all of the NRRI requirements. OG&E's vegetation management costs, though, meet none
3 of the requirements. Vegetation management costs are completely within the control of
4 management, in that OG&E is completely in control of deciding both the type and timing
5 of the money it spends on vegetation management. Moreover, vegetation management
6 costs are not unpredictable and volatile. Instead, management knows precisely what the
7 costs will be and when they will occur, making them both predictable and completely
8 stable. And finally, the vegetation management costs are not so significant that they will
9 cause severe financial harm to the Company, mainly because these costs can easily be
10 addressed in periodic rate case proceedings.

11
12 **Q: WHY IS IT IMPORTANT THAT A UTILITY DEMONSTRATE SEVERE**
13 **FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES OR HARDSHIP TO JUSTIFY TRACKER**
14 **RECOVERY?**

15 A: It is widely recognized that tracker mechanisms tend to reduce a utility's incentive to
16 control costs. For this reason, commissions reserve tracker recovery for *extreme* or *special*
17 circumstances where there is a risk to the financial health of the utility, such as storm cost
18 of fuel cost recovery. In this case, OG&E has made no showing that special circumstances
19 exist or that the OG&E would suffer financial distress without tracker recovery of its
20 vegetation management costs.

21
22 **Q: WHY IS PIECEMEAL RATEMAKING OBJECTIONABLE?**

1 A: A basic ratemaking principle is that utility rates are set to recover the cost levels
 2 of a utility that exist within a given period of time, a test year.²³ The test year
 3 provides a “snap-shot” of the utility’s, operating revenues and expenses, depreciation and
 4 taxes, and average investment level (rate base) in place to produce those revenues. As
 5 time passes after the test period, these revenue and cost levels change. Some operating
 6 expense levels may increase, but these increases are often offset to some degree by
 7 increases in revenue levels from customer growth or from decreases in other expense
 8 accounts driven by new efficiency gains or other cost-cutting measures.

9 Likewise, investment levels may increase with the addition of new plant, but these
 10 increases are generally offset to some degree with decreases from lower operating expense
 11 levels or higher revenues from customer growth. If, after rates are set, the utility earns
 12 more than its authorized return because either revenue increased and/or cost levels
 13 declined, the utility is allowed to keep the difference. If conversely, the utility earns less
 14 than its authorized return either because revenues declined and/or cost levels increased,
 15 the utility suffers the loss. This is the prudent management incentive (regulation
 16 substituting for the disciplines of the market), ratemaking paradigm utilized throughout
 17 the country. An important part of this paradigm is the risk element, the risk the utility
 18 assumes that it may not earn more, and perhaps will earn less, than its authorized return.
 19 It is this element of risk embedded in the paradigm that allows the utility’s return on equity
 20 to be set at levels above that of risk-free capital. If, during the period new rates are in

²³ See, e.g., Accounting for Public Utilities, Hahne and Aliff, §7.02.

1 effect, a utility wants to earn its authorized return, or more than its authorized return, it
2 will have to operate its business in an efficient manner.

3
4 **Q: ARE THERE OTHER REASONS PIECEMEAL RATEMAKING IS**
5 **OBJECTIONABLE?**

6 A: Yes. There is also a substantial issue of fairness when a utility seeks to recover an isolated
7 set of cost increases without giving effect to the offsetting cost decreases that have also
8 occurred. Utility rates must be both just and reasonable. Rates set in a piecemeal manner
9 are not generally considered reasonable rates because they do not fairly take into
10 consideration mitigating offsets leaving an imbalanced picture of a utility's overall
11 financial situation. A few examples of commission decision about piecemeal ratemaking
12 are set forth below.

13 The **Minnesota** commission described piecemeal ratemaking and its objections to
14 piecemeal ratemaking in the following manner:

15 There are sound reasons for traditional regulatory practice. Basing revenue
16 requirements on financial data from a test year, a representative slice of the
17 utility's normal operations, is intended to base rates on experience instead
18 of conjecture. It is also intended to replace the fiscal discipline of the
19 marketplace, which is absent for monopolies, with the fiscal discipline of
20 prior determination of reasonable costs. Finally, it is intended to give
21 utilities and ratepayers the assurance that their rates will not be changed
22 retroactively. Only the most exigent circumstances would justify the
23 radical departure from traditional regulatory principles the Transitional
24 Rate Increase represents. The Commission does not believe the Company
25 has established such circumstances here.

26 The Company's Transitional Rate Increase proposal also runs counter to
27 established regulatory policy against piecemeal ratemaking. Ratemaking
28 involves a host of complex and interrelated issues: necessary operating,
29 maintenance, and capital expenses, reasonable cost of capital, appropriate

1 capital structure, reasonable revenue projections, proper attribution of the
2 costs of providing service, fair return on investment. Rates are set in general
3 rate cases because they provide the comprehensive review of a utility's
4 financial situation necessary for understanding these issues and how they
5 affect one another. Examining ratemaking issues in isolation produces a
6 less accurate result than a comprehensive review. . .²⁴
7

8 The **Missouri** commission described the problems with single-issue, or piecemeal,
9 ratemaking in this manner:

10 The law is quite clear that when the Commission determines the
11 appropriateness of a rate or charge that a utility seeks to impose on its
12 customers, it is obligated to review and consider all relevant factors,
13 rather than just a single factor. To consider some costs in isolation might
14 cause the Commission to allow a company to raise rates to cover increased
15 costs in one area without recognizing counterbalancing savings in another
16 area. Such a practice is justly considered single-issue ratemaking.²⁵
17

18 The **Hawaii** commission described the objectionable aspects of piecemeal
19 ratemaking in this way:

20 In order to make this ultimate determination, it is necessary to match
21 ordinary and necessary expenses with income from the same period, and
22 determine whether the net income is sufficient to provide a reasonable
23 return on allowable rate base. Single-issue rate cases do not allow for this
24 determination of overall net income. They focus on the change in a single
25 expense (or revenue) item since the last rate case, ignoring completely
26 what changes may have taken place in the other factors of net income. To
27 consider some costs in isolation may allow a company to essentially 'raise
28 rates to cover increased costs in one area without realizing that there were
29 counterbalancing savings in another area.'²⁶

²⁴ *In re Application of Northern States Power Co., for Authority to Increase its Rates for Electric Service in the State of Minnesota*, 1990 Minn. PUC LEXIS 186, *9-12 (Nov. 26, 1990).

²⁵ *In re Utilicorp United Inc.'s Tariff Filed to Update the Rules and Regulations for Electric and to Increase the Interest Rate Paid on Deposits, the Late Payment Charge, and the Reconnection Fee, and the Charge for Returned Checks*, 2001 Mo. PSC LEXIS 966, *5-6, 10 Mo. P.S.C. 3d 227 (April 3, 2007).

²⁶ 2005 Haw. PUC LEXIS 584 at *31-32, quoting *State ex rel. Midwest Gas Users' Ass'n v. Public Service Comm'n*, 976 S.W.2d 470, 480 (Mo. Ct. App. 1998).

1 **Q: WHAT IS YOUR RECOMMENDATION REGARDING OG&E'S REQUEST FOR**
2 **APPROVAL OF A VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COST TRACKER?**

3 A: I recommend that OG&E's requested Vegetation Management Tracker be rejected.

VI. SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

4 **Q: PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS.**

5 A: In this testimony, I make the following recommendations.

6 1. The Commission should authorize OG&E's allocation of transmission costs using
7 a 4CP method.

8 2. The Commission should authorize OG&E's allocation of wind costs using a 4CP
9 average and excess method.

10 3. The Commission should order OG&E to correct its 1MW cost of service study to
11 include actual radial-line transmission costs to the 1MW customers.

12 4. The Commission should order OG&E to put the 1MW customers into their own
13 class for ratemaking purposes with no subsidies to or from the 1MW class(es).

14 5. OG&E's under-recovered line extension costs attributable to 1 MW customers
15 should be recovered from the Company's shareholders.

16 6. The Commission should order OG&E to make a compliance filing using the
17 corrected 1MW cost of service study updated to include all of the revenue
18 requirement adjustments and cost of service allocations ordered by the
19 Commission in this case, along with the resulting rate design and proof of
20 revenues.

21 7. The Commission should reject OG&E's proposed Vegetation Management
22 Tracker.

VII. CONCLUSION

1 **Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENTS?**

2 A: Yes. My testimony does not address every potential issue. The fact that I do not express
3 an opinion on a particular issue is not to be interpreted as agreement with the Company's
4 position on that issue.

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6 **Q: DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY AT THIS TIME?**

7 A: Yes, it does.

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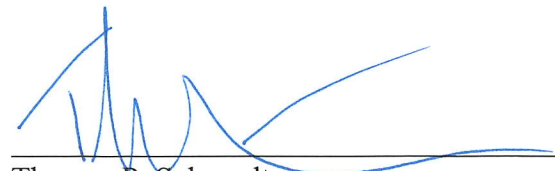
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