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GENERATION SITING AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

IN THE MATTER

**of the
Application by TransGas Energy Systems LLC for a
Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to
Construct and Operate a 1,100 Megawatt Combined Cycle
Generating Facility
in the Borough of Brooklyn, New York**

Case 01-F-1276

**Direct Testimony of
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**On behalf of
The Brooklyn Borough President
and the
Greenpoint Williamsburg Waterfront Task Force**

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1 **QUALIFICATIONS**2 **Q. Mr. Schlissel, please state your name, position and business address.**3 A. My name is David A. Schlissel. I am a Senior Consultant at Synapse Energy
4 Economics, Inc, 22 Pearl Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.5 **Q. Mr. Keith, please state your name, position and business address.**6 A. My name is Geoffrey L. Keith. I am an Associate at Synapse Energy Economics,
7 Inc., 22 Pearl Street, Cambridge, MA 02139.8 **Q. On whose behalf are you testifying in this case?**9 A. We are testifying on behalf of the Brooklyn Borough President and the
10 Greenpoint Williamsburg Waterfront Task Force (“Brooklyn/GWWTF”).11 **Q. Please describe Synapse Energy Economics.**12 A. Synapse Energy Economics ("Synapse") is a research and consulting firm
13 specializing in energy and environmental issues, including electric generation,
14 transmission and distribution system reliability, market power, electricity market
15 prices, stranded costs, efficiency, renewable energy, environmental quality, and
16 nuclear power.17 **Q. Mr. Schlissel, please summarize your educational background and recent
18 work experience.**19 A. I graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1968 with a
20 Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. In 1969, I received a Master of
21 Science Degree in Engineering from Stanford University. In 1973, I received a
22 Law Degree from Stanford University. In addition, I studied nuclear engineering
23 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the years 1983-1986.24 Since 1983 I have been retained by governmental bodies, publicly-owned utilities,
25 and private organizations in 24 states to prepare expert testimony and analyses on
26 engineering and economic issues related to electric utilities. My clients have

1 included the Staff of the California Public Utilities Commission, the Staff of the
2 Arizona Corporation Commission, the Staff of the Kansas State Corporation
3 Commission, the Arkansas Public Service Commission, municipal utility systems
4 in Massachusetts, New York, Texas, and North Carolina, and the Attorney
5 General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

6 I have testified before state regulatory commissions in Arizona, New Jersey,
7 Connecticut, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, New York, Vermont, North Carolina,
8 South Carolina, Maine, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Massachusetts, Missouri, and
9 Wisconsin and before an Atomic Safety & Licensing Board of the U.S. Nuclear
10 Regulatory Commission.

11 A copy of my current resume is attached as Exhibit DS/GK-1.

12 **Q. Mr. Schlissel, have you previously testified in any Article X Proceedings**
13 **before the Siting Board?**

14 A. Yes. I have testified in Case 99-F-1627 concerning NYPA's proposed 500 MW
15 Astoria Project. I also filed testimony in Case 99-F-1191 which was settled
16 before hearings were held and Case 00-F-1356 in which hearings have not yet
17 been scheduled.

18 **Q. Mr. Keith, please summarize your educational background and recent work**
19 **experience.**

20 A. I graduated from Brown University in 1994 with an M.A. in Environmental
21 Studies. While at Brown I wrote my Masters thesis on the deregulation of the
22 electric power industry. Before studying at Brown, I received a B.A. in English
23 Literature from Tufts University and later did coursework in Chemistry and
24 Physics at the Harvard University Extension School. Prior to joining Synapse, I
25 worked as a Research Associate at the Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities
26 and Carriers and as a Consultant at M. J. Bradley & Associates, a strategic
27 environmental consulting firm with expertise in the energy sectors. I joined
28 Synapse in 2001 and am now an Associate.

1 For nearly ten years, I have been analyzing the electric power industry, focusing
2 on the effects of changing market structures and new environmental policy
3 initiatives. During my time with M. J. Bradley & Associates, I worked with large
4 energy companies to assess market opportunities around clean power generation
5 and to support proposed emission standards such as EPA's revised fine particulate
6 and ozone standards and the federal "NO_x SIP Call." I also worked with
7 northeastern environmental advocates to monitor the environmental impacts of
8 electric restructuring and develop proposals to minimize adverse impacts.

9 At Synapse my work focuses on the assessment of energy and environmental
10 policies, including new air regulations at the state and federal levels, renewable
11 portfolio standards, emissions performance standards and information disclosure
12 requirements. I perform both qualitative policy analysis and quantitative analysis
13 using electric system dispatch modeling. I have performed dispatch modeling to
14 analyze the costs and benefits of environmental and energy policies for clients
15 such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Ozone Transport
16 Commission. In addition, I have reviewed corporate emissions compliance plans
17 for state consumer advocates and other industry stakeholders.

18 **Q. Mr. Keith, have you previously testified in any Article X Proceedings before**
19 **the Siting Board?**

20 A. No.

21 INTRODUCTION

22 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony.**

23 A. Synapse was retained by Brooklyn/GWWTF to examine a number of issues
24 related to TransGas Energy System's (also "the Applicant," "TransGas," and
25 "TGE") proposed 1,100 Megawatt combined cycle electric generating facility.
26 This testimony presents the results of our examination and investigation of the
27 following issues set forth in the Examiners' August 4, 2003 Procedural Ruling:

28 1. The likelihood that the proposed facility will sell steam to Con Edison.

- 1 2. Whether construction and operation of the proposed facility are in the
2 public interest taking into account:
- 3 a. whether the proposed facility will displace generation at older
4 facilities, and thereby reduce air emissions and improve air quality.
- 5 b. whether the proposed facility will result in reduced prices for
6 electricity.
- 7 3. The validity of TGE's claims concerning the benefits of the proposed
8 facility on electric system reliability.

9 **Q. Please explain how Synapse conducted its investigations and analyses on**
10 **these issues.**

11 A. We reviewed the Article X Application and the appendices to the Application. We
12 also submitted discovery to TGE and reviewed the materials that were provided in
13 response to that discovery. In particular, we examined the Applicant's production
14 modeling analyses and assessed the reasonableness of the input assumptions used
15 in these analyses.

16 We also reviewed materials that were presented in other recent Article X
17 proceedings in New York State. In particular, we compared the results of TGE's
18 analyses with the production modeling analyses that have been presented by other
19 Article X applicants.

20 Finally, we reviewed materials issued by New York Independent System Operator
21 ("NYISO"), PJM and the New England Power Pool.

22 **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

23 **Q. Please summarize your findings.**

24 A. We have found that:

- 25 1. Although TGE implies that it is involved in negotiations with Con Edison,
26 Con Edison denies that such negotiations are occurring.

- 1 2. Con Edison has alternatives for the future use of the Hudson Avenue
2 Station other than retirement;
- 3 3. Con Edison has at least one other significant alternative to TGE for
4 purchasing steam produced at a cogeneration facility.
- 5 4. Consequently, at this time, there is no evidence that TGE will sell steam to
6 Con Edison from its proposed facility.
- 7 5. The Applicant's production modeling analyses (called "MAPS" analyses)
8 do not reasonably reflect future conditions on the New York City, New
9 York State and neighboring electric systems in a number of important
10 ways.
- 11 6. The MAPS analyses examine unrealistic base and low capacity expansion
12 scenarios. These scenarios exclude significant amounts of generating
13 capacity in downstate New York that has been certified by the Siting
14 Board and that is likely to be built.
- 15 7. The MAPS analyses also examine a higher steam production scenario.
16 This scenario also excludes significant amounts of generating capacity in
17 downstate New York that has been certified by the Siting Board and that is
18 likely to be built. This scenario is also unrealistic because there is no
19 credible evidence that TGE will sell steam from the proposed facility to
20 Con Edison.
- 21 8. The MAPS analyses use unreasonably low heat rates for all of the new
22 combined cycle generating facilities in New York State. The MAPS
23 analyses also do not reflect the higher heat rate that the proposed TGE
24 facility will experience due to its use of an air-cooled condenser.
- 25 9. By excluding certified generating capacity and using unreasonably low
26 heat rates, the Applicant overstates the amount of electricity that would be
27 produced by the proposed TGE facility and, consequently, exaggerates its
28 environmental and economic benefits.

- 1 10. The MAPS analyses overstate the amount of electricity that the proposed
2 TGE facility would displace from large cogenerating facilities in New
3 York State and New Jersey. The MAPS analyses also use emissions rates
4 for some of these facilities that are five or more times as high as the limits
5 in the facilities' air permits. These assumed emissions rates do not reflect
6 the fact that many of these facilities have selective catalytic reduction
7 equipment to reduce their NO_x emissions. For these reasons, TGE's
8 MAPS analyses significantly overstate the environmental benefits of
9 displacing the electricity that would otherwise be produced by these
10 cogenerators.
- 11 11. The MAPS analyses do not reflect the revised emissions standards that
12 will be in effect by 2008 in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New
13 Hampshire. Consequently, they overstate the emissions reductions that
14 could be achieved due to the TGE facility's displacement of electricity
15 that would otherwise be generated at power plants in New England.
- 16 12. The MAPS analyses do not reflect the revised emissions standards that
17 will be in effect by 2008 in New York State. In particular, the TGE
18 MAPS modeling clearly does not reflect New York's the SO₂ emissions
19 cap that will be in effect by 2008: in all of the Applicant's MAPS
20 scenarios, total New York SO₂ emissions are over 240,000 tons per year
21 while the allowable SO₂ emissions limit will be only 131,364 tons per
22 year. It is not clear whether the TGE MAPS modeling has included the
23 new New York NO_x emission cap. Given its failure to reflect the new
24 SO₂ cap limits, we suspect not.
- 25 13. The emissions benefits claimed by TGE for its proposed facility are
26 unreasonable given that the plants it claims to be displacing in New York
27 State will have significantly lower emission rates than were assumed in
28 the MAPS analyses. In fact, it is reasonable to assume that the operation of
29 the proposed TGE facility will not reduce SO₂ emissions at all given that

- 1 statewide SO₂ emissions will be capped at the same significantly lower
2 levels whether or not TGE is built and operating.
- 3 14. The Applicant's modeling overstates the air quality benefits that the
4 proposed facility would produce for the Greenpoint and Williamsburg
5 communities.
- 6 15. The Applicant overstates the economic benefits that would be provided by
7 the proposed facility due to exclusion of capacity from certified generating
8 facilities and the use of unreasonably low heat rates.
- 9 16. The reductions in location based marginal prices, wholesale power
10 payments and reductions costs that claimed by TGE for its proposed
11 facility are overstated and unrealistic.
- 12 17. The Applicant's analysis of capacity market prices is pure speculation and
13 should be afforded no weight by the Siting Board.
- 14 18. If all of the new generating projects that have been certified by the Siting
15 Board and the transmission projects that have been approved by the Public
16 Service Commission are considered, the net amount of capacity in New
17 York City will grow by approximately 3,100 MW by 2008, without the
18 proposed TGE facility.
- 19 19. Whether or not the proposed TGE facility is built, the reliability of the
20 New York City electric system will be improved by 2008 through the
21 addition of the capacity from other generating facilities that either are
22 currently under construction or that will be completed.
- 23 20. TGE has not provided any analyses or studies to support the claim that its
24 proposed facility would provide significant electric system reliability or to
25 quantify the magnitude of the benefits that the proposed facility would
26 provide.
- 27 21. If all of the certified generating and transmission projects are completed,
28 New York City's electric system will have capacity reserve margins above

1 32 percent as late as 2015 even if the proposed TGE facility is not built. At
2 the same time, the NYISO's 80 percent in-City Installed Capacity
3 Requirement would be satisfied far beyond 2015.

4 22. Even if not all of the certified projects are completed, the New York City
5 electric system will have adequate reserve margins through at least 2015
6 even if the proposed TGE facility is not built. The NYISO's 80 percent
7 Installed in-City Capacity Requirement also would be met for several
8 years beyond 2008.

9 23. If the TGE facility is not built, the reliability of New York City's electric
10 system could be enhanced through the implementation of aggressive
11 energy conservation/efficiency and/or demand response programs.
12 System reliability also could be improved by the implementation of
13 programs encouraging the use of small clean distributed generation or
14 renewable energy facilities.

15 24. The available information shows that the transmission system through
16 which power is imported into New York City is highly reliable.

17 25. There is no evidence that if the proposed TGE facility had been in service
18 on August 14, 2003, it would have prevented the extended blackout in
19 New York City or that its black start capability would have accelerated
20 Con Edison's recovery of service.

21 26. For these reasons, the Applicant has not shown that the proposed 1,100
22 MW generating facility would provide significant environmental,
23 economic or system reliability benefits.

24 27. Consequently, TGE's Application should be rejected because the
25 Applicant has not shown that the construction and operation of its
26 proposed facility would be in the public interest.

27

1 **ISSUE NO. 1 - THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE PROPOSED FACILITY WILL**
2 **SELL STEAM TO CON EDISON**

3 **Q. Have you seen any credible evidence that suggests it is likely that TGE will**
4 **enter into a contract to sell steam to Con Edison?**

5 A. No. TGE's testimony suggests that it is in negotiations with Con Edison
6 concerning a contract for the use of TGE's steam supply.¹ Con Edison, however,
7 specifically states that there are no negotiations between the two parties:

8 Although the [TGE] application suggests that TGE Systems and Con
9 Edison have been in active negotiations to establish a steam sales
10 agreement between the companies, this is not the case. Several
11 meetings have taken place, at which TGE Systems has presented an
12 overview of its Project plan, but there is neither a formal nor informal
13 steam sales agreement between TGE Systems and Con Edison.²

14 **Q. Did you submit discovery requests to learn the current status of the talks**
15 **between TGE and Con Edison?**

16 A. Yes. Brooklyn/GWWTF submitted a number of discovery requests to TGE
17 concerning the claims in the Article X Application regarding the sale of the
18 proposed facility's steam supply to Con Edison. However, TGE refused to
19 provide the materials that might offer some insights into the status of its
20 discussions with Con Edison. These materials included, for example, the
21 correspondence between TGE and Con Edison concerning the possible supply of
22 steam from the proposed project for use in Con Edison's steam distribution
23 system.³

¹ Direct Testimony of William Harkins, at page 3, line 15.

² Con Edison July 11, 2003 letter to Examiners Garlin & Casutto.

³ TGE Response to Information Request Brooklyn/GWWTF-4(a).

1 **Q. Did TGE provide any evidence that it will be able to sell steam to Con Edison**
2 **at a price that Con Edison would be motivated to pay and that would provide**
3 **savings to Con Edison’s ratepayers?**

4 A. No. TGE has stated that it has no analyses, assessments, evaluations or studies
5 that were employed to support the statements in the Application and the Direct
6 Testimony of William Harkins that “TGE envisions selling Con Edison steam at
7 prices that would provide cost savings to Con Edison and its ratepayers” and
8 “TGE’s steam supply would be priced lower than Con Edison’s own cost of
9 generating steam, such that Con Edison would be motivated economically to take
10 it.”⁴

11 TGE further stated that it did not have any analyses, assessments, evaluations or
12 studies which compared the prices at which the proposed TransGas project would
13 produce steam to the price at which Con Edison can produce steam.”⁵

14 **Q. TGE has claimed that the steam supply from its proposed facility could**
15 **facilitate the retirement by Con Edison of the Hudson Avenue Station. Have**
16 **you seen any evidence that Con Edison is interested in retiring Hudson**
17 **Avenue?**

18 A. No.

19 **Q. Does Con Edison have any viable alternatives to retiring the Hudson Avenue**
20 **Station?**

21 A. Yes. Con Edison is currently evaluating and analyzing possible future uses of its
22 74th Street, 59th Street, and Hudson Avenue Generating Stations. According to
23 Con Edison’s November 2002 Progress Report in PSC Case 99-S-1621, “the
24 objective of these analyses, which will address costs and benefits of each possible
25 future use, will be to identify potential future uses of the plants and sites that
26 maximize economic efficiency while minimizing steam rates.”

⁴ See TGE’s responses to Brooklyn/GWWTF-4(c)(1) and 4(d).

⁵ TGE’s response to Brooklyn/GWWTF-4(c)(2).

1 **Q. What specific alternatives is Con Edison examining for the Hudson Avenue**
2 **Generating Station?**

3 A. Con Edison has identified five possible future use options for Hudson Avenue:

- 4 ♦ Maintain the existing boilers
- 5 ♦ Install 4 dual fuel boilers that would produce 1.6 mmlbs/hr net of steam
- 6 ♦ Install 2 6FA gas turbines with duct firing capability. These would provide
7 200 MW net of electricity and 1.7 mmlbs/hr net of steam.
- 8 ♦ Install 2 7FA gas turbines with a steam turbine. This combination would
9 provide 520 MW net of electricity and 1.6 mmlbs/hr net of steam.
- 10 ♦ Install one dual fuel 6FA gas turbine and dual fuel boilers. This
11 combination would provide 62 MW net of electricity and 1.6 mmlbs/hr net
12 of steam.

13 **Q. When will these studies be completed?**

14 A. According to its November 2002 Progress Report, Con Edison was scheduled to
15 issue a final report in January 2002. However, it has not yet done so.

16 **Q. If Con Edison were interested in contracting with an outside party for a**
17 **significant amount of steam supply, does it have any alternatives to entering**
18 **into a contract with TGE?**

19 A. Yes. Con Edison could enter into a contract with KeySpan for steam produced at
20 the Ravenswood Cogeneration Station.

21 **Q. How much steam can be produced at the Ravenswood Cogeneration Station?**

22 A. KeySpan has said that 976,000 pounds per hour of steam can be produced at the
23 Ravenswood Cogeneration Station.

24 **Q. Would Con Edison's purchase of steam from the Ravenswood Cogeneration**
25 **Station result in significant environmental benefits?**

26 A. Yes. As KeySpan has explained the Ravenswood Cogeneration Station was
27 designed with the potential to export steam to Con Edison's Manhattan steam

1 distribution system. If KeySpan were to enter into a contractual agreement with
2 Con Edison:

3 this steam [from the Ravenswood Cogeneration Station] would enable
4 the displacement of the existing Boiler “A” House owned by Con
5 Edison at the Ravenswood Generating Station. The steam generation
6 capacity of the cleaner, natural gas-fired Facility would allow the
7 retirement of the 50 year old, oil-fired Boiler “A” House, which would
8 result in substantially reduced air emissions from the site. The NO_x
9 emission rate of the Boiler “A” House is approximately 40 times
10 higher than the proposed facility, and the SO₂ emission rate of the
11 Boiler “A” House is approximately 550 times higher.⁶

12 According to KeySpan, the displacement of steam production at the Boiler “A”
13 House would have significant benefits:

14 This facility is over fifty years old and is oil-fired, producing an
15 average of 275 tons of NO_x, 250 tons of SO₂ and 138,000 tons of CO₂
16 annually based on historic data (1996-1999). The displacement of this
17 oil-fired facility with the cleaner, natural gas-fired Facility would
18 result in reduced air emissions from the site.

19 It is also quite possible that some of the steam produced at the Ravenswood
20 Cogeneration Station would displace some of the steam production at Con
21 Edison’s oil-fired 74th Street facility. This would result in additional air emission
22 reductions.

23 **Q. What is your conclusion concerning the likelihood that TGE will sell steam to**
24 **Con Edison from its proposed facility?**

25 A. At this time, there is no evidence that TGE will sell steam to Con Edison from its
26 proposed facility:

- 27 • Although TGE implies that it is involved in negotiations with Con Edison,
28 Con Edison denies that such negotiations are occurring;
- 29 • Con Edison has alternatives for the future use of the Hudson Avenue
30 Station other than to retire the facility;

⁶ KeySpan’s Ravenswood Cogeneration Facility Article X Application, at page 1-11.

- 1 • Con Edison has at least one other significant alternative to TGE for
2 purchasing steam produced at a cogeneration facility.

3 **ISSUE NO. 2 - WHETHER THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE**
4 **PROPOSED FACILITY WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST**

5 **Q. Please explain why it is important that an Applicant show that its proposed**
6 **facility would produce environmental and economic benefits when seeking to**
7 **obtain a certificate to build and operate a major electric generating facility.**

8 A. PSL Sections 168(1) and 168(2) require that the Siting Board must make a
9 number of specific findings on the basis of the record developed before the
10 Presiding Examiner before it may grant a certificate for the construction or
11 operation of a major electric generating facility. These findings include:

12 (b) The nature of the probable environmental impacts, including an evaluation
13 of the predictable adverse and beneficial impacts on the environment and
14 ecology, public health and safety ... air and water quality, including the
15 cumulative effect of air emissions from existing facilities and the potential
16 for significant deterioration in local air quality with particular attention to
17 facilities located in areas designated as severe nonattainment....

18 (c) That the facility (i) minimizes adverse environmental impacts (ii) is
19 compatible with the public health and safety, ... (iv) will not emit any
20 pollutants to the air that will be in contravention of applicable air emission
21 control requirements or air quality standards....

22 (e) That the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest,
23 considering the environmental impacts of the facility

24
25 It is essential that there be a reasonable estimate of the environmental and
26 economic benefits that the proposed facility could offer in order for the Siting
27 Board to perform the balancing of benefits called for under these Sections of the
28 Public Service Law.

1 **Q. What claims has TGE made concerning the benefits that would be created by**
2 **the construction and operation of the proposed facility?**

3 A. TGE's Article X Application claims that the operation of the proposed 1,100 MW
4 facility will produce a significant reduction in production costs,⁷ "dramatic"
5 decreases in SO₂, NO_x and CO₂ emissions,⁸ and reductions in installed capacity
6 costs.⁹

7 **Q. Are these claims supported by the Applicant's production modeling**
8 **analyses?**

9 A. No. The Applicant's production modeling analyses (also called "MAPS"
10 analyses after the GE Market Assessment & Portfolio Strategies model which is
11 used in the analyses) do not reasonably reflect future conditions on the New York
12 City, New York State and neighboring electric systems in a number of important
13 ways:

- 14 1. The MAPS analyses examine unrealistic base and low capacity expansion
15 scenarios that exclude significant amounts of generating capacity in
16 downstate New York that has been certified by the Siting Board and that is
17 likely to be built.
- 18 2. The MAPS analyses also examine a higher steam production scenario that
19 excludes significant amounts of generating capacity in downstate New
20 York that has been certified by the Siting Board and that is likely to be
21 built. This scenario is also unrealistic because there is no credible
22 evidence that TGE will be able to sell steam from the proposed facility to
23 Con Edison.

⁷ TGE Article X Application, at page 1-14.

⁸ TGE Article X Application, at page 1-15.

⁹ TGE Article X Application, at page 1-15.

- 1 3. The MAPS analyses use unreasonably low heat rates for all of the new
2 combined cycle generating facilities in New York State. The MAPS
3 analyses also do not reflect the higher heat rate that the proposed TGE
4 facility will experience due to its use of an air-cooled condenser.
- 5 4. The MAPS analyses do not reflect new emissions standards that will be in
6 effect by 2008 in New York State, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New
7 Hampshire.
- 8 5. The MAPS analyses unrealistically predict that the proposed TGE facility
9 would displace significant amounts of electricity that would otherwise be
10 produced at cogeneration plants. Because they use incorrect emissions
11 rates for at least some of the cogeneration plants, the MAPS analyses
12 overstate the reductions in the NO_x emissions from these facilities due to
13 their displacement by TGE.
- 14 6. The Applicant's modeling overstates the air quality benefits that the
15 proposed facility would produce for the Greenpoint and Williamsburg
16 communities.
- 17 7. The Applicant overstates the economic benefits that would be provided by
18 the proposed facility due to the same factors that exaggerate the claimed
19 environmental benefits. In addition, the Applicant's analysis of capacity
20 market prices is pure speculation and should be afforded no weight by the
21 Siting Board.

22 For these reasons, the Applicant's MAPS analyses significantly overstate the
23 electricity production of the proposed TGE facility and dramatically overstate the
24 environmental and economic benefits that the proposed facility would provide.

25 Capacity Expansion Scenarios

- 26 **Q. Does the Applicant's Base Case MAPS analysis appropriately reflect the**
27 **generating facilities that have been certified by the Siting Board and that are**
28 **likely to be built in New York State by 2008?**

1 A. No. The Applicant's Base Case MAPS analysis reflects the construction and
2 operation of only 50 percent of the capacity of the NYPA Poletti Expansion and
3 SCS Astoria Energy, Brookhaven Energy, Spagnoli Road and Wawayanda
4 facilities. In so doing, the Applicant excludes 750 MW of capacity that has been
5 certified for construction and operation in New York City, another 395 MW of
6 certified capacity for Long Island, and, finally, 270 MW of capacity certified for
7 Orange County. The exclusion of this capacity artificially inflates the projected
8 output of the proposed TGE facility and exaggerates its projected environmental
9 and economic benefits.

10 **Q. Has the Siting Board indicated whether already certified facilities should be**
11 **included in production modeling analyses of the environmental and economic**
12 **benefits from other proposed facilities?**

13 A. Although we do not believe that the Board has ruled specifically that certified
14 facilities should be included in production modeling analyses, in its August 14,
15 2002 Opinion and Order in Case 00-F-0056, the Siting Board ruled that it was
16 appropriate to include the proposed, but not yet certified, Spagnoli Road facility
17 in a production modeling analysis of the environmental and economic benefits
18 that would be provided by the Brookhaven Energy plant that also was under
19 review:

20 We disagree with the Applicant that inclusion of the impacts of
21 subsequently filed applications will create an obstacle to investment in
22 new generation. We recognize that either facility may have a lesser
23 impact if the other were considered as part of the base case than if it
24 were excluded, but we will rely on the market forces in a competitive
25 environment to ultimately determine which unit should be built. Our
26 obligation is to ensure that each application meets the requirements of
27 PSL Section 168, which states in part that "the construction and
28 operation of the facility is in the public interest."

29 In the instant case, Brookhaven claims that the public interest standard
30 should consider the projected production cost savings. **We believe**
31 **that any such projection should, as accurately as possible, assess**
32 **future conditions.** No doubt, if the KeySpan unit is approved, it
33 would have a large impact of the projected savings. Since the record
34 has been developed on this subject, in accordance with procedures set

1 forth by the examiners, we will consider the Spagnoli Road Unit in our
2 overall assessment of the public interest.¹⁰ (Emphasis added)

3 Clearly, if the Siting Board believes it is appropriate to include proposed, but not
4 yet certified, facilities in production modeling analyses, it is even more
5 appropriate to include all certified facilities as well. Consequently, in this
6 proceeding, it is necessary that the Applicant's MAPS analyses include the
7 generating units that have been certified by the Siting Board unless those units
8 have been cancelled or delayed beyond the study period. Excluding certified units
9 means that the projections of the proposed TGE facility's future economic and
10 environmental benefits will not be as accurate as possible. Assuming that only 50
11 percent of a certified facility is built, as TGE has done, serves no purpose other
12 than to exclude capacity that has been approved by the Siting Board and to starve
13 the system of capacity that will probably be available before the TGE facility
14 enters commercial service.

15 **Q. Do you think that low capacity and high capacity scenarios can be examined**
16 **in MAPS analyses?**

17 A. Yes. We think that examining low and high capacity scenarios is a reasonable
18 way to reflect the uncertainty concerning which of the new generating projects
19 that have been approved by the Siting Board or that are undergoing Siting Board
20 review actually will be built. But the low and high capacity scenarios have to be
21 reasonable and reflect realistic views of the units that may be built. However,
22 TGE has excluded too much capacity in both its low and high capacity scenarios.

23 **Q. What is the current status of NYPA's Poletti Expansion Facility?**

24 A. The Poletti Expansion facility is currently under construction. Although the
25 project may slip some from the projected 4th Quarter of 2004 in-service date listed
26 on the Siting Board's website, there is no reason to expect that it will not be in
27 operation before 2008.

¹⁰ Opinion and Order in Case 00-F-0056, at page 71.

1 **Q. What is the current status of the SCS Astoria facility?**

2 A. SCS has an agreement to sell 500 MW of power to Con Edison for a period of ten
3 years starting in 2006. It also has submitted a bid to supply 500 MW of power to
4 LIPA. Finally, SCS has said that it is involved in negotiations to sell power to
5 other parties.

6 SCS has recently retained an architect engineering firm to begin pre-construction
7 planning and mobilization.

8 **Q. What is the current status of the Reliant Astoria Repowering Project?**

9 A. Reliant has delayed its proposed Astoria Repowering project until 2006/2007 due
10 to problems raising capital in the current financial environment. Reliant has said
11 on several occasions that it is fully committed to proceeding with this repowering
12 once the situation in the capital markets improves and it is able to raise the needed
13 construction funds.

14 It is no more speculative to assume that Reliant, an established power plant
15 builder and operator, will be able to obtain funding for the Astoria Repowering
16 project than TGE will be able to raise the funds needed to construction its
17 proposed facility.

18 **Q. What are the current statuses of the Brookhaven and Spagnoli Road
19 facilities?**

20 A. ANP (the developer of the proposed Brookhaven Energy Project) and KeySpan
21 have announced the formation of a consortium to build three power plants on
22 Long Island: a 250 MW unit at Spagnoli Road to be in service by 2006; a 250
23 MW unit in Brookhaven to be in service in 2007; and, finally, a possible third 250
24 MW unit to be completed by the summer of 2008. ANP and KeySpan have
25 submitted a joint bid to supply power to LIPA from these facilities.

26 LIPA has reviewed 15 power supply proposals, including the one from ANP and
27 KeySpan, in response to an RFP issued last spring. LIPA has said that it will
28 decide in November which of the 15 proposals will be accepted and implemented.

1 In any event, it appears clear that new power plants totaling at least 500 or 600
2 MW will be built on Long Island before 2008.

3 **Q. Are there any facilities in the Applicant's base case MAPS scenario which**
4 **have been cancelled?**

5 A. Yes. The proposed 1,100 MW Ramapo facility has been cancelled. This unit
6 should be excluded from the MAPS analyses to provide the most accurate forecast
7 of the proposed TGE facility's environmental and economic benefits.

8 **Q. In its Higher Steam Production scenario, does the Applicant also assume that**
9 **only 50 percent of the Poletti Expansion, SCS Astoria, Brookhaven Energy,**
10 **Spagnoli Road, and Wawayanda facilities will be built?**

11 A. Yes. For this reason, the higher steam production scenario, like the base case
12 analysis, overstates the amount of electricity that the proposed TGE facility can
13 be expected to produce and the facility's likely environmental and economic
14 benefits.

15 **Q. Is the Applicant's Higher Steam Production Scenario unrealistic for any**
16 **other reasons?**

17 A. Yes. The Applicant assumes in this scenario that, due to its production of steam
18 for sale to Con Edison, the proposed TGE facility would experience a 3.5 percent
19 improvement in the heat rate attributable to electricity.¹¹ As we have explained
20 with regard to Issue No. 1 above, there is no credible evidence to support the
21 claim that TGE will enter into a contract with Con Edison for the sale of any
22 steam produced at the proposed facility. Therefore, any scenario that reflects such
23 a sale is completely speculative.

¹¹ Attachment D to TGE's Article X Application, at page 2.3.

1 **Q. Which facilities does the Applicant exclude from its low capacity expansion**
2 **scenario?**

3 A. TGE excluded all of those units which were not yet under construction at the time
4 they conducted the MAPS analyses. Consequently, the low capacity expansion
5 scenario does not include any capacity or energy from the following certified
6 facilities: Bethlehem Energy Center, Poletti Expansion, SCS Astoria, Reliant
7 Astoria Repowering, Brookhaven Energy, Spagnoli Road, or Wawayanda.¹² All
8 of these facilities were assumed to be cancelled. As we have explained above, this
9 assumption is highly problematic. The Bethlehem Energy Center and Poletti
10 Expansion facility, for example, are already under construction.

11 By excluding all of these certified units, TGE's low capacity scenario creates a
12 New York State electric system that badly needs the capacity from the proposed
13 TGE facility. This artificially and inappropriately inflates the generation from the
14 TGE facility and the facility's projected environmental and economic benefits.

15 Heat Rates

16 **Q. What heat rates are assumed in the Applicant's MAPS analyses for the**
17 **proposed TGE facility and other new combined cycle units?**

18 A. TGE assumed that the new combined cycle units all had similar full load average
19 heat rates of roughly 6,570 Btu/KWh.¹³

20 **Q. Is this assumption reasonable?**

21 A. We believe that this assumed heat rate is too low for new combined cycle units.
22 Other studies we have seen, including a study that GE prepared for the NYISO in

¹² Although the Applicant does include PSEG Power's Bergen facility in its low capacity expansion scenario, it is unclear whether TGE has included the Cross Hudson cable that will bring the Bergen facility electrically into New York City.

¹³ TGE's response to Information Requests Brooklyn/GWWTF-81(a).

1 March 2001, assumed full load heat rates of 6,800 Btu/KWh or higher for new
2 combined cycle units.¹⁴

3 **Q. Have higher heat rates been used in the MAPS analyses presented in support**
4 **of other Article X Applications?**

5 A. Yes. For example, Gary Jordan from GEII Power Systems Energy Consulting
6 was responsible for preparing the TGE MAPS analyses. Mr. Jordan testified in
7 Siting Board Case 99-F-1627 that he used a heat rate of 6,800 Btu/KWh for
8 NYPA’s Poletti Expansion facility.¹⁵ Mr. Jordan subsequently presented revised
9 MAPS analyses that assumed that all new combined cycle units in New York
10 State would achieve 6,700 Btu/KWh heat rates.¹⁶ Interestingly, another NYPA
11 witness testified in the same case that based on its own engineering analyses
12 NYPA projected that its proposed Poletti Expansion facility would have a full
13 load heat rate of 6,918 BTU/KWh.¹⁷

14 **Q. Are there any design features of the proposed TGE facility that suggest that**
15 **its heat rate will be higher than the heat rates of at least some of the other**
16 **new combined cycle units in New York City?**

17 A. Yes. The proposed TGE facility would use an air-cooled condenser. Although
18 such air-cooled condensers have environmental benefits in terms of reduced water
19 usage, their use results in a small loss of efficiency relative to an identical plant
20 using wet cooling towers.

¹⁴ *Implications of Capacity Additions in New York on Transmission System Adequacy*, March 2,
2001.

¹⁵ Case 99-F-1627, Transcript page 668, lines 6-9.

¹⁶ Case 99-F-1627, Transcript page 669, lines 21-24.

¹⁷ Case 99-F-1627, Transcript page 375, lines 20-23.

1 For example, Reliant's proposed Astoria Repowering Project will use plume-
2 abated wet cooling towers. Reliant explained in its Article X Applicant why this
3 means that its proposed facility will have better heat rates than the Poletti
4 Expansion and SCS Astoria facilities which will be dry-cooled:

5 It is critically important to realize that there is a fundamental
6 difference between the steam condensing technology of the
7 Repowering project and the other two projects (SCS Astoria and the
8 NYPA Poletti Expansion). The Repowering project will utilize water-
9 cooled condensers whereas the other two plant designs are based on
10 the use of air-cooled condensers. It is a well-known fact that for
11 combined cycle plants employing equivalent technology for the prime
12 movers (CTs and steam turbines), water cooled condensers will result
13 in more efficient power generation (i.e., better heat rates) than air-
14 cooled condensers operating at the same ambient conditions. This heat
15 rate improvement effect for water-cooled condensing systems becomes
16 more pronounced as ambient temperatures increase (which
17 corresponds to an increase in need for electrical generation to serve the
18 increased load). Therefore, it is to be expected that at all reasonable
19 operating conditions, the water-cooled Repowering project will be
20 more efficient than either the air-cooled SCS Astoria or the air-cooled
21 NYPA Poletti Expansion projects.¹⁸

22 PSEG Power quantified this heat rate benefit in its Article X Application for the
23 Bethlehem Energy Center:

24 As illustrated in Figure 3-2, a comparison of plant performance
25 between the wet and dry cooling alternatives for an ambient dry bulb
26 condition of 78 degrees F indicates that the net plant heat rate for the
27 dry tower would be 1.16% poorer than the wet tower (6,955
28 BTU/KWh dry tower versus 6,875 BTU/KWh wet tower). For an
29 ambient temperature of 94 degrees F, a more typical summer
30 condition, the net plant heat rate for the dry tower would be 2.40%
31 poorer than the wet tower (7,097 BTU/KWh versus 6,931 BTU/KWh
32 wet tower). Hence the dry tower incurs a significant penalty during
33 periods when energy is at its greatest demand.¹⁹

¹⁸ Reliant's Article X Application for the Astoria Repowering Project, at page 14-12.

¹⁹ Addendum A.10 to Bethlehem Energy Center Article X Application, "Alternative Cooling Systems Study," at page 3-3.

1 Consequently, the heat rate for the proposed TGE facility should be 50 to 200
2 Btu/KWh higher than the heat rates for those units using wet or plume-abated wet
3 towers – Bethlehem Energy Center, Reliant Repowering, and Bowline Unit 3

4 **Q. Did TGE provide to Brooklyn/GWWTF any studies that project or estimate**
5 **the plant-specific heat rate(s) for its proposed facility?**

6 A. No. Although we specifically asked for these documents, TGE merely replied
7 that the heat rate assumptions in its MAPS analyses were taken from the
8 assumptions in the 2002 New York State Energy Plan.²⁰

9 TGE also said in the same response that “The TransGas facility was assumed to
10 have the same basic characteristics as the proposed facilities at Orion with the
11 exception that the minimum power output was set to 75% rather than 50% of the
12 unit rating.” However, TGE did not provide any explanation or justification for
13 this difference.

14 **Q. How does the projected generation of the proposed TGE facility in the**
15 **Applicant’s MAPS analyses compare to the projected generation of the other**
16 **new combined cycle units in New York City?**

17 A. Table 1 below shows the capacity factors for the new combined cycle units in
18 New York City projected in TGE’s base case and low capacity expansion MAPS
19 scenarios:

²⁰ TGE’s response to Information Request Brooklyn/GWWTF-81(a).

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Table 1. Capacity Factors projected for New York City CC Units

Unit	Base Case		Low Expansion Scenario	
	Without TGE	With TGE	Without TGE	With TGE
TGE 1		76		83
TGE 2		75		83
TGE 3		74		83
TGE 4		73		83
Poletti Expansion 1	66	60		
Poletti Expansion 2	66	59		
Reliant Repowering 1	69	66		
Reliant Repowering 2	68	64		
Reliant Repowering 3	68	65		
Reliant Repowering 4	66	61		
Reliant Repowering 5	65	59		
Reliant Repowering 6	64	57		
East River Repowering 1	101	101	101	101
East River Repowering 2	101	101	101	101
Ravenswood Cogen 1	58	48	79	76
Ravenswood Cogen 2	57	47	80	76
SCS Astoria 1	69	66		
SCS Astoria 2	69	64		
SCS Astoria 3	69	64		
SCS Astoria 4	68	63		
Bergen	66	59	79	76

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Thus, except for the anomalous capacity factor projected for the units at the East River Repowering Project, all of the other in-City combined cycle units in the Applicant's base case MAPS analysis are projected to have capacity factors substantially lower than TGE's proposed facility. Even in the no-TGE scenario, none of the other new in-city combined cycle units, other than East River, would achieve the 75 percent annual capacity factors that TGE projects its own unit would achieve.

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The low expansion scenario is so starved of generating capacity that those few new combined cycle units that are included have high capacity factors. But, even in this scenario, the Bergen and Ravenswood Cogeneration facilities are predicted to operate at lower capacity factors than TGE.

1 **Q. Are these the results that you would expect if the proposed TGE facility were**
2 **to have the same heat rate as the other new combined cycle facilities in New**
3 **York State?**

4 A. No. You would expect some minor differences in the output of the new combined
5 cycle units even if they all have the same heat rates. You also might see some
6 differences in output between upstate and downstate units based on different
7 natural gas prices or transmission constraints. However, the significant
8 differences between the capacity factors of the units at the proposed TGE facility
9 and the other combined cycle facilities, especially those in New York City, are
10 not expected.

11 **Q. Do the capacity factors in Table 1 provide any other insights into the results**
12 **of the Applicant's MAPS analyses?**

13 A. Yes. The capacity factors presented in Table 1 reveal that the proposed TGE
14 facility will be displacing a considerable amount of generation from other new
15 combined cycle units in New York City. In fact, in the Applicant's base case
16 MAPS analysis, the proposed TGE facility would displace 1,543 GWh of
17 electricity that would otherwise be generated at other combined cycle facilities in
18 the City. Thus, about 19 percent of TGE's output would displace efficient new
19 units in New York City, not older inefficient generating facilities. There would
20 be no environmental benefit from the displacement of these other new combined
21 cycle units.

22 **Q. How would the results of TGE's MAPS analyses change if they reflected**
23 **higher heat rates for those units, like TGE, which have air-cooled**
24 **condensers?**

25 A. We would expect that the output of the units at the Reliant Astoria Repowering
26 project would increase and the output of the TGE facility to decrease. However,
27 you would have to rerun the MAPS analyses to quantify the precise effect.

1 **Q. How much additional electricity could the new Poletti Expansion, SCS**
2 **Astoria, and Reliant Astoria Repowering combined cycle units in New York**
3 **City and the Bergen combined cycle unit in New Jersey generate if they**
4 **achieved the same 75 percent capacity factors that are projected for the**
5 **proposed TGE facility?**

6 A. The Poletti Expansion, SCS Astoria, Reliant Astoria Repowering and Bergen
7 combined cycle units together would generate an additional 7,621 GWh, or
8 almost the total projected base case generation of TGE, if they were to operate at
9 75 percent capacity factors instead of the lower capacity factors forecast in the
10 MAPS base case. This assumes that all of the Poletti Expansion (500 MW) and
11 SCS Astoria (1,000 MW) facilities are built.

12 The Poletti Expansion, SCS Astoria, Reliant Astoria Repowering and Bergen
13 combined cycle units together would generate an additional 9,461GWh (above
14 their MAPS base case production) if they were to operate at 80 percent capacity
15 factors.

16 **Q. Would you expect that this additional generation from the Poletti Expansion,**
17 **SCS Astoria, Reliant Astoria Repowering and Bergen facilities would**
18 **displace at least a portion of the same generation from older, inefficient**
19 **plants that TGE claims would be displaced by its proposed facility?**

20 A. Yes. However, you would need to rerun the MAPS program to determine what
21 the consequences of this additional capacity would be.

22 **Q. Are there any other results of the Applicant's MAPS analyses that appear**
23 **problematic?**

24 A. Yes. The results of the Applicant's base case MAPS analysis predict that the
25 proposed TGE facility would displace a significant amount of generation (1,997
26 GWh) from a number of what used to be designated as non-utility generators
27 ("NUGs") in New York State. According to TGE's MAPS analyses, the NO_x
28 emissions reductions from the displacement of the electricity that would otherwise
29 be generated at these NUGs would be 2,000 tons per year, or about 54 percent of

1 the total NO_x reductions projected in the MAPS analyses for all of New York
2 State. However, a number of factors suggest that these results may be
3 significantly exaggerated.

4 First, many of the NUGs at which the Applicant's MAPS analyses show the most
5 significant electricity displacement and reductions in NO_x emissions due to the
6 TGE facility are natural gas-fired combined cycle units installed in the 1990s. A
7 significant number of the NUGs are reported as having selective catalytic
8 reduction ("SCR") control equipment to reduce their NO_x emissions.²¹ This raises
9 questions about the validity of the relatively high emission rates assumed for these
10 units in the Applicant's MAPS analyses.

11 For example, the combined cycle units at the Cogen-Tech Linden facility have
12 SCR control equipment. The Applicant's MAPS analyses predict that the TGE
13 would displace a significant amount of electricity that would otherwise be
14 produced by the Cogen-Tech units. The Applicant's MAPS analyses assume
15 average NO_x emission rates of about 1.9 lbs/MWh for each of the combined
16 cycle units at Cogen-Tech Linden. These are substantially higher emission rates
17 than the units are allowed to emit under their air permits. Use of the more
18 appropriate NO_x emission rate of 0.3 lbs/MWh for these units in the Applicant's
19 MAPS analyses would reduce the predicted NO_x emission reductions from
20 TGE's displacement of the electricity from the Linden combined cycle units by a
21 factor of six or more. Thus, the claimed reduction in NO_x emissions from the
22 Cogen-Tech Linden units due to TGE would decrease from about 423 tons per
23 year to about 70 tons per year. This would be a reduction of about 350 tons per
24 year in the claimed environmental benefits from the proposed TGE facility.

25 Sithe's Independence Station also is a combined cycle facility with SCR control
26 equipment. The Applicant's MAPS analyses similarly assume average NO_x
27 emission rates of about 2.2 lbs/MWh for this facility. This is substantially higher

²¹ The Sithe Independence facility, the Saranac Energy units, the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Phase II of the Selkirk Cogeneration facility, and several of the Indeck facilities in Upstate New York also are reported to have SCR control equipment.

1 than the approximate 0.3 lbs/MWh limit in the facility's Title V Air Permit. Use
2 of the NO_x emission rate of 0.3 lbs/MWh for these units in the Applicant's MAPS
3 analyses also would reduce the predicted NO_x emission reductions from TGE's
4 displacement of the electricity from the Sithe Independence combined cycle units
5 by a factor of about seven. Thus, the claimed reduction in NO_x emissions from the
6 Sithe Independence Station due to TGE would decrease from about 568 tons per
7 year to about 80 tons per year. This would be a reduction of about 480 tons per
8 year in the claimed environmental benefits from the proposed TGE facility.

9 Similar reductions should be expected from the other NUGs with SCR equipment
10 whose electricity is predicted to be displaced by TGE by the Applicant's MAPS
11 analyses.

12 Second, as shown on Table 2 below, many of these NUGs are operated as
13 cogeneration facilities and have contracts to sell steam or hot water to neighboring
14 industrial facilities. Consequently, even if the TGE facility were operating, it
15 might not be possible for the NUGs to reduce their electricity generation by as
16 much as the Applicant's MAPS analyses predict because they would still need to
17 produce steam or hot water. Or, even if these NUGs could reduce the amount of
18 electricity they produce, they would still emit significant amounts of NO_x and SO₂
19 due to their ongoing production of steam. In either event, the Applicant's MAPS
20 analyses would exaggerate the reductions in emissions that were possible at the
21 NUGs due to the displacement of their electricity production by TGE.

1 **Table 2. Cogeneration Facilities in New York State Displaced by TGE in**
 2 **Base Case MAPS analyses**

Unit	NO _x Emissions Reductions Attributed to TGE in MAPS Base Case (tons per year)	Contracts to Sell Steam/Hot Water
Selkirk Cogen	140	Steam to GE Plastics
Linden Cogen Combined Cycle Units	423	Steam to the Bayway manufacturing complex
Saranac Energy	154	Steam to Georgia Power and Tenneco Packaging
Brooklyn Navy Yard	214	Steam to Con Edison
Sithe Independence	568*	Hot water to Alcan Rolled Products
Indeck Corinth	48**	Steam to International Paper
Indeck Olean	**	Steam to Dresser-Rand's Turbo Products Division
Indeck Yerkes	**	Steam to Dupont
Indeck Oswego	**	Steam to Hammermill Paper
Indeck Silver Springs	**	Steam to Morton Salt

3 * *It is unclear from the Applicant's MAPS analyses whether the 568 tons per year of NO_x emissions*
 4 *reductions would solely be at Sithe's Independence facility or include some reductions at Sithe's*
 5 *other facilities in New York State*

6 ** *It also is unclear whether this 48 ton figure represents the total reduction at all of Indeck's*
 7 *facilities or only at some.*

8 Finally, some of these NUGs report relatively low actual heat rates.²² This
 9 suggests that the units should have more generation, and hence higher capacity
 10 factors, in the no-TGE scenarios and that they would be displaced less by TGE
 11 than other facilities with higher heat rates.

²² For example, the Sithe website reports that the 1,040 MW Sithe Independence facility in Upstate New York has a full load heat rate of about 7,200 Btu/KWh. The Applicant's MAPS analyses assume a full load heat rate for this unit of about 8,400 Btu/KWh.

1 New State Emission Standards

2 **Q. Do the Applicant's MAPS analyses accurately reflect the emission standards**
3 **that will be in place in New York and other states in 2008?**

4 A. No. The Applicant's MAPS analyses do not reflect the new environmental
5 regulations that will take effect in New York and several New England states
6 before 2008. These new regulations will result in substantially lower emission
7 rates at many of the power plants in New England and New York. This means that
8 many of the plants that TGE claims its facility will displace will have lower
9 emission rates than TGE assumed in its MAPS analyses. As a result, TGE's
10 MAPS analyses overstate the air emissions benefits from the displacement of
11 power plants in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire and dramatically
12 overstate the emissions benefits of the displacement of power plants in New York
13 State.

14 **Q. Please describe the new air regulations in Massachusetts, Connecticut and**
15 **New Hampshire?**

16 A. The new air regulations in Massachusetts, found at 310 CMR 729, will require
17 significant reductions in NO_x, SO₂ and CO₂ from six large power plants in the
18 state.²³ For some of the affected plants, the rules will take effect between 2004
19 and 2006, and for others, they will take effect between 2006 and 2008. The rule
20 requires that NO_x emissions from each affected plant not exceed 1.5 lbs per MWh
21 calculated over any consecutive 12-month period, recalculated monthly. The SO₂
22 regulations will become effective in two steps. First, affected plants will be
23 limited to 6.0 lbs SO₂ per MWh on the same rolling average basis. Later, plants
24 will be limited to 3.0 lbs SO₂ per MWh, however they can comply with this step
25 by purchasing and retiring SO₂ allowances at a 3:1 ratio. In June 2002, the
26 Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection approved emission
27 control plans submitted by owners of the affected plants. Table 3 shows the
28 allowable 2008 NO_x and SO₂ emission rates for seven units at four of the power

²³ These plants are: Brayton Point, Salem Harbor, Mount Tom, Somerset, Mystic and Canal.

1 plants affected by MA 310 CMR 729 as well as the emission rates assumed for
 2 these units in the TransGas modeling. The TGE modeling predicts that the
 3 project will result in emission reductions at each of these seven Massachusetts
 4 units, with the largest reductions coming from Salem Harbor 3. The use of
 5 outdated emissions rates leads the Applicant to substantially overstate the
 6 emissions reductions likely to be achieved at these seven units by its proposed
 7 facility.

8 **Table 3. Comparison of 2008 Allowable Emission Rates for New England**
 9 **power plants with Emission Rates Used in TGE Modeling**

Unit	State	TGE's Assumed NO _x Rate (lb/MWh)	TGE's Assumed SO ₂ Rate (lb/MWh)	New NO _x Limit (lb/MWh)	New SO ₂ Limit (lb/MWh)
Salem Harbor 1	MA	5.0	14.3	1.5	6.0
Salem Harbor 2	MA	6.1	17.5	1.5	6.0
Salem Harbor 3	MA	5.0	14.3	1.5	6.0
Brayton Point 1	MA	3.1	10.0	1.5	6.0
Brayton Point 3	MA	3.4	9.4	1.5	6.0
Mount Tom 1	MA	4.6	13.3	1.5	6.0
Somerset 6	MA	5.5	15.7	1.5	6.0
Schiller 4	CT	6.3	18.1	1.5	3.1*
Schiller 5	CT	5.3	15.3	1.5	3.1*
Schiller 6	CT	5.5	15.9	1.5	3.1*
Bridgeport Hbr. 3	CT	2.5	9.7	1.5	3.0*
Merrimack 1	NH	4.8	13.9	0.7*	7.8*
Merrimack 2	NH	5.0	20.0	0.8*	6.4*

10 **These pollutants at these units will be reduced in the context of allowance trading programs; thus it is*
 11 *impossible to predict what their actual 2008 emission rates will be. We have shown the emission rates*
 12 *used to allocate allowances to these units.*

13 In Connecticut, the Governor's Executive Order No. 19 in May 2000, directed the
 14 state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop new NO_x and
 15 SO₂ regulations for existing power plants. In December of that year the DEP
 16 finalized these regulations. The final rules apply to all fossil-fired electric
 17 generating plants 15 MW and above (the sources affected by the Ozone Transport
 18 Commission's NO_x Budget Program). The new NO_x regulations require these
 19 sources to meet an emission rate of 0.15 lbs/mmBtu of energy input. The DEP's
 20 final SO₂ regulations contain two tiers of requirements. Beginning January 2002,
 21 all affected sources must either combust 0.5 percent sulfur fuel, meet a unit-by-
 22 unit emission rate of 0.55 lbs SO₂ /mmBtu or meet a facility-wide monthly
 23 average emission rate of 0.5 lbs SO₂ /mmBtu. Beginning January 2003, all power

1 plants subject to the Acid Rain Program must meet one of the following
2 additional requirements: combust 0.3 percent sulfur fuel, meet a unit-by-unit SO₂
3 rate of 0.33 lbs/mmBtu, meet a facility-wide SO₂ emission rate of 0.3 lbs/mmBtu
4 or use emission reduction trading to meet a unit-by-unit emission rate of 0.3
5 lbs/mmBtu. Again, TransGas overestimates the emission reductions that would
6 be achieved at four Connecticut generating units (shown in Table 3) as a result of
7 the proposed TGE facility.

8 In New Hampshire, new emission standards for selected fossil-fired power plants
9 were adopted in the Clean Power Act (House Bill 284), signed into law in May,
10 2002. The law imposes NO_x, SO₂ and CO₂ caps on the aggregate emissions from
11 six generating units at three power plants, including the Merrimack plant, shown
12 in Table 3. The caps will be set to reduce NO_x emissions at these units by 70
13 percent from current requirements, to reduce SO₂ emissions by 75 percent from
14 current requirements and reduce CO₂ emissions by three percent below 1999
15 levels.

16 **Q. Please describe the new New York State NO_x and SO₂ emission limits?**

17 A. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) finalized
18 new emissions regulations for existing power plants on March 26, 2003. These
19 regulations were developed with input from stakeholders at a series of meetings
20 beginning in 1999. The regulations will cap NO_x emissions during the non-
21 summer months (emissions will be capped by the federal SIP Call NO_x program
22 during the summer months). They will cap SO₂ emissions year round from
23 generating units subject to the federal Acid Rain Program.²⁴ The SO₂ cap will
24 reduce emissions from New York generators by 50 percent below the Acid Rain
25 Program.

26 The new NO_x regulations will affect all units that serve electric generators rated at
27 25 MW or greater. The regulations will cap non-summer emissions at 39,908

²⁴ After 2004 the federal NO_x SIP Call trading program will supercede the OTC NO_x trading program in New York during the summer months (May through September). The new regulations will cap NO_x during the non-summer months.

1 tons. Allowances will be allocated to generating units based on historical heat
2 input and a NO_x rate of 0.15 lbs/mmBtu. Emissions of SO₂ will be capped during
3 the period 2005 through 2007 at 197,046 tons. In 2008 and thereafter the cap will
4 be set at 131,364 tons. Affected units will be allocated SO₂ allowances by the
5 DEC based on their fuel type. In the second phase of the program (2008 and
6 after), coal-fired units will be allocated allowances based on historical heat input
7 and a SO₂ rate of 0.6 lbs/mmBtu. For oil-fired units the allocations are based on a
8 SO₂ rate of 0.3 lbs/mmBtu, and for all other fossil fired units the rate is 0.001
9 lbs/mmBtu.²⁵

10 **Q. Do the Applicant's MAPS analyses reflect the new New York SO₂ emissions**
11 **caps that will be in place in 2008 and later years?**

12 A. No. The TGE MAPS modeling clearly does not reflect New York's new SO₂
13 emissions cap: in all of its scenarios, the total New York SO₂ emissions are over
14 240,000 tons while the allowable SO₂ emissions under the new cap will be only
15 131,364 tons. It is not clear whether the TGE MAPS modeling has included the
16 new New York NO_x emissions cap. Given its failure to reflect the new SO₂ cap
17 limits, we suspect not.

18 **Q. What is the significance of these new New York State emissions limits for the**
19 **results of TGE's MAPS analyses?**

20 A. Clearly, the emissions benefits claimed by TGE for its proposed facility are
21 unreasonable given that the plants it claims to be displacing in New York State
22 will have significantly lower emission rates than were assumed in the MAPS
23 analyses. In fact, it is reasonable to assume that the operation of the proposed
24 TGE facility will not reduce SO₂ emissions at all given that statewide SO₂
25 emissions will be capped at the level whether or not TGE is built and operating.

²⁵ Units that have emitted less SO₂ than the numbers cited in the past will be allocated allowances only sufficient to emit at their historical levels.

1 The Applicant's Modeling of Air Emissions in the Greenpoint and
2 Williamsburg Communities

3 **Q. Do the Applicant's modeling results show a "pronounced" net air quality**
4 **benefit for the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities from the**
5 **proposed project, as is claimed by TGE?**²⁶

6 A. No. The Applicant's modeling significantly overstates the air quality benefits
7 from the proposed TGE facility in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities.

8 First, as noted above, the Applicant's MAPS analyses overstate the electric
9 generation that can reasonably be expected at the proposed TGE facility and,
10 consequently, the resulting displacement of electricity that would be generated at
11 other power plants in New York City if the proposed facility is not built.

12 Second, the Applicant's MAPS analyses do not reflect the substantial reductions
13 in NO_x and, perhaps, the SO₂ emissions from power plants in New York City that
14 are likely to occur as a result of the State's new emissions standards, whether or
15 not the proposed TGE facility is built.

16 Third, the Applicant's modeling of the impact of its proposed facility on air
17 emissions in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities appears to ignore the
18 Ravenswood Air Quality Improvement Program that has recently been completed
19 by KeySpan at its Ravenswood Generating Station. According to KeySpan the
20 improvements made at Ravenswood will reduce the plant's air emissions to one
21 lb/MWh or less.²⁷ However, the workpapers for TGE's modeling of the air
22 impacts in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities show that TGE used
23 NO_x emission rates of 1.85 lb/MWh for Ravenswood Unit 1, 1.76 lb/MWh for
24 Ravenswood Unit 2, and 1.62 lb/MWh for Ravenswood Unit 3 for this analysis.
25 Consequently, the claimed benefits from the proposed TGE facility are overstated.

²⁶ See TGE's Article X Application, at page 1-16, and at page 17 of Attachment Y-4.

²⁷ The Applicant's MAPS analyses correctly assumed NO_x emissions from each of the Ravenswood units would be about 1 lb/MWh .

1 Fourth, as we have explained above, there is no credible evidence that TGE will
2 even sell any steam from its proposed facility to Con Edison. Therefore, all of the
3 claimed benefits to the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities from such
4 steam sales are speculative.

5 Fifth, the Applicant overstates the amount of steam production at the Hudson
6 Avenue Station that could be displaced by its proposed facility. TGE estimates
7 that the Hudson Avenue Station would operate at an annual capacity factor of 33
8 percent without the TGE facility. This production is reduced to 11 percent with
9 the TGE facility. However, Con Edison's detailed simulation of its steam system
10 operations using the PROMOD model forecast that Hudson Avenue will operate
11 at only a 20 percent capacity, or less than 2/3 as much as TGE models.

12 Sixth, the Applicant similarly overstates the amount of steam production at the
13 East River Repowering Project that could be displaced by its proposed facility.
14 TGE estimates that approximately 4,906 million pounds of steam would be
15 produced through supplemental firing at the East River Repowering Project.
16 Steam from the proposed TGE facility would reduce this amount to
17 approximately 2,400 million pounds. Con Edison's detailed simulation of its
18 steam system operations forecast that supplemental firing at the East River
19 Repowering Project will be used to produce significantly less significantly less
20 steam than TGE assumes, only 2,758 million pounds, or only 56 percent as
21 much.²⁸

22 Finally, as noted above, TGE models that its proposed facility would displace
23 substantial steam production using duct firing at the new East River Repowering
24 Project. However, TGE was unable to provide any cost information showing why
25 that would be true.²⁹

²⁸ See Table 2-4 in Con Edison's Article X Application for the East River Repowering Project.

²⁹ See TGE's response to Information Request CECONY-28.

1 For these reasons, we have no confidence that the Applicant's modeling shows an
2 accurate picture of the impact that its proposed facility would have on air quality
3 in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg communities.

4 Claimed Economic Benefits

5 **Q. Are the economic benefits shown in the Applicant's MAPS analyses similarly**
6 **exaggerated?**

7 A. Yes. The economic benefits shown discussed in TGE's Article X Application and
8 the testimony of TGE witness Younger are overstated due to the same factors that
9 exaggerate the claimed environmental benefits: the elimination of new certified
10 generating capacity, the use of inappropriate heat rates, the assumption that the
11 TGE facility will achieve higher capacity factors than almost all other new
12 combined cycle units, and the assumption in one scenario that the proposed TGE
13 facility will produce steam that will be sold to Con Edison.³⁰ These factors
14 overstate the expected generation from the proposed facility and understate the
15 facility's expected fuel costs. As a result, the claimed reductions in locational
16 based marginal prices, wholesale power payments, and production costs that are
17 attributed to the proposed facility by TGE are all overstated and unrealistic.

18 **Q. By how much does TGE witness Younger believe that adding the TGE**
19 **facility would reduce the market clearing price for capacity in New York**
20 **City?**

21 A. In this Direct Testimony, Mr. Younger said that "To provide a sense of
22 magnitude, it is not unreasonable to assume that adding the TGE facility could
23 reduce the market clearing price for NYC capacity by approximately \$1/kW-
24 month."³¹ However, in his response to Information Request CECONY-28, Mr.

³⁰ The same claims of dramatic economic benefits are presented at page 1-6 of the Article X Application, pages 3.1, 3.2, 3.5, and 3.6 of Attachment D to the Article X Application, and at pages 17 through 21 of the Direct Testimony of Mark D. Younger.

³¹ Direct Testimony of Mark D. Younger, at page 13, line 22, to page 14, line 5.

1 Younger said that that price was incorrect: in fact, adding the TGE facility would
2 reduce the market clearing price for capacity in New York City by \$7/kW-month.

3 **Q. Has Mr. Younger provided any analyses to support his claims that adding**
4 **the TGE facility could reduce the market clearing price for capacity in New**
5 **York City by \$7/kW-month or even by \$1/kW-month?**

6 A. No. Mr. Younger's "analysis" of capacity market prices is pure speculation and
7 should be afforded no weight by the Siting Board. He calculates the \$7/kW-month
8 change in the market price for capacity based on the current in-City demand curve
9 developed by NYISO. However, the current in-City demand curve was
10 established this year and is scheduled to be reset every three years. The prices for
11 capacity in New York City in 2008 and subsequent years are likely to be
12 determined based on a new in-City demand curve that should be developed in
13 about the year 2006. The prices in the new in-city demand curve will depend
14 upon the amount of capacity available at that time. With or without the
15 construction of the TGE facility, it is reasonable to expect that the capacity prices
16 on the in-City demand curve will be lower over time as the substantial amount of
17 new capacity that is currently under construction in New York City, or that is
18 almost certain to be built, is completed.

19 In addition, there are price caps currently in place on approximately 5,400 MW of
20 Con Edison capacity. There is no reason to expect that this capacity will be bid
21 below their capped value until there is such a market surplus that they will have to
22 be bid lower.

23 In addition, it is important to recognize that any changes in the in-City demand
24 curve will be based on all of the new capacity that is being added to the system
25 and to the existing capacity. There is no reasonable basis for TGE's claim that its
26 capacity will be the sole basis for all of the savings.

1 **ISSUE NO. 3 - THE VALIDITY OF TGE'S CLAIMS CONCERNING THE**
2 **BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED FACILITY ON ELECTRIC**
3 **SYSTEM RELIABILITY**

4 **Q. Why it is important that an Applicant show that its proposed facility would**
5 **produce significant benefits for electric system reliability when seeking to**
6 **obtain a certificate to build and operate a major electric generating facility?**

7 A. In determining pursuant to PSL Sections 168(1) and 168(2) whether the
8 construction and operation of a proposed facility would be in the public interest,
9 the Siting Board must balance the benefits claimed for the facility against its
10 environmental and other impacts. It is essential therefore that there be a
11 reasonable estimate of the system reliability benefits that the proposed facility
12 could offer in order for the Siting Board to make this required balancing.

13 **Q. Do you have any overall observations or comments about TGE's discussion**
14 **of electric system reliability?**

15 A. Yes. In its Article X Application and witness testimony TGE makes many of the
16 same claims regarding system reliability that have been made by earlier Article X
17 Applicants seeking Siting Board approval to build and operate electric generating
18 facilities in New York City. However, there is one important difference between
19 the TGE Application and those earlier Article X Applications: the Siting Board
20 already has issued Certificates for five new generating projects in New York City
21 (East River Repowering, Ravenswood Cogeneration, SCS Astoria, Poletti
22 Expansion, and Reliant Astoria Repowering). In addition, three of these projects
23 are already under construction and a fourth, SCS Astoria, has entered into a
24 contract with Con Edison to provide 500 MW of power. A new transmission line
25 from New Jersey also has been approved. This line will bring 600 MW of power
26 into New York City from PSEG Power's Bergen Combined Cycle facility.

27 The addition of these new facilities will improve electric system reliability in New
28 York City whether or not the proposed TGE facility is approved by the Siting
29 Board. The key question that needs to be considered by the Siting Board is
30 whether the addition of the proposed TGE facility will further enhance the

1 improvements to electric system reliability in New York City that these new
 2 facilities will provide and whether the incremental reliability benefits, if any, that
 3 would be provided by the proposed TGE facility outweigh its environmental and
 4 other impacts.

5 **Q. If all of the new generating projects that have been approved by the Siting**
 6 **Board and the transmission projects that have been approved by the Public**
 7 **Service Commission are considered, how much new capacity will be added to**
 8 **the New York City electric service over the next five years?**

9 A. As shown on Table 4 below, the New York City electric system will add a total of
 10 4,360 MW of new efficient combined cycle capacity if all of the generating and
 11 transmission projects that have been certified are completed by 2008 as is
 12 currently planned. However, approximately 1,250 MW of the existing older
 13 capacity at the Astoria facility will be retired as part of its planned repowering.
 14 Consequently, the net capacity of the New York City service will grow by
 15 approximately 3,100 MW by 2008 without the proposed TGE facility.

16 **Table 4. New Capacity and Transmission Additions Certified for**
 17 **Construction and Operation for New York City**

Unit	Net New Capacity (MW)	Projected In-Service Date
East River Repowering	200	2004
Ravenswood Cogeneration	250	2004
NYPA Poletti Expansion	500	2005
SCS Astoria	1,000	2006
Reliant Astoria Repowering	562	2007
PSEG Power Bergen Plant - through Cross Hudson Cable	550	2005
Total	<u>3,062</u>	

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 19 **Q. What specific benefits has TGE claimed that its proposed facility would**
 20 **provide for electric system reliability in New York City?**

21 A. TGE has claimed that its proposed facility would increase electric system
 22 reliability in the following ways:

- 1 1. Provision of Black Start Capability at 345 kV voltage to help energize
2 NYC in the event of a full system outage.
- 3 2. New installed capacity in the New York City Load Pocket, thereby
4 helping the New York Independent System Operator meet its installed
5 Capacity Requirement.
- 6 3. Locating new generation in New York City displaces reliance on less
7 reliable transmission imports and enhances NYC ability to survive system
8 upset events.
- 9 4. The installation of an indoor, secure Gas Insulated Substation reduces
10 New York City's exposure to system interruptions.
- 11 5. Provision of reactive power increases voltage support, thereby enhancing
12 import capability.
- 13 6. Location of TGE south of the Rainey substation (Queens) helps relieve
14 day-to-day congestion from areas north of New York City to Rainey.
- 15 7. Availability of space on-site for possible Con Edison equipment to serve
16 local growing electrical loads.
- 17 8. In-City capacity will reduce transmission losses in New York State,
18 improving efficiency, lowering the cost of transmission and reducing air
19 pollution by the amount of the losses that are required to be made up.³²

20 **Q. Has TGE provided any studies or analyses to support its claim that the**
21 **proposed facility would provide these benefits to electric system reliability or**
22 **to quantify the magnitude of the benefits that the proposed facility would**
23 **provide?**

24 A. No. Although TGE repeats the same claims at a number of locations in its Article
25 X Application and the testimony of Messrs. Prabhakara and Younger, the

³² TGE Article X Application, at page 1-3 and pages 14-10 through 14-12, Attachment Y-4, pages 8-10, the Testimony of F.S. Prabhakara, at pages 4-6, and the Testimony of Mark Younger, at pages 7 and 8.

1 Applicant was unable to provide any analyses or studies supporting its claimed
 2 electric system reliability benefits. For example, Information Request
 3 Brooklyn/GWWTF-5(c) asked TGE to provide copies of the analyses,
 4 assessments, evaluations and studies, prepared by or for TGE, which examined or
 5 evaluated how the addition of the proposed project would enhance reliability
 6 within the NYC area. The Applicant’s response was that the requested documents
 7 “do not exist.” Instead, the claimed enhancements of electric system reliability
 8 were based solely on Dr. Prabhakara’s professional judgment.

9 **Q. What is the NYISO’s 80 percent Installed Capacity Requirement?**

10 A. The NYISO requires that there be enough capacity located within New York City
 11 to support 80 percent of the expected electric system peak loads.

12 **Q. Is the capacity from the proposed TGE facility needed to ensure adequate**
 13 **electric system reliability in NYC and to ensure that the NYISO’s 80 percent**
 14 **Installed Capacity Requirement is met in 2008?**

15 A. No. Table 5 below shows the electric system reserve margins and the installed in-
 16 City capacity in New York City in the years 2008 through 2015 assuming that all
 17 of the generating and transmission projects that have been certified by the Siting
 18 Board or the Public Service Commission are completed by 2008. This Table also
 19 shows how much installed capacity there would be within New York City in these
 20 same years.

21 **Table 5. NYC Reserve Margins and Installed Capacity with Ravenswood**
 22 **Cogeneration, East River Repowering, Poletti Expansion, SCS**
 23 **Astoria Energy and PSEG Power Bergen Station**

Year	Projected NYC Peak Loads	Installed Capacity in NYC	Import Capability	Total Capacity	Reserve Margin	Installed in-City Capacity as % of Projected Peak Demand
2008	11,935	11,852	5,120	16,972	42.2%	99.3%
2009	12,065	11,852	5,120	16,972	40.7%	98.2%
2010	12,196	11,027	5,120	16,147	32.4%	90.4%
2011	12,327	11,027	5,120	16,147	31.0%	89.5%
2012	12,457	11,027	5,120	16,147	29.6%	88.5%
2013	12,571	11,027	5,120	16,147	28.5%	87.7%
2014	12,684	11,027	5,120	16,147	27.3%	86.9%
2015	12,797	11,027	5,120	16,147	26.2%	86.2%

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1 The analysis presented on Table 5 shows that if all of the certified projects are
 2 completed, New York City's electric system will have capacity reserve margins
 3 above 32 percent as late as 2015 even if the proposed TGE facility is not built. At
 4 the same time, the NYISO's 80 percent in-City Installed Capacity Requirement
 5 would be satisfied far beyond 2015. In fact, there would be enough in-City
 6 generating capacity without TGE to serve more than 86 percent of the projected
 7 New York City peak loads as far in the future as 2015. There would be enough
 8 generating capacity without TGE to serve over 99 percent of the projected in-City
 9 peak loads in 2008, the year in which TGE claims the capacity from its proposed
 10 facility is needed for electric system reliability.

11 Table 6 below then shows what electric system reserve margins and installed
 12 capacity will be in New York City in the years 2008 through 2015 reflecting a
 13 lower expansion scenario in which the SCS Astoria facility would be completed
 14 as a 1,000 MW unit and either the Cross Hudson cable or the Reliant Astoria
 15 Repowering Project is completed.

16 **Table 6. NYC Reserve Margins and Installed Capacity with SCS Astoria**
 17 **and either Reliant Astoria Repowering or Cross Hudson Cable**

Year	Projected NYC Peak Loads	Installed Capacity in NYC	Import Capability	Total Capacity	Reserve Margin	Installed in-City Capacity as % of Projected Peak Demand
2008	11,935	11,240	5,120	16,360	37.1%	94.2%
2009	12,065	11,240	5,120	16,360	35.6%	93.2%
2010	12,196	10,415	5,120	15,535	27.4%	85.4%
2011	12,327	10,415	5,120	15,535	26.0%	84.5%
2012	12,457	10,415	5,120	15,535	24.7%	83.6%
2013	12,571	10,415	5,120	15,535	23.6%	82.9%
2014	12,684	10,415	5,120	15,535	22.5%	82.1%
2015	12,797	10,415	5,120	15,535	21.4%	81.4%

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 19 This analysis demonstrates that even if less new capacity is added, the New York
 20 City electric system will have substantial reserve margins through at least 2015.
 21 The NYISO's 80 percent Installed in-City Capacity Requirement also would be
 22 met beyond 2015.

23 Finally, Table 7 shows what the electric system reserve margins and installed
 24 capacity in New York City would be if neither the Reliant Astoria Repowering

1 nor the Cross Hudson cable projects were ever built. In this scenario, New York
 2 City would still have adequate electric system reserve margins through 2015 and
 3 would still satisfy the 80 percent Installed in-City Capacity Requirement through
 4 at least 2011.

5 **Table 7. NYC Reserve Margins and Installed Capacity with SCS Astoria**
 6 **and either Reliant Astoria Repowering or Cross Hudson Cable**

Year	Projected NYC Peak Loads	Installed Capacity in NYC	Import Capability	Total Capacity	Reserve Margin	Installed in-City Capacity as % of Projected Peak Demand
2008	11,935	10,690	5,120	15,810	32.5%	89.6%
2009	12,065	10,690	5,120	15,810	31.0%	88.6%
2010	12,196	9,865	5,120	14,985	22.9%	80.9%
2011	12,327	9,865	5,120	14,985	21.6%	80.0%
2012	12,457	9,865	5,120	14,985	20.3%	79.2%
2013	12,571	9,865	5,120	14,985	19.2%	78.5%
2014	12,684	9,865	5,120	14,985	18.1%	77.8%
2015	12,797	9,865	5,120	14,985	17.1%	77.1%

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 8 **Q. What are the sources of the New York City loads and installed in-City**
 9 **capacity figures shown on Tables 5, 6 and 7?**

10 A. The 2003 in-City loads and installed capacity figures were taken from Table 1 in
 11 the NYISO's "Locational Installed Capacity Requirements Study, Covering the
 12 New York Control Area for the 2003-2004 Capability Year." The annual in-City
 13 loads were then increased at the same growth rates as Con Edison's loads are
 14 predicted to grow in the NYISO's 2003 Load & Capacity Data Report. The
 15 amounts of in-City installed capacity were modified to reflect the addition of the
 16 facilities listed on Table 4 above.

17 **Q. Please explain why the amount of in-City installed capacity shown on Tables**
 18 **5, 6 and 7 decreases by 825 MW in 2010?**

19 A. Pursuant to a Settlement Agreement in Siting Board Case 99-F-1627, NYPA has
 20 agreed to retire the existing 825 MW Poletti Station by no later than February
 21 2010. It is possible that the existing Poletti Station could be retired as early as
 22 2008 if NYPA and the NYISO find that the unit's retirement would not lead to a
 23 violation of the NYISO's 80 percent in-City Installed Capacity Requirement.

1 **Q. Is it possible that NYPA will decide to replace the existing Poletti Station**
2 **with a new facility?**

3 A. Yes. NYPA has agreed to decide by 2005 whether to submit an Article X
4 Application for a unit that would replace the existing Poletti Station.

5 **Q. Has NYPA already explored potential alternatives to the existing Poletti**
6 **Station?**

7 A. Yes. NYPA has examined a number of possible scenarios for repowering the
8 existing Poletti Station. For example, NYPA's Article X Application for the
9 Poletti Expansion facility explained that NYPA has evaluated the feasibility of
10 repowering the existing Poletti facility with a nominal 750 MW combined cycle
11 unit in conjunction with its proposed 500 MW Poletti Expansion Project.³³ The
12 existing Poletti facility would then be retired when the new 750 MW combined
13 cycle unit is available.

14 **Q. Will there be higher electric system reserve margins and more in-City**
15 **installed capacity if NYPA does decide to install a new generating unit upon**
16 **the retirement of the existing Poletti facility?**

17 A. Yes. The system reserve margins and installed in-City capacity figures shown in
18 Tables 5, 6 and 7 for the years 2010 and after would be higher if we assumed that
19 NYPA will add a generating unit to replace the retired Poletti facility.

20 **Q. What impact would the assumption that summer weather will be hotter than**
21 **normal have on the analyses presented in Tables 5, 6 and 7?**

22 A. The assumption that summer weather will be hotter than normal will not have
23 much of an impact on the results shown in Tables 5, 6 and 7. When considering
24 the effect of hotter than normal weather, it is also necessary to consider NYISO's
25 demand response programs which will mitigate the economic and reliability
26 impacts of the hotter weather. These programs were implemented on a number of

³³ NYPA Article X Application, at page 15-5.

1 occasions in 2001 and 2002 – resulting in as many as 1,400 MW of load
2 reductions on hot days.³⁴

3 **Q. Have you included in Tables 5, 6 and 7 all of the new transmission lines that**
4 **have been proposed to import power into New York City from Upstate New**
5 **York, PJM, and Nova Scotia?**

6 A. No. We have only included the approved Cross Hudson cable. We have not
7 included the proposed 2,000 MW Conjunction Cable from Albany to New York
8 City or the proposed lines from Nova Scotia to New York City and from New
9 Jersey to New York City and Long Island.

10 **Q. Do the peak demands used in the analyses presented in Tables 5, 6 and 7**
11 **reflect existing NYISO demand response programs or the implementation of**
12 **aggressive conservation/energy efficiency programs?**

13 A. No. It is possible that future peak loads in New York City could be reduced below
14 the levels shown in Tables 5, 6 and 7 through the implementation of more
15 aggressive energy conservation/efficiency and/or demand response programs. In
16 addition, the amount of generating capacity in New York City shown in these
17 Tables could be augmented as a result of programs encouraging the use of clean
18 distributed generation or renewable energy facilities. The implementation of such
19 programs would further improve electric system reliability above the levels shown
20 on Tables 5, 6 and 7.

21 **Q. TGE has said that locating its proposed facility in New York City would**
22 **displace reliance on less reliable transmission imports and enhances New**
23 **York City's ability to survive system upset events. Have you seen any**
24 **evidence that the transmission system through which power is imported into**
25 **New York City is unreliable?**

26 A. No. The evidence we have seen suggests that the New York transmission system
27 is very reliable. For example, a November 2000 Report on the Reliability of New

³⁴ NYISO *Power Alert III*, Figure 1 on page 42.

1 York's Electric Transmission and Distribution Systems by the New York State
2 Energy Planning Board found that:

3 New York's electricity transmission and distribution systems, by all
4 objective measures and compared to other states and regions, currently
5 are very reliable. The very high level of reliability is the result of strict
6 adherence by the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO)
7 and transmission and distribution companies, to well-developed
8 procedures specifically designed to maintain the security of the electric
9 infrastructure, as well as close oversight by the New York State Public
10 Service Commission. Continued compliance with existing reliability
11 standards is a key component to ensuring the future reliability of New
12 York's interconnected electricity system.³⁵

13 The same study also found that "Different methods of assessing transmission
14 system reliability in New York show consistently that New York's transmission
15 system is highly reliable and that this high reliability is improving and there is a
16 low risk of major failure."³⁶ The Study further found that the New York bulk
17 transmission system "is improving its ability to withstand severe disturbances."³⁷

18 This is not to say that enhancements to the transmission system are not needed as
19 demand grows. However, there is no evidence to support the claim that the
20 transmission system is unreliable or "less reliable."

21 **Q. Have you seen any evidence that the power plants from which power is**
22 **exported to New York City are more reliable than the power plants that will**
23 **be available in New York City by 2008?**

24 A. No.

25 **Q. If it had been in service on August 14, 2003, would the proposed TGE facility**
26 **have prevented the extended loss of power in New York City?**

27 A. The precise causes of the widespread electric blackout of August 14, 2003 are still
28 being investigated. However, we have seen no evidence that the blackout would

³⁵ At page 2.

³⁶ At page 18.

³⁷ At page 21.

1 have been avoided entirely in New York City, or that its geographic scope would
2 have been more limited, if the proposed TGE facility had been on-line.

3 **Q. Please comment on TGE's claim that adding its proposed facility will reduce**
4 **transmission losses in New York State, improve efficiency, lower the cost of**
5 **transmission, and reduce air pollution by the amount of the losses that are**
6 **required to be made up.**

7 A. TGE has provided absolutely no analyses or studies to support this claim. As
8 noted earlier, the New York City electric system will add a net 3,100 MW of new
9 generating capacity over the next five years without the proposed TGE facility.
10 There is no evidence that adding TGE will produce incremental benefits beyond
11 those that already will be provided by the Ravenswood Cogeneration Project, the
12 East River Repowering Project, the Poletti Expansion Project, SCS Astoria, the
13 Reliant Astoria Repowering Project, and the 550 MW of power from the Bergen
14 combined cycle facility that will be imported over the Cross Hudson cable.

15 **Q. Does the fact that the proposed TGE facility would include the installation of**
16 **indoor, secure Gas Insulated Substations represent a benefit for electric**
17 **system reliability?**

18 A. No. An indoor, secure Gas Insulated Substation may be more reliable than an
19 outdoor substation but there is no evidence that any new substations would have
20 to be added at the TGE site if the new generating facility were not being built.
21 Therefore, the fact that the proposed TGE facility will include such a substation
22 cannot be cited as a benefit as compared to an electric system that does not
23 include any TGE facility or associated substations. The question of whether a
24 new substation would have to be built at the TGE site if there were no new
25 generating facility is a transmission/distribution system-related question that falls
26 within Con Edison's authority. It makes no sense to build a new 1,100 MW
27 generating plant solely because it will provide an indoor, secure Gas Insulated
28 Substation.

1 **Q. Did TGE provide any analyses to support its claim that the addition of its**
2 **generating facility in Brooklyn would help relieve day-to-day congestion**
3 **from areas north of New York City to the Rainey substation in Queens?**

4 A. No. TGE witness Prabahakara merely stated that the flow is congested. He did
5 not analyze for how many hours the flow is congested each year. He also did not
6 analyze the value of relieving the congestion or whether there are reasonable
7 transmission alternatives for relieving it.

8 **Q. Would adding a new 1,100 MW generating facility in Brooklyn provide**
9 **reactive power, thereby increasing system voltage support?**

10 A. Yes. However, it makes no sense to build an 1,100 MW generating facility that
11 provides no other economic or environmental benefits merely because it will
12 provide reactive power/voltage support. There are less expensive solutions, from
13 both economic and environmental points of view, for adding reactive power and
14 providing voltage support.

15 **Q. Does providing available space on-site at the proposed TGE facility for**
16 **possible Con Edison equipment to serve local growing electrical loads**
17 **represent a meaningful electric system benefit?**

18 A. No. TransGas has not provided any analyses that show that Con Edison needs
19 any additional space in the Greenpoint and Williamsburg area or that, if Con
20 Edison has a need for additional space for its distribution or transmission system
21 equipment, it is experiencing any problems finding that space.

22 **Q. Does TGE's claim that its proposed facility will provide black start capability**
23 **at 345 kV to help energize NYC in the event of a full system outage represent**
24 **a significant system reliability benefit that should justify certification of the**
25 **facility?**

26 A. No. As TGE witness Prabhakara acknowledges, there are already about 1,081
27 MW of black start capable generators in the NYISO Black Start and System
28 Restoration Plan. However, it is not clear whether this black start capacity was
29 used by Con Edison as it recovered from the recent blackout. In addition, at least

1 one of the NRG gas turbines in Queens has black start capability. We understand
2 that this turbine was used to restart one of the Astoria Units during the recent
3 blackout.

4 Given the existence of this black start capable capacity in New York City, TGE
5 has not provided any analysis or evidence that shows that adding the extra black
6 start capability from its proposed facility will accelerate the recovery from a full
7 system outage. In any event, the manner in which Con Edison will seek to restore
8 its system following another full system outage will depend upon the specific
9 nature and extent of that outage. Therefore, the black start capability of the
10 proposed TGE facility might not be used, and might not be needed, even if it is
11 available.

12 **Q. When was the last full system outage in New York City prior to August 14,**
13 **2003?**

14 A. The last full system outage in New York City prior to August 14, 2003 occurred
15 26 years earlier, on July 13-14, 1977.

16 CONCLUSION

17 **Q. What are your conclusions?**

18 A. We have concluded that:

- 19 1. There is no credible evidence that TGE will be able to sell steam produced
20 at its proposed facility to Con Edison.
- 21 2. TGE has exaggerated the environmental and economic benefits that would
22 be provided by its proposed facility.
- 23 3. TGE's proposed facility will not provide significant benefits for electric
24 system reliability.
- 25 4. Consequently, TGE's Application should be rejected because the
26 Applicant has not shown that construction and operation of its proposed
27 facility would be in the public interest.

1 Q. Does this complete your testimony?

2 A. Yes.

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SUMMARY

I have worked for twenty-eight years as a consultant and attorney on complex management, engineering, and economic issues, primarily in the field of energy. This work has involved conducting technical investigations, preparing economic analyses, presenting expert testimony, providing support during all phases of regulatory proceedings and litigation, and advising clients during settlement negotiations. I received undergraduate and advanced engineering degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University and a law degree from Stanford Law School

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Electric Industry Restructuring and Deregulation - Investigated whether generators have been intentionally withholding capacity in order to manipulate prices in the new spot wholesale market in New England. Evaluated the reasonableness of nuclear and fossil plant sales and auctions of power purchase agreements. Analyzed stranded utility costs in Massachusetts and Connecticut. Examined the reasonableness of utility standard offer rates and transition charges.

System Operations and Reliability Analysis - Investigated the causes of distribution system outages and inadequate service reliability. Evaluated the impact of a proposed merger on the reliability of the electric service provided to the ratepayers of the merging companies. Assessed whether new transmission and generation additions were needed to ensure adequate levels of system reliability. Scrutinized utility system reliability expenditures. Reviewed natural gas and telephone utility repair and replacement programs and policies.

Power Plant Operations and Economics - Investigated the causes of more than one hundred power plant and system outages, equipment failures, and component degradation, determined whether these problems could have been anticipated and avoided, and assessed liability for repair and replacement costs. Reviewed power plant operating, maintenance, and capital costs. Evaluated utility plans for and management of the replacement of major power plant components. Assessed the adequacy of power plant quality assurance and maintenance programs. Examined the selection and supervision of contractors and subcontractors. Evaluated the reasonableness of contract provisions and terms in proposed power supply agreements.

Nuclear Power - Examined the impact of industry restructuring and nuclear power plant life extensions on decommissioning costs and collections policies. Evaluated utility decommissioning cost estimates. Assessed the potential impact of electric industry deregulation on nuclear power plant safety. Reviewed nuclear waste storage and disposal costs. Investigated the potential safety consequences of nuclear power plant structure, system, and component failures.

Economic Analysis - Analyzed the costs and benefits of energy supply options. Examined the economic and system reliability consequences of the early retirement of major electric generating facilities. Quantified replacement power costs and the increased capital and operating costs due to identified instances of mismanagement.

Expert Testimony - Presented the results of management, technical and economic analyses as testimony in more than seventy proceedings before regulatory boards and commissions in twenty one states, before two federal regulatory agencies, and in state and federal court proceedings.

Litigation and Regulatory Support - Participated in all aspects of the development and preparation of case presentations on complex management, technical, and economic issues. Assisted in the preparation and conduct of pre-trial discovery and depositions. Helped identify and prepare expert witnesses. Aided the preparation of pre-hearing petitions and motions and post-hearing briefs and appeals. Assisted counsel in preparing for hearings and oral arguments. Advised counsel during settlement negotiations.

TESTIMONY

Arkansas Public Service Commission (Docket 02-248-U) – May 2003

Entergy's proposed replacement of the steam generators and the reactor vessel head at the ANO Unit 1 Steam Generating Station.

Appellate Tax Board, State of Massachusetts (Docket No C258405-406) – May 2003

The physical nature of electricity and whether electricity is a tangible product or a service.

Maine Public Utilities Commission (Docket 2002-665-U) – April 2003

Analysis of Central Maine Power Company's proposed transmission line for Southern York County and recommendation of alternatives.

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New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Docket No. ER02080614) – January 2003

The prudence of Rockland Electric Company's power purchases during the period August 1, 1999 through July 31, 2002.

New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Case No. 00-F-1356) – September and October 2002 and January 2003

The need for and the environmental benefits from the proposed 300 MW Kings Park Energy generating facility.

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The reasonableness of Arizona Public Service Company's proposed long-term power purchase agreement with an affiliated company.

New York State Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (Case No. 99-F-1627) – March 2002

Repowering NYPA's existing Poletti Station in Queens, New York.

Connecticut Siting Council (Docket No. 217) – March 2002, November 2002, and January 2003

Whether the proposed 345-kV transmission line between Plumtree and Norwalk substations in Southwestern Connecticut is needed and will produce public benefits.

Vermont Public Service Board (Case No. 6545) – January 2002

Whether the proposed sale of the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant to Entergy is in the public interest of the State of Vermont and Vermont ratepayers.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 99-09-12RE02) – December 2001

The reasonableness of adjustments that Connecticut Light and Power Company seeks to make to the proceeds that it received from the sale of Millstone Nuclear Power Station.

Connecticut Siting Council (Docket No. 208) – October 2001

Whether the proposed cross-sound cable between Connecticut and Long Island is needed and will produce public benefits for Connecticut consumers.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Docket No. EM01050308) - September 2001

The market power implications of the proposed merger between Conectiv and Pepco.

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Commonwealth Edison Company's management of its distribution and transmission systems.

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The environmental benefits from the proposed 500 MW NYPA Astoria generating facility.

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The market power implications of the proposed merger between FirstEnergy and GPU Energy.

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The impact of nuclear power plant life extensions on Commonwealth Edison Company's decommissioning costs and collections from ratepayers.

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Whether the proposed sale of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant to AmerGen Vermont is in the public interest.

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The causes of the May 18, 1999, main transformer fire at the Pilgrim generating station.

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The impact of the proposed merger between Northeast Utilities and Con Edison, Inc. on the reliability of the electric service being provided to Connecticut ratepayers.

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The reasonableness of Northeast Utilities plan for auctioning the Millstone Nuclear Station.

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Illinois Commerce Commission (Docket 99-0115) - September 1999

Commonwealth Edison Company's decommissioning cost estimate for the Zion Nuclear Station.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 99-03-36) - July 1999

Standard offer rates for Connecticut Light & Power Company.

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Standard offer rates for United Illuminating Company.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 99-02-05) - April 1999

Connecticut Light & Power Company stranded costs.

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Future operating performance of Delmarva Power Company's nuclear units.

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Baltimore Gas and Electric Company's proposed replacement of the steam generators at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant. Future performance of nuclear units.

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (Docket 38702-FAC-40-S1) - November 1998

Whether the ongoing outages of the two units at the D.C. Cook Nuclear Plant were caused or extended by mismanagement.

Arkansas Public Service Commission (Docket 98-065-U) - October 1998

Entergy's proposed replacement of the steam generators at the ANO Unit 2 Steam Generating Station.

Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (Docket 97-120) - October 1998

Western Massachusetts Electric Company's Transition Charge. Whether the extended 1996-1998 outages of the three units at the Millstone Nuclear Station were caused or extended by mismanagement.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 98-01-02) - September 1998

Nuclear plant operations, operating and capital costs, and system reliability improvement costs.

Illinois Commerce Commission (Docket 97-0015) - May 1998

Whether any of the outages of Commonwealth Edison Company's twelve nuclear units during 1996 were caused or extended by mismanagement. Whether equipment problems, personnel performance weaknesses, and program deficiencies could have been avoided or addressed prior to plant outages. Outage-related fuel and replacement power costs.

Public Service Commission of West Virginia (Case 97-1329-E-CN) - March 1998

The need for a proposed 765 kV transmission line from Wyoming, West Virginia, to Cloverdate, Virginia.

Illinois Commerce Commission (Docket 97-0018) - March 1998

Whether any of the outages of the Clinton Power Station during 1996 were caused or extended by mismanagement.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 97-05-12) - October 1997

The increased costs resulting from the ongoing outages of the three units at the Millstone Nuclear Station.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Docket ER96030257) - August 1996

Replacement power costs during plant outages.

Illinois Commerce Commission (Docket 95-0119) - February 1996

Whether any of the outages of Commonwealth Edison Company's twelve nuclear units during 1994 were caused or extended by mismanagement. Whether equipment problems, personnel performance weaknesses, and program deficiencies could have been avoided or addressed prior to plant outages. Outage-related fuel and replacement power costs.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 13170) - December 1994

Whether any of the outages of the River Bend Nuclear Station during the period October 1, 1991, through December 31, 1993, were caused or extended by mismanagement.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 12820) - October 1994

Operations and maintenance expenses during outages of the South Texas Nuclear Generating Station.

Wisconsin Public Service Commission (Cases 6630-CE-197 and 6630-CE-209) - September and October 1994

The reasonableness of the projected cost and schedule for the replacement of the steam generators at the Point Beach Nuclear Power Plant. The potential impact of plant aging on future operating costs and performance.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 12700) - June 1994

Whether El Paso Electric Company's share of Palo Verde Unit 3 was needed to ensure adequate levels of system reliability. Whether the Company's investment in Unit 3 could be expected to generate cost savings for ratepayers within a reasonable number of years.

Arizona Corporation Commission (Docket U-1551-93-272) - May and June 1994

Southwest Gas Corporation's plastic and steel pipe repair and replacement programs.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 92-04-15) - March 1994

Northeast Utilities management of the 1992/1993 replacement of the steam generators at Millstone Unit 2.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 92-10-03) - August 1993

Whether the 1991 outage of Millstone Unit 3 as a result of the corrosion of safety-related plant piping systems was due to mismanagement.

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Whether any of the outages of the Comanche Peak Unit 1 Nuclear Station during the period August 13, 1990, through June 30, 1992, were caused or extended by mismanagement.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 91-12-07) - January 1993 and August 1995

Whether the November 6, 1991, pipe rupture at Millstone Unit 2 and the related outages of the Connecticut Yankee and Millstone units were caused or extended by mismanagement. The impact of environmental requirements on power plant design and operation.

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Whether any of the outages of the River Bend Nuclear Station during the period October 1, 1988, through September 30, 1991, were caused or extended by mismanagement.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 92-01-05) - August 1992
Whether the July 1991 outage of Millstone Unit 3 due to the fouling of important plant systems by blue mussels was the result of mismanagement.

California Public Utilities Commission (Docket 90-12-018) - November 1991, March 1992, June and July 1993

Whether any of the outages of the three units at the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station during 1989 and 1990 were caused or extended by mismanagement. Whether equipment problems, personnel performance weaknesses and program deficiencies could have been avoided or addressed prior to outages. Whether specific plant operating cost and capital expenditures were necessary and prudent.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 9945) - July 1991

Whether El Paso Electric Company's share of Palo Verde Unit 3 was needed to ensure adequate levels of system reliability. Whether the Company's investment in the unit could be expected to generate cost savings for ratepayers within a reasonable number of years. El Paso Electric Company's management of the planning and licensing of the Arizona Interconnection Project transmission line.

Arizona Corporation Commission (Docket U-1345-90-007) - December 1990 and April 1991

Arizona Public Service Company's management of the planning, construction and operation of the Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station. The costs resulting from identified instances of mismanagement.

New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Docket ER89110912J) - July and October 1990

The economic costs and benefits of the early retirement of the Oyster Creek Nuclear Plant. The potential impact of the unit's early retirement on system reliability. The cost and schedule for siting and constructing a replacement natural gas-fired generating plant.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 9300) - June and July 1990

Texas Utilities management of the design and construction of the Comanche Peak Nuclear Plant. Whether the Company was prudent in repurchasing minority owners' shares of Comanche Peak without examining the costs and benefits of the repurchase for its ratepayers.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Docket EL-88-5-000) - November 1989

Boston Edison's corporate management of the Pilgrim Nuclear Station.

Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (Docket 89-08-11) - November 1989

United Illuminating Company's off-system capacity sales.

Kansas State Corporation Commission (Case 164,211-U) - April 1989

Whether any of the 127 days of outages of the Wolf Creek generating plant during 1987 and 1988 were the result of mismanagement.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 8425) - March 1989

Whether Houston Lighting & Power Company's new Limestone Unit 2 generating facility was needed to provide adequate levels of system reliability. Whether the Company's investment in Limestone Unit 2 would provide a net economic benefit for ratepayers.

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Commonwealth Edison Company's management of quality assurance and quality control activities and the actions of project contractors during construction of the Byron Nuclear Station.

New Mexico Public Service Commission (Case 2146, Part II) - October 1988

The rate consequences of Public Service Company of New Mexico's ownership of Palo Verde Units 1 and 2.

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Whether the Long Island Lighting Company withheld important information from the New York State Public Service Commission, the New York State Board on Electric Generating Siting and the Environment, and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (Docket 6668) - August 1988 and June 1989

Houston Light & Power Company's management of the design and construction of the South Texas Nuclear Project. The impact of safety-related and environmental requirements on plant construction costs and schedule.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Docket ER88-202-000) - June 1988

Whether the turbine generator vibration problems that extended the 1987 outage of the Maine Yankee nuclear plant were caused by mismanagement.

Illinois Commerce Commission (Docket 87-0695) - April 1988

Illinois Power Company's planning for the Clinton Nuclear Station.

North Carolina Utilities Commission (Docket E-2, Sub 537) - February 1988

Carolina Power & Light Company's management of the design and construction of the Harris Nuclear Project. The Company's management of quality assurance and quality control activities. The impact of safety-related and environmental requirements on construction costs and schedule. The cost and schedule consequences of identified instances of mismanagement.

Ohio Public Utilities Commission (Case 87-689-EL-AIR) - October 1987

Whether any of Ohio Edison's share of the Perry Unit 2 generating facility was needed to ensure adequate levels of system reliability. Whether the Company's investment in Perry Unit 1 would produce a net economic benefit for ratepayers.

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Fuel factor calculations.

New York State Public Service Commission (Case 29484) - May 1987

The planned startup and power ascension testing program for the Nine Mile Point Unit 2 generating facility.

Illinois Commerce Commission (Dockets 86-0043 and 86-0096) - April 1987

The reasonableness of certain terms in a proposed Power Supply Agreement.

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The in-service criteria to be used to determine when a new generating facility was capable of providing safe, adequate, reliable and efficient service.

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The radiation effects of low power testing on the structures, equipment and components in a new nuclear power plant.

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The terms and provisions in a utility's contract with an equipment supplier. The prudence of the utility's planning for a new generating facility. Expenditures on a canceled generating facility.

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The repair and replacement strategy adopted by management in response to pipe cracking at the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant.

New York State Public Service Commission (Case 28347) -January 1984

The information that was available to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation prior to 1982 concerning the potential for cracking in safety-related piping systems at the Nine Mile Point Unit No. 1 nuclear plant.

New York State Public Service Commission (Case 28166) - February 1983 and February 1984

Whether the January 25, 1982, steam generator tube rupture at the Ginna Nuclear Plant was caused by mismanagement.

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (Case 50-247SP) - May 1983

The economic costs and benefits of the early retirement of the Indian Point nuclear plants.

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OTHER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS AND LITIGATION SUPPORT WORK

Reviewed the salt deposition mitigation strategy proposed for Reliant Energy's repowering of its Astoria Generating Station. October 2002 through February 2003.

Assisted the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel in reviewing the auction of Connecticut Light & Power Company's power purchase agreements. August and September, 2000.

Assisted the New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate in evaluating the reasonableness of Atlantic City Electric Company's proposed sale of its fossil generating facilities. June and July, 2000.

Investigated whether the 1996-1998 outages of the three Millstone Nuclear Units were caused or extended by mismanagement. 1997 and 1998. Clients were the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel and the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Investigated whether the 1995-1997 outages of the two units at the Salem Nuclear Station were caused or extended by mismanagement. 1996-1997. Client was the New Jersey Division of the Ratepayer Advocate.

Assisted the Associated Industries of Massachusetts in quantifying the stranded costs associated with utility generating plants in the New England states. May through July, 1996

Investigated whether the December 25, 1993, turbine generator failure and fire at the Fermi 2 generating plant was caused by Detroit Edison Company's mismanagement of fabrication, operation or maintenance. 1995. Client was the Attorney General of the State of Michigan.

Investigated whether the outages of the two units at the South Texas Nuclear Generating Station during the years 1990 through 1994 were caused or extended by mismanagement. Client was the Texas Office of Public Utility Counsel.

Assisted the City Public Service Board of San Antonio, Texas in litigation over Houston Lighting & Power Company's management of operations of the South Texas Nuclear Generating Station.

Investigated whether outages of the Millstone nuclear units during the years 1991 through 1994 were caused or extended by mismanagement. Client was the Office of the Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Evaluated the 1994 Decommissioning Cost Estimate for the Maine Yankee Nuclear Plant. Client was the Public Advocate of the State of Maine.

Evaluated the 1994 Decommissioning Cost Estimate for the Seabrook Nuclear Plant. Clients were investment firms that were evaluating whether to purchase the Great Bay Power Company, one of Seabrook's minority owners.

Investigated whether a proposed natural-gas fired generating facility was need to ensure adequate levels of system reliability. Examined the potential impacts of environmental regulations on the unit's expected construction cost and schedule. 1992. Client was the New Jersey Rate Counsel.

Investigated whether Public Service Company of New Mexico management had adequately disclosed to potential investors the risk that it would be unable to market its excess generating capacity. Clients were individual shareholders of Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Investigated whether the Seabrook Nuclear Plant was prudently designed and constructed. 1989. Clients were the Connecticut Office of Consumer Counsel and the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut.

Investigated whether Carolina Power & Light Company had prudently managed the design and construction of the Harris nuclear plant. 1988-1989. Clients were the North Carolina Electric Municipal Power Agency and the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Investigated whether the Grand Gulf nuclear plant had been prudently designed and constructed. 1988. Client was the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

Reviewed the financial incentive program proposed by the New York State Public Service Commission to improve nuclear power plant safety. 1987. Client was the New York State Consumer Protection Board.

Reviewed the construction cost and schedule of the Hope Creek Nuclear Generating Station. 1986-1987. Client was the New Jersey Rate Counsel.

Reviewed the operating performance of the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Plant. 1985. Client was the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel.

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EDUCATION

1983-1985: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Special Graduate Student in Nuclear Engineering and Project Management,
1973: Stanford Law School,
Juris Doctor
1969: Stanford University
Master of Science in Astronautical Engineering,
1968: Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Bachelor of Science in Astronautical Engineering,

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- New York State Bar since 1981
- American Nuclear Society
- National Association of Corrosion Engineers
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Synapse Energy Economics, Cambridge, MA. Associate, 2001-present.
Area of focus includes environmental and economic analysis related to power generation projects, energy policy and environmental policy. Assesses total costs and benefits of renewable resources and distributed generation and of emission controls and cooling systems at fossil-fueled power plants. Models power systems to assess costs and environmental impacts of proposed policies or predicted changes in demand or the generation fleet.

M. J. Bradley & Associates, Concord, MA. Environmental/Energy Consultant, 1996-2001.

Worked with environmental advocates and energy companies in support of more stringent air regulations and energy policies supporting clean energy technologies. Facilitated strategic partnerships to address regulatory and market barriers to clean distributed generation. Participated in regulatory and legislative proceedings relevant to renewable resources and distributed generation and coordinated communication between technology developers, advocates and energy and air regulators.

Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, Providence, RI. Policy Analyst, 1995-1996. Analyzed the economic and environmental implications of restructuring strategies. Helped facilitate the Rhode Island Electric Industry Restructuring Collaborative and co-authored the Division's restructuring plan.

Institute for Resource and Security Studies, Cambridge, MA. Intern, 1992.
Managed research projects including the creation of a sustainability database for the City of Cambridge and a report on energy use in the city.

National Outdoor Leadership School, Lander, WY. Field Instructor, 1989-1990.
Completed instructors training program. Responsibility for the safety and education of students on 30-day wilderness expeditions in Alaska. Organized and led a 30-day trek in the Himalaya.

EDUCATION

Masters, Environmental Studies. Brown University, Providence, RI, 1995.
Graduate Work, chemistry, statistics and economics. Harvard Extension School, Cambridge, MA, 1993.
B.A., English. Tufts University, Medford, MA, 1988.

RECENT REPORTS

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