

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF WEST VIRGINIA
CHARLESTON**

Case No. 07-0508-E-CN

TRANS-ALLEGHENY INTERSTATE LINE COMPANY

**Application of Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line
Company for a certificate of public convenience
and necessity under W. Va. Code § 24-2-11a
authorizing the construction and operation of the
West Virginia segments of a 500 kV electric
transmission line and related facilities in Monongalia,
Preston, Tucker, Grant, Hardy, and Hampshire
Counties, and for related relief**

**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF
DR. JAY ZARNIKAU**

January 4, 2008

1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

3 A. My name is Jay Zarnikau. My business address is 1515 Capital of Texas Hwy,
4 South, Suite 110, Austin, Texas, 78746.

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

6 A. I am the president of Frontier Associates LLC. We provide consulting assistance
7 to energy consumers, electric and gas utilities, and government agencies on topics
8 related to energy economics and pricing, utility cost allocation and rate design,
9 forecasting, resource planning, energy efficiency program design and evaluation,
10 and energy and regulatory policy. We also manage a number of energy efficiency
11 programs, including new home construction energy efficiency programs and air
12 conditioner replacement programs for utilities, and lighting retrofit projects for
13 hotel chains around the country.

14 Q. PLEASE STATE BRIEFLY YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND AND
15 PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS.

16 A. I have a Ph.D. degree in Economics from the University of Texas. I completed
17 undergraduate studies in Business Administration and Economics at the State
18 University of New York and McGill University in Canada.

19 From 1983 through 1991, I was employed by the Public Utility Commission of
20 Texas, where I served as the Manager of Economic Analysis from 1985 through

1 1988; as the Assistant Director of the Electric Division from 1987 to 1988; and as
2 the Director of the Electric Utility Regulation from 1988 to 1991. From 1991
3 through 1993, I held a faculty-level research position at The University of Texas
4 College of Engineering Center for Energy Studies. I served as a vice president at
5 Planergy, Inc. from 1992 to 1999. Since 1999, I have been president of Frontier
6 Associates LLC.

7 I have written a number of reports and journal articles on the topics of energy
8 policy, rate design, energy efficiency, demand response, and electric utility
9 restructuring. I currently teach graduate-level classes in statistics at the University
10 of Texas as a part-time Visiting Professor at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and
11 in the College of Natural Sciences.

12 My resume, which is attached to this rebuttal testimony as TrAILCo Rebuttal
13 Exhibit JZ-1, describes in greater detail my educational background and prior
14 work experience.

15 Q. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU APPEARING IN THIS PROCEEDING?

16 A. I am appearing on behalf of Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company
17 (“TrAILCo”).

18 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY IN THIS
19 PROCEEDING?

1 A. My rebuttal testimony explores whether the transmission facilities (i.e., the 502
2 Junction to Loudoun line) proposed by TrAILCo in this proceeding and similar
3 proceedings in Virginia and Pennsylvania could be displaced if Allegheny Power
4 were to aggressively implement demand side management ("DSM") programs.
5 Specifically, my testimony rebuts certain statements contained in the testimony of
6 Sierra Club witness Hale Powell, Staff of the Public Service Commission of West
7 Virginia ("Staff") witnesses Dr. Michael Ileo and William Lewis, and pro se
8 intervenor Thomas Hildebrand. In addition, my testimony addresses statements
9 made at various public hearings regarding the ability to displace the proposed
10 transmission facilities through DSM.

11 Q. WILL THE USE OF VARIOUS TERMS IN YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
12 BE CONSISTENT WITH THE DEFINITIONS ASSIGNED TO THOSE TERMS
13 IN THE TABLE OF NOMENCLATURE ATTACHED TO TRAILCO'S
14 APPLICATION?

15 A. Yes. In addition, I may define other terms in my rebuttal testimony.
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17 II. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

18 Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSIONS.

19 A. I have concluded that the aggressive implementation of a comprehensive set of
20 energy efficiency and DSM programs by Allegheny Power would not be a

1 reasonable substitute for the planned transmission line from the 502 Junction
2 Substation to Loudoun County, Virginia, in light of the level of demand reduction
3 that would be required and the timeframe in which these transmission facilities are
4 needed.

5 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ORGANIZATION OF YOUR REBUTTAL
6 TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING.

7 A. My testimony is organized as follows:

- 8 • Section III explores both the value and the limitations of relying upon DSM
9 as an alternative to transmission facilities.
- 10 • Section IV demonstrates that it would not be feasible to displace the
11 transmission facilities proposed by TrAILCo in this proceeding through an
12 aggressive implementation of DSM programs, due to the timing and
13 magnitude of the resource need.
- 14 • Section V comments on some specific statements contained in the
15 testimonies of various witnesses.

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17 III. DSM AS A RESOURCE

18 Q. PLEASE DEFINE THE TERM "DSM" PROGRAMS AS USED IN THIS
19 REBUTTAL TESTIMONY.

1 A. DSM refers to actions taken by a utility to manage the demand for electricity.
2 Such actions might include programs or pricing strategies designed to affect the
3 level or temporal pattern of electricity consumption. While Mr. Hildebrand, Staff
4 witness Dr. Ileo, and I use the phrase DSM, Mr. Powell uses the phrase demand
5 side resources or “DSR” in his testimony. For the most part, DSM and DSR are
6 synonymous, but Mr. Powell’s inclusion of programs sponsored by the U.S.
7 Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and
8 independent system operators might make his definition of DSR broader than
9 DSM as some of the other witnesses in this proceeding are using the phrase.
10 DSM encompasses the concepts of “energy efficiency” and “demand response.”
11 “Energy efficiency” may be thought of as improvements in the technical
12 efficiency of end use devices or systems, while “demand response” efforts are
13 designed to foster the shifting or cycling of loads.

14 Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH THE GENERAL CONTENTION THAT THERE ARE
15 OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE DEMAND IN THE AREAS WHICH WILL BE
16 SERVED BY THE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES PROPOSED BY TRAILCO
17 IN THIS PROCEEDING, AS SUGGESTED BY WITNESSES POWELL, ILEO,
18 AND HILDEBRAND?

19 A. Yes. I have no doubt that there are numerous opportunities for demand reduction
20 and energy conservation in the areas to be served by these facilities and in the PJM

1 market in general. However, as discussed later in my testimony, I am concerned
2 that some information provided by these witnesses may overstate the potential for
3 DSM, or that they may fail to fully appreciate the difficulties in establishing
4 significant and effective programs.

5 Q. WITNESSES POWELL, ILEO, AND HILDEBRAND ALL SUGGEST THAT
6 DSM CAN BE USED TO COST-EFFECTIVELY DISPLACE THE NEED FOR
7 TRANSMISSION FACILITIES. DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS
8 CONTENTION?

9 A. I agree that, in many situations, DSM can play a valuable role in reducing the rate
10 of growth in the demand for electricity, thus sometimes potentially delaying or
11 deferring the need for additional transmission infrastructure. This is not one of
12 those times, however. Moreover, there are a number of limitations to the use of
13 DSM as an alternative to transmission investments that also must be considered.

14 Q. PLEASE IDENTIFY THOSE LIMITATIONS.

15 A. These limitations include:

- 16 • The “lead time” required to plan and “build up” a DSM program.
- 17 • The uncertainties inherent in relying upon customer behavior and customer
18 participation in voluntary programs to meet a resource need.

1 Q. PLEASE COMMENT ON THE LEAD TIME NECESSARY TO PLAN,
2 IMPLEMENT, AND BUILD UP A DSM PROGRAM INTO A SIGNIFICANT
3 SYSTEM RESOURCE.

4 A. Just as transmission investments involve some planning, permitting, and
5 construction time, DSM programs require lead time for market research, planning,
6 regulatory approval, and start-up activities. One significant difference between the
7 two resources is that the full capacity of a transmission line or substation may be
8 available once the project is complete. DSM programs, on the other hand,
9 normally require some “ramp up” time and some time for the cumulative effects of
10 the program to build up into a significant system resource. Some programs can be
11 implemented fairly quickly. But some programs take longer than others to achieve
12 significant impacts. Consequently, it can take a number of years for a
13 comprehensive set of programs to contribute a significant level of demand
14 reduction.

15 The following steps would normally be required:

- 16 • Market research to identify specific energy efficiency opportunities.
- 17 • Cost-benefit analyses, to determine which energy efficiency opportunities
18 might be exploited through a utility program in a cost-effective manner
19 (e.g., at a cost lower than comparable supply-side investments).
- 20 • Review of program design and program delivery options.

- 1 • Program design to establish incentive levels or promotional mechanisms,
2 targeted levels of participation and impacts, marketing channels, and
3 evaluation plans. This may involve further cost-benefit analyses.
- 4 • Staffing and program management, including the establishment of
5 databases, contracts, and internal procedures.
- 6 • Program rollout, including marketing and outreach.

7 Of course, these steps are in addition to any regulatory review processes,
8 such as approval by this Commission, which is uncertain as to process,
9 timing and outcome.

10 As an example of the time needed, consider the fact that a demonstration
11 project conducted in 1992 and 1993 within the Pacific Gas & Electric
12 Company service area in California assessing whether DSM programs
13 could displace the need for transmission and distribution upgrades in an
14 area found that, even for an aggressive campaign, “it requires at least 3 to 5
15 years to plan and implement the initial stages of a fully integrated plan for a
16 single distribution planning area. . . it takes at least 3 years to mount a
17 highly concentrated DSM effort in a single area.”¹

¹ Targeting DSM for Transmission and Distribution Benefits: A Case Study of PG&E's Delta District, R. Orans, et. al., Energy and Environmental Economics with Pacific Gas & Electric for the Electric Power Research Institute, EPRI TR-100487, May, 1992, p. ES-5.

1 Page 15 of Mr. Powell's testimony makes this point. While his table reports some
2 very large hypothetical impacts from DSM programs (based on studies, rather than
3 actual experiences), it also notes that it would take from 8 to 20 years to achieve
4 demand reduction of this magnitude.

5 It is my understanding that the regulatory timetable for approving DSM programs
6 proposed by utilities in West Virginia is open-ended, and that obtaining the
7 necessary approvals through either a rulemaking or a utility-specific regulatory
8 proceeding could easily take over one year. As noted in Mr. Powell's testimony
9 on p. 24, lines 7 through 29, there is a very long list of barriers that must be
10 eliminated by regulatory and other policymakers before DSM programs can be
11 fully utilized in West Virginia and some neighboring states. Section 7.0 of Dr.
12 Ileo's testimony similarly presents a long list of barriers. This further implies that
13 it would be difficult, if not impossible, to achieve significant demand reduction
14 through DSM programs by 2011.

15 Q. PLEASE COMMENT ON THE UNCERTAINTIES INHERENT IN RELYING
16 UPON CUSTOMER BEHAVIOR AND CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN
17 VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS TO MEET A RESOURCE NEED.

18 A. Because DSM programs tend to rely upon voluntary participation by energy
19 consumers, there is considerable uncertainty inherent in estimating or projecting
20 future program impacts. Some of this uncertainty can be minimized through

1 careful market research and planning. However, the performance of a demand
2 reduction program that relies upon consumer behavior is likely to remain much
3 more uncertain than the performance of transmission infrastructure.

4 Q. WHAT HAS BEEN THE TRACK RECORD OF OTHER UTILITIES THAT
5 HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RELY UPON DSM PROGRAMS AS A MEANS OF
6 DISPLACING THE NEED FOR TRANSMISSION INVESTMENTS?

7 A. The record has been mixed at best. The Pacific Gas and Electric Company's
8 "Delta project" cited earlier produced 2.3 MW of demand reduction and was
9 initially considered successful in demonstrating the benefits of using DSM to defer
10 transmission and distribution system investments. But while it was originally
11 hoped that the targeted DSM would defer a substation by about 8 years,² it only
12 succeeded in deferring the substation project by about 2 years.³ Other programs
13 have been implemented in Connecticut and Long Island with some success but at
14 great cost. In 2006, two efforts in Texas met with little success. American
15 Electric Power sought to reduce demand in a transmission-constrained area of the
16 Rio Grande Valley by 5 MW, but only achieved a 1 MW demand reduction

² See Targeting DSM for Transmission and Distribution Benefits: A Case Study of PG&E's Delta District, R. Orans, et. al., Energy and Environmental Economics with Pacific Gas & Electric for the Electric Power Research Institute, EPRI TR-100487, May, 1992, Figures ES-1 and ES-2.

³ Martin Kushler, Dan York, and Edward Vine, "Energy-Efficiency Measures Alleviate T&D Constraints," April 1, 2005.

1 through a load management program (all from a single customer). CenterPoint
2 Energy sought demand reduction in a transmission-constrained portion of its
3 network in Houston, but failed to sign up any customers to its targeted load
4 management program.

5 Commenting on the potential for DSM to displace or defer transmission and
6 distribution system investment in PJM, recent analysis by the Brattle Group,
7 included as Attachment 4 to Mr. Powell's testimony, is appropriately cautious:
8 "In some circumstances, reducing peak loads could enable utilities to delay
9 upgrading distribution transformers and other T&D equipment that is stressed by
10 peak loads." (From p. 28 of that report.)

11 Q. ARE THERE OTHER PROBLEMS INHERENT IN ANY ATTEMPT TO USE
12 DSM TO DISPLACE THE NEED FOR THE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES
13 PROPOSED BY TRAILCO HERE?

14 A. Yes. The demand for electricity outside of areas served by Allegheny Power is
15 partially responsible for the need for the proposed transmission facilities.
16 Consequently, the growth in demand and DSM efforts of a number of utilities has
17 an effect on the need for the proposed line. Yet, TrAILCo has little or no
18 influence on the DSM efforts of those neighboring utilities.

1 Q. WOULD INITIATIVES TO LAUNCH DSM PROGRAMS BY OTHER
2 UTILITIES THAT MIGHT BENEFIT FROM THIS LINE FACE CHALLENGES
3 SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT YOU HAVE REPORTED HERE?

4 A. Yes. New DSM programs undertaken by other utilities would require planning
5 and a ramp-up period. For many utilities, regulatory approvals are required before
6 a utility can undertake a new program.

7 Q. CAN TRAILCO AFFECT THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED PROGRAMS
8 MENTIONED IN MR. POWELL'S TESTIMONY AS A POTENTIAL SOURCE
9 OF DEMAND SIDE RESOURCES OR DSR?

10 A. I suspect that TrAILCo's influence over programs offered by the U.S. Department
11 of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other government
12 agencies is quite limited.

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14 IV. DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES WITHIN THE ALLEGHENY

15 POWER SERVICE AREA CANNOT AFFECT THE NEED FOR

16 THE 502 JUNCTION TO LOUDOUN LINE

17 Q. BASED ON YOUR REVIEW OF THE TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES
18 POWELL, HILDEBRAND, LEWIS, AND ILEO, DO ANY OF THESE
19 WITNESSES CONCLUDE THAT DSM CAN FULLY DISPLACE THE NEED

1 FOR THE TRANSMISSION FACILITIES PROPOSED BY TRAILCO IN THIS
2 PROCEEDING?

3 A. No. Witnesses Powell and Hildebrand highlight the important role that DSM can
4 play and argue for greater recognition of DSM opportunities in the planning
5 process at either PJM or Allegheny Power. However, neither of these witnesses
6 has even attempted to demonstrate that DSM could displace the need for TrAIL.
7 In fact, Mr. Powell describes the numerous regulatory challenges and other
8 problems that would be faced if DSM were to be pursued as an alternative to
9 TrAIL, given present regulatory practices.

10 After modeling the impacts of some very large hypothetical demand reductions
11 from hypothetical DSM efforts in targeted areas, Staff witness Lewis sees some
12 opportunity to defer (but not displace) the proposed transmission facilities.
13 However, Mr. Lewis is using an unrealistic estimate of the level of demand
14 reduction achievable from DSM programs, as I explain below.

15 Dr. Ileo concludes that “DSM program impacts conceivably might eliminate the
16 need for TrAIL in 2011.” Yet, he characterizes his analysis as “highly limited and
17 hypothetical.” Indeed, I believe that his estimate of the amount of demand
18 reduction that could be achieved through DSM programs by 2011 is greatly
19 overstated, as discussed below.

1 Q. IS IT POSSIBLE TO DISPLACE THE NEED FOR THE PROPOSED LINE
2 FROM THE 502 JUNCTION SUBSTATION TO THE LOUDON SUBSTATION
3 IN LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA?

4 A. No. According to the rebuttal testimony of TrAILCo witness Hozempa, a peak
5 demand reduction of 36%, or 829.4 MW, in the Allegheny Power Transmission
6 Zone would be required by 2011 to eliminate the need for this line. According to
7 Mr. Hozempa's testimony, this is approximately one-third of the total Potomac
8 Edison company load, plus some West Penn Power Company load in
9 Pennsylvania.

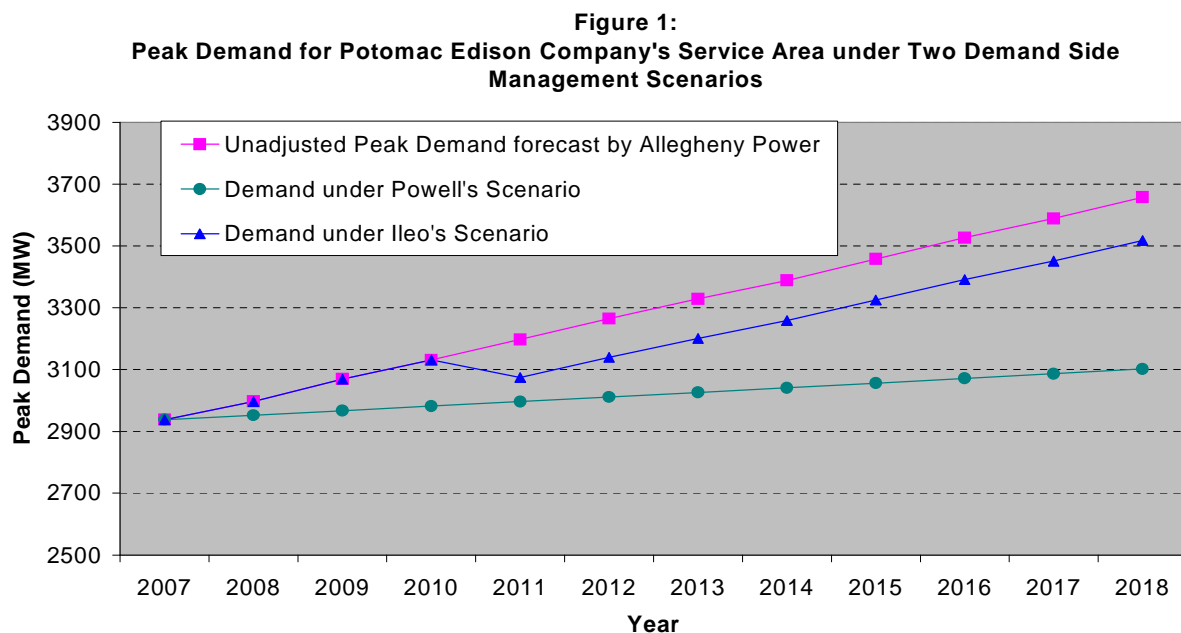
10 Q. YOU CONTEND THAT THE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT SCENARIOS
11 POSITED BY MR. POWELL AND DR. ILEO DO NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE
12 SAVINGS IN THE "ALLEGHENY ZONE" IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE
13 NEED FOR TRAIL. WHAT SAVINGS COULD BE EXPECTED IN THIS
14 ZONE UNDER THESE SCENARIOS?

15 A. Mr. Powell mentions various estimates of the peak demand reductions that could
16 hypothetically be achieved in various states. He claims that based on analysis
17 sponsored by the State of Virginia, West Virginia and the PJM region could
18 hypothetically achieve demand savings of 14% in ten years. He also cites a study
19 by the ACEEE of the savings potential in the PJM region which claims that 15%
20 reductions could be achieved by 2022. These estimates strike me as over-

1 optimistic, for the reasons explained in my testimony. Nonetheless, for illustrative
2 purposes, I have plotted the peak demand in The Potomac Edison Company's
3 service area under the more aggressive of Mr. Powell's estimates, a 14% reduction
4 in ten years, in Figure 1, using the forecasted winter peak demand supplied to me
5 by witness Hozempa. Also solely for illustrative purposes, I have calculated the
6 demand under this scenario by reducing the compound annual growth rate of the
7 projected demand by the appropriate constant amount each year, so that in the
8 tenth year, the demand is 14% below what it would have been in the absence of
9 DSM (Powell's scenario). In reality, the reductions due to the DSM program
10 would vary from year to year, with smaller results (if any) likely in the first few
11 years. This scenario results in a reduction in peak demand for the Potomac Edison
12 service area of 201 MW in 2011 (3,197 MW minus 2,996 MW).

13 I have also plotted in Figure 1 the demand for this area under the scenario
14 suggested by Dr. Ileo, which as I understand it, is a cumulative reduction in the
15 peak demand in 2011 and every year thereafter equivalent to 4% of the net
16 demand for the given year (Ileo's scenario). This scenario results in a peak
17 demand reduction of 123 MW in 2011 (3,197 MW minus 3,074 MW). These
18 scenarios produce savings due to DSM that are only 24% and 15% of the 829.4
19 MW of demand reduction needed to displace the need for the line as calculated by
20 witness Hozempa. Clearly, it would be nearly impossible for DSM programs

1 undertaken by Allegheny Power to achieve a level of demand reduction anywhere
2 near the level of demand reduction that Mr. Hozempa testifies would be required
3 to displace these transmission facilities.



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5 V. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE TESTIMONY OF
6 ILEO, LEWIS, POWELL AND HILDEBRAND

7 Q. DR. ILEO CONTENDS THAT PJM CAN ACHIEVE HIS AGGRESSIVE DSM
8 SCENARIO (5,686 MW OF DEMAND REDUCTION BY 2011 IN PJM) AT A
9 COST OF \$100 MILLION OR LESS (P. 35, LINES 17-18). DO YOU AGREE
10 WITH THIS ASSERTION?

11 A. No. That does not seem plausible. I agree with Dr. Ileo that “a considerable
12 research effort would be necessary to estimate the cost of a more expansive DSM

1 program by PJM” (Ileo at 34) and I recognize that he is just offering this as a very
2 crude estimate. Yet, this cost estimate seems very low to me based on my
3 experience in planning, implementing, and evaluating DSM programs. As an
4 example, in Texas about \$75 million is spent by the investor-owned utilities each
5 year to achieve 150 MW to 200 MW of incremental demand reduction. A
6 summary of the program impacts prepared by my staff can be found at:
7 <http://www.texasefficiency.com/news.shtml>. Thus, in Texas, we are (at best)
8 paying about \$375,000 for each MW of demand reduction. This suggest that (at
9 best) 5,868 MW of demand reduction in PJM through implementing a set of
10 programs similar to those implemented in Texas would cost over \$2.2 billion (i.e.,
11 \$375,000 per MW times 5,868 MW). Realistically, the cost would be much
12 greater, since the marginal cost of achieving greater demand reduction will
13 increase as the goal for demand reduction increases. While the DSM opportunities
14 and the cost of demand reduction will likely be different in PJM than in Texas, I
15 cannot image that such a level of demand reduction in PJM could be achieved 22
16 times cheaper in PJM than in Texas.

17 It is unclear whether Dr. Ileo is presenting this \$100 million estimate as an
18 “annualized” number. If this is intended as an annualized number and if we
19 assume that the energy efficiency measures implemented through the Texas

1 programs have an average life of ten years, then Dr. Ileo's \$100 million figure
2 would still be at least two times too high.

3 Q. DOES MR. LEWIS' CONTENTION THAT ONLY "ACTIVE" DSM IS
4 USEFUL AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF DISPLACING TRANSMISSION
5 INVESTMENTS IMPLY THAT SOME OF THE DSM MEASURES
6 SUGGESTED BY OTHER WITNESSES HAVE LIMITED VALUE?

7 A. Yes. If only active DSM measures such as interruptible load programs, direct load
8 control, and time-differentiated pricing are pursued, then the universe of DSM
9 measures available to Allegheny Power would be extremely limited. Many of the
10 candidate DSM programs identified by Dr. Ileo, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Hildebrand
11 would apparently not be useful. This would make it even more difficult to
12 displace or defer the proposed transmission line through DSM programs.

13 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?

14 A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to file such additional testimony as may be
15 necessary or appropriate.

Exhibit JZ-1: Résumé

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1991-1993 Manager of Energy Strategies Research Program, The University of Texas at Austin Center for Energy Studies, Austin, Texas

Held faculty-level research position. Served on dissertation and thesis committees. Supervised independent study projects.

Responsible for the oversight of research projects in the areas of utility resource planning, regulation, electricity pricing, and policy analysis.

Coordinated a study of the technical and achievable potential for energy efficiency savings in Texas.

Program Manager for EPRI-sponsored effort to develop a new integrated resource planning framework and model.

1983-1991 Director of Electric Utility Regulation (from 1988 to 1991), Economist (1983 to 1988) Public Utility Commission of Texas, Austin, Texas

Supervised a professional staff of over fifty accountants, economists, and engineers responsible for analyzing regulatory and technical issues and providing recommendations to the Commission. Prepared and defended testimony in over twenty proceedings on topics including: load forecasting, rate design, cogeneration, system planning, demand-side management program impacts, billing determinants, wheeling, and computer modeling.

1982-1983 Research Associate, Bureau of Business Research, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas

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Opportunities for Energy Efficiency in the Texas Industrial Sector, for the Sustainable Energy Development Council, 1995; contributor and project leader.

Neoelectrification of Industry in the Information Age, for the Edison Electric Institute, 1994; with Philip Schmidt, Frederick T. Sparrow, and John Vanston.

Advanced Pricing in Electrical Systems, CES Discussion Paper, October, 1992; with Martin Baughman and Shams Siddiqi.

Comprehensive Electrical Systems Planning, Center for Energy Studies for the Electric Power Research Institute, 1994; with Martin Baughman and Shams Siddiqi.

Opportunities for Energy Efficiency in Texas, Center for Energy Studies, May 1992; with Bruce Hunn and other contributors.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Adjunct Lecturer and Visiting Professor, University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs. Taught graduate-level statistics classes during six of last nine semesters.

ERCOT Working Group on Demand Side Resources, Founder and Co-Chair (2001)
Board Member and Vice President for Publications, Association of Energy Services Professionals

Retail Energy Aggregators of Texas, Director, 2001-2003

State of Texas Energy Policy Partnership, Member, 1992

National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Staff Subcommittee on Wheeling and Transmission, Member, 1990

Member of American Economic Association and International Association for Energy Economics (Vice President of local chapter).

Reviewer for International Energy Review, ACEEE Summer Study, Power Engineering Society, IEEE Transactions on Power Systems, Energy Economics, Energy Policy, and The Energy Journal

TESTIMONY

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) Docket No. 334126: Constellation NewEnergy Inc.'s Appeal and Complaint of ERCOT Decision to Approve PRR 676 and PRR 674 and Request for Expedited Treatment. Supported appeal to remove certain wholesale market penalties. Testimony sponsored by Chaparral Steel.

PUCT Docket No. 31540: Proceeding to Consider Protocols to Implement a Nodal Market in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas Pursuant to PUC Subst. R. 25.501. Testimony before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) on behalf of Nucor Steel and Chaparral Steel on demand side issues.

Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Docket No. 2005-1-E: Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs. Reviewed the utility's fuel costs and rates on behalf of a large industrial customer of the utility.

Railroad Commission of Texas, Docket No. 9400: Application of TXU Gas Company for a Rate Increase. Provided cost allocation and rate design testimony on behalf of a group of cities. Also provided testimony in a district court to support a Writ of Mandamus.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District, In re. Texas Commercial Energy, LLC, Case No. 03-20366-C-11. Testified in support of a claim.

Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) Docket No. 23950: Petition of Reliant Energy to Establish Price to Beat Fuel Factor. Presented (on the utility's behalf) a forecast of the Company's future sales of electricity.

PUCT Docket No. 22537: Application of Reliant Energy HL&P to Implement Wholesale Power Service – General Land Office Rate Schedule. Testified in support of tariff approval.

PUCT Docket No. 22355: Application of Reliant Energy HL&P for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rate. Examined competitive opportunities that might be available to commercial and residential customers under various parties' rate design proposals.

PUCT Docket No. 22349: Application of Texas-New Mexico Power Company for Approval of Unbundled Cost of Service Rate. Requested (on behalf of the utility) funding for energy efficiency programs and system benefit fund programs.

PUCT Docket No. 21527: Application of TXU Electric Company for Financing Order to Securitize Regulatory Assets. Evaluated application on behalf of Nucor Steel.

PUCT Docket No. 17942: Application for Approval of Time-of-Use Rate Options for TU Electric Company. Analyzed utility proposal on behalf of Nucor Steel Company.

PUCT SOAH Docket No. 473-96-0333: Application of TU Electric Company for Real-Time Pricing Proposal in Compliance with the Commission's Order in Docket No. 14570. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of Nucor Steel Company.

PUCT Docket No. 9491: Texas-New Mexico Power Company rate case. Described applicable prudence standards and explored purchased power, cogeneration, and conservation as alternatives to the completion of the TNP One power plant project. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6992 Remand: Texas-New Mexico Power Company power plant certification case. Projected the costs of standby, wheeling, purchased power and cogeneration over a forty-year horizon, and explored purchased power, cogeneration, and conservation as alternatives to the completion of the TNP One power plant project. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 9300: TU Electric rate case. Recommended changes to proposed tariffs for interruptible service and explored other rate design and system planning issues. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 8425: Houston Lighting and Power Company rate case. Analyzed proposed tariffs for interruptible service, standby service, economic development rates and wheeling services, and recommended alternative rates and calculation methodologies. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 8422: Rita Blanca Cooperative tariff application. Proposed some modifications to the design of a proposed economic development tariff. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 8363: El Paso Electric Company rate case. Provided recommendations regarding future generation mix and total fuels expenses. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 7460: El Paso Electric Company rate case. Reviewed the demand forecasts upon which the utility relied in its decision to participate in the Palo Verde nuclear project. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 7195/6755: Gulf States Utilities Company rate case. Reviewed the demand forecasts upon which the utility relied in its decision to initiate the River Bend nuclear project. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6992: Texas-New Mexico Power Company power plant certification case. Projected the availability of purchased power and confirmed its viability as an alternative to the proposed TNP One power plant. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6184: Economic Viability for South Texas Unit 2. Analyzed the capabilities of various resource planning models to assist in selecting an appropriate means of determining the reasonableness of completing a nuclear power plant construction project. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 8191: Cherokee County Electric Cooperative rate case. Reviewed adjustments to test-year sales, demand, and numbers of customers data. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6375: Central Power and Light Company rate case. Reviewed adjustments to test-year sales, demand, and numbers of customers data. Critiqued the utility's long-term load forecast. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6105: Central Power and Light Company Avoided Cost calculation. Recommended rejection of the utility's long-term load forecast for the purpose of calculating long-run avoided costs. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6064: Houston Lighting and Power Company Avoided Cost calculation. Reviewed the utility's demand projections. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 5994: Inquiry into the rates paid by Houston Lighting and Power Company to Qualifying Facilities. Projected future demand for electricity on the utility system and the need for firm cogeneration capacity. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 8015: Amendment to TU Electric's certificate for the Comanche Peak nuclear plant. Reviewed the utility's future demand and capacity needs. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 6526: TU Electric Company power plant certificate case. Reviewed the utility's demand projections. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.

PUCT Docket No. 5568: Texas-New Mexico Power Company rate case. Reviewed adjustments to test-year sales, demand, and number of customers data, and miscellaneous operations and maintenance expenses. Analyzed the utility's filing on behalf of PUCT Staff.