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1 2		III. <u>NECESSITY FOR SERVICES AND REASONABLENESS</u> OF COSTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS
3		A. <u>General Discussion of Services</u>
4	Q17.	DID ETI NEED THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION
5		CLASS DURING THE TEST YEAR?
6	A.	Yes. All services provided to ETI for this class are necessary for the
7		functioning of a utility company with a significant number of geographically
8		dispersed employees. ETI and the other EOCs rely on the Administration
9		Class to provide services that support their core business, such as rent for
10		their offices, maintenance for their buildings, administrative support for
11		their employees, and secure and safe work environments for their
12		employees, contractors, customers, and visitors.
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14	Q18.	DO ANY ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS
15		AND ALLOCATED TO ETI DUPLICATE ETI'S INTERNAL ACTIVITIES?
16	Α.	No. ESI has centralized the Administration Class activities so that these
17		services are not duplicated at ETI.
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19	Q19.	DOES ESI OUTSOURCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE
20		ADMINISTRATION CLASS? IF SO, PLEASE IDENTIFY THE SERVICES
21		THAT ARE OUTSOURCED.
22	A.	Yes, the majority of services provided by Facility Management and

23 Administrative Support, including management of most of these services,

1		were outsourced to Cushman & Wakefield of Texas, Inc., effective
2		January 1, 2000. Cushman & Wakefield has facilities/portfolio
3		management as a core competency and manages approximately
4		250 million square feet of office/facility space in the United States and
5		750 million square feet world-wide. Additionally, the Entergy Companies'
6		system-wide business travel is outsourced to Carlson Wagonlit Travel,
7		and conference center management is outsourced to Aramark.
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9	Q20.	DO THE ENTERGY COMPANIES MONITOR THE COST-
10		EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO ETI AND OTHER
11		OPERATING COMPANIES BY THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS?
12	A.	Yes. Periodic reviews of expenditures, as well as metrics designed to
13		improve processes and measure performance, ensure that costs are at
14		reasonable levels for the scope of services. In many cases, services are
15		supplied to ESI by outside vendors who are subject to a competitive
16		bidding process that is required by the Entergy Companies' Corporate
17		Policy. The Entergy Companies' Procurement Policy is described in the
18		testimony of Company witness Jackson. The Administration Class
19		adheres to this policy.
20		In addition, there is a Contract Manager, who is an employee of ESI
21		and reports directly to me, whose primary responsibility is to oversee the
22		Cushman & Wakefield contract and monitor performance and costs
23		incurred under the contract.

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1 As I describe in more detail below, the Administration Class also 2 adheres to the company-wide annual budgeting process that includes 3 management review and approval of proposed expenditure levels. 4 Administration Class actual and budgeted spending on a monthly and 5 year-to-date basis is reviewed monthly at staff meetings. Significant 6 spending variances to budget are investigated and explained. Such 7 routine monitoring of the Administration Class costs enables the 8 identification of trends in spending and the timely implementation of 9 corrective actions with respect to unfavorable trends.

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B. <u>Corporate Real Estate</u>

12 Q21. WHY ARE CORPORATE REAL ESTATE SERVICES NECESSARY?

13 Α. The Entergy Companies own and lease buildings and land required to 14 support the operational needs of the EOCs. Corporate Real Estate is 15 responsible for the management of such real property (except rights-of-16 way and substations), including but not limited to leased space, owned 17 space, and land. Management of real property includes: oversight and 18 execution of day-to-day activities and decisions required for proper 19 functioning of the real estate asset; acquisition; disposition; administration 20 of lease and contract compliance; lease rent payments; lease rent 21 receivables and collection; operating expense compliance and audits; and 22 strategic real estate inventory management. ETI and the other EOCs rely 23 on ESI to provide these real estate services. Since the services are

provided through a centralized group, ETI and the other EOCs benefit
 from not being required to maintain separate internal staffs to provide
 these services.

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5 Q22. IS THE COST OF THIS GROUP REASONABLE?

A. Yes, it is. Costs for real estate management services are allocated to the
Entergy Companies that occupy space in the Entergy Companies' facilities
based on square footage occupied. Costs that can be directly attributable
to one legal entity are directly charged to that legal entity and are not
allocated through the use of an allocation factor.

11 The reasonableness of the costs to ETI is supported by the 12 comparative evaluations performed prior to obtaining a new lease. 13 Acquiring leased space is a market competitive activity that includes: 14 performing site searches, market research, due diligence, appraisals, 15 surveys, negotiations, financial analysis, legal review, and risk 16 management review. Alternatives for space are compared using the 17 techniques described above to determine the best real estate solution at a 18 reasonable cost.

Q23. DESCRIBE THE CONTROLS AND PROCESSES THAT ARE USED TO
 MONITOR AND REVIEW THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
 GROUP.

A. As part of its planning function, the Real Estate Group analyzes each
facility to ensure that the space is used effectively and meets company
strategy and operational objectives. Through its planning approaches, the
Real Estate Group has identified and implemented plans for space
consolidation and asset redeployment. This process has reduced the
square footage leased and rent costs over the last several years with the
benefits of these reductions being passed on to the EOCs, including ETI.

Further, the Real Estate Group performs periodic audits of leased buildings' operating expenses. These audits ensure that the expenses passed through to the Entergy Companies from the landlords are appropriate and calculated properly.

In addition, the Entergy Companies' office space utilization of headquarters and regional usable square feet per person compare favorably with other companies, as noted in the benchmarking report shown in Exhibit TCP-3. This benchmarking study included 37 utility participants. The Entergy Companies' regional office space utilization, usable square feet per person, is second quartile, and headquarters office space utilization, usable square feet per person, is also second quartile.

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1		C. <u>Facility Management</u>
2	Q24.	WHY ARE FACILITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES NECESSARY?
3	A.	These services are necessary to maintain commercial-grade buildings in a
4		condition that supports operational requirements and safely houses the
5		occupants. Examples include the operations of building systems such as
6		HVAC, lighting, utilities, elevators, life safety equipment, equipment yards,
7		etc. Some of the services such as fire protection and environmental
8		safety are required for compliance with governing law and regulations
9		(e.g., OSHA, EPA, city building codes, etc.). Other services such as
10		janitorial, waste pickup, pest control, and general maintenance are
11		required to maintain building functionality and an adequate
12		work environment.

Also, capital project management services are necessary because 13 they are the foundation for design, construction and successful completion 14 of any capital project. The services are those typically required for 15 commercial-grade facilities to maintain and extend the useful life of the 16 Examples of projects that typically require capital project 17 asset. 18 management oversight include building renovations, additions. 19 remodeling, changes or modifications to comply with local or federal building codes, roof replacement, exterior painting and waterproofing, and 20 21 HVAC additions. These services ensure that the building's physical environment supports the operational needs of the occupants, and that the 22

building is safe, functional and compliant with applicable OSHA, EPA,
 ADA and other regulatory requirements.

The services provided by this group are driven by the operational and business needs of the EOCs. The group's employees work directly with EOC management to ensure that these services are necessary and that these services support operational needs. Services provided are consistent with those provided in the industry for similar commercial-grade buildings.

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10 Q25. IS THE COST OF THIS GROUP REASONABLE?

11 Α. Yes. The cost of the Facility Management services provided is consistent 12 with those in the industry. The Entergy Companies' costs compare 13 favorably with other companies both in the utility industry as well as those 14 of other Fortune 500 Companies as noted by the benchmark report shown as Exhibit TCP-4. Two sets of metrics are used in the benchmark study: 15 16 maintenance cost per gross square feet and custodial cost per area 17 cleaned in square feet. The Entergy Companies are second quartile in headquarters maintenance cost per gross square feet; regional office 18 maintenance cost per gross square feet is top decile; headquarters 19 20 custodial cost per area cleaned in square feet is first quartile; and regional 21 office custodial cost per area cleaned in square feet is first quartile. The 22 Entergy Companies are second quartile in both service center maintenance cost per gross square feet and service center custodial cost
 per area cleaned in square feet.

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4 Q26. DESCRIBE THE CONTROLS AND PROCESSES THAT ARE USED TO
5 MONITOR AND REVIEW THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
6 FACILITY MANAGEMENT GROUP.

7 Α. ESI has a designated contract manager, whose primary responsibility is to oversee the Cushman & Wakefield contract and monitor the performance 8 9 and costs incurred under the contract. The Approval Authority Policy, as 10 noted in the testimony of Company witness Jackson, also dictates several layers of management review prior to approval of the Cushman & 11 12 Wakefield invoices. The Entergy Companies develop an overall scorecard 13 that tracks Cushman & Wakefield performance. Several of the individual 14 goals are specifically designed to monitor and measure how well 15 Cushman & Wakefield is performing relative to overall spending and 16 managing cash flow. The Entergy Companies have monthly meetings to discuss actual costs and to develop action plans if targets are not being 17 18 met.

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1		D. <u>Administrative Support</u>
2	Q27.	WHY ARE THE SERVICES OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
3		NECESSARY?
4	A.	Administrative Support services are needed and are driven by good
5		business practices to provide adequate support to employees to
6		accomplish their duties effectively. Examples of these services include
7		copier services, interoffice mail, travel, and conference room scheduling.
8		These services are typically provided by an administrative service group,
9		which supports departmental operations.
10		These services are provided to all of the Entergy Companies,
1 1		including ETI. These services and their related costs are necessary for
12		the function of a utility company with a significant number of
13		geographically dispersed employees. These services support the entire
14		organization in a manner from which all operating companies benefit
15		without being required to maintain separate and redundant internal staffs
16		to provide similar services.

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Q28. DESCRIBE THE CONTROLS AND PROCESSES THAT ARE USED TO
MONITOR AND REVIEW THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
GROUP.

A. Administrative Support relies on measures and process controls to
 monitor and evaluate the costs of service. The processes by which data is
 collected and measured include things such as PBX/Receptionist number

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1		of calls handled, conference rooms scheduled with percent utilization, mail
2		piece cost and mail service cost per employee, copy machine cost per
3		copy with number of copies made at each location, and finally, travel
4		industry costs for air, lodging, and car rental. These metrics are used to
5		confirm that staffing and equipment/infrastructure are consistent with
6		volumes driven by customer demands. The number of full-time
7		Administrative Support personnel assigned to ESI through Cushman &
8		Wakefield was 23 in 2011 and 23 in 2012.
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10	Q29.	WHAT DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, OR OTHER DATA COMPILATIONS
11		ARE GENERATED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE CONTROLS AND
12		PROCESSES, AND HOW ARE THEY USED TO ENSURE THAT THE
13		COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS GROUP ARE REASONABLE?
14	A.	On a monthly basis, data is collected on each of the key processes within
15		the Administrative Support Group. Exhibit TCP-5 displays a sample
16		Cushman & Wakefield Annual Report. This data includes the
17		receptionist/PBX operators, conference room scheduling, mail services,
18		copier management, copier paper, and copy centers. Examples of data
19		collected include quantity and cost information. Data is gathered monthly,
20		compared to budgeted costs, and significant variances are evaluated.
21		In-house measurements are generated monthly, quarterly, or semi-
22		annually depending on the nature of the process. Based on this data,
23		metrics are developed and evaluated to determine the proper resources

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required to deliver services. Invoices are reviewed by Cushman &
 Wakefield service coordinators against contracted pricing to confirm
 accuracy in addition to confirmation of delivery of the service in question.

In addition, Administrative Support meets periodically with key 4 5 vendors such as Xerox (copier services), Eagle One and Quick (courier 6 services), Aramark (conference center management), and Carlson Wagonlit Travel (travel) to discuss process improvements, performance, 7 The benchmark results for 8 and areas for further cost reductions. Administrative Support are in Exhibit TCP-6. Mail cost per piece for 9 10 headquarters is top decile; mail services cost per occupant for 11 headquarters is second quartile; copy services for headquarters multi-12 functional devices cost per copy is first quartile; average cost per airline 13 ticket is below average; hotel average cost per night is above average; 14 and car rental average cost per day is average.

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E. <u>Corporate Security</u>

17 Q30. WHY ARE CORPORATE SECURITY SERVICES NECESSARY?

A. Corporate Security services are necessary to maintain a secure and safe
 environment while conducting business for employees, contractors,
 customers, and visitors. Examples of services include facility security, site
 surveys, crime prevention, investigations, and homeland security.
 Corporate Security services are necessary to develop programs that are
 geared to crime prevention and protection of persons and assets.

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Security investigations may include external crimes and/or internal fraud.
 Included are programs that protect against threats of terrorism and other
 forms of violence directed at our industry or facilities. The primary function
 of security programs is to prevent incidents from occurring through
 applications of physical security, education, and training.

ESI tracks every security-related incident reported in the system, 6 and the tracking results support the need for Corporate Security services. 7 A third-party vendor is employed to manage this process, 24 hours a day, 8 7 days a week, and the resulting report of incidents is referred to as the 9 ethics line incident tracking log. The ethics line incident tracking log (as 10 11 detailed in Exhibit TCP-7) indicates that crime trends in areas where the 12 Entergy Companies operate, including ETI, demonstrate a definite need for security services to safeguard the Entergy Companies' facilities and 13 protect personnel and assets. 14

In addition, the threat of terrorism has had a significant impact on
the electric utility industry. As a result, Corporate Security directs efforts
and coordinates with state, local, and federal law enforcement agencies to
develop programs that protect our facilities and personnel from such acts.

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20 Q31. IS THE COST OF THIS GROUP REASONABLE?

A. Yes. Corporate Security compensation levels are established through
 comparison with compensation surveys that match similar job descriptions
 with salary ranges. The allocation of security services and personnel are

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1	arranged by business jurisdiction, with security specialists assigned
2	specific responsibility for their respective assigned business jurisdictions.
3	Centralized security management and coordination allow this group to
4	take advantage of economies of scale and provide consistent security
5	processes and procedures that result in increased efficiency. Corporate
6	Security costs compare favorably with other companies, as noted in the
7	benchmarking report presented in Exhibit TCP-8. The Corporate Security
8	Department's (non-nuclear) budget is below the average.

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Q32. DESCRIBE THE CONTROLS AND PROCESSES THAT ARE USED TO
 MONITOR AND REVIEW THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE
 CORPORATE SECURITY GROUP.

13 Specific services associated with the delivery of Corporate Security Α. 14 services (such as contract guard services) are primarily outsourced. Market value for the services is established primarily through a 15 competitive bidding process, or through baseline negotiation of 16 competitive bids. In addition, review and analysis of monthly budget 17 variance reports allow continuous monitoring of associated costs. As 18 noted above, all security guard services in Texas are under a system-wide 19 contract with Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., a Houston-based 20 company. The contract was awarded to Securitas Security Services USA 21 22 after a competitive bid process.

In May of 2013, the re-bid process was initiated due to the 1 impending contract term ending March of 2014. The re-bid process is 2 being conducted following established procurement process policies and 3 4 procedures. It should be noted that, in addition to negotiating for the best 5 financial advantage to the Company for contract security services, the 6 Company continually looks for ways to improve efficiencies and cost 7 advantage in this area. For example, Corporate Security is now rolling out 8 a program that will replace guards, which incur revolving costs, with 9 technology such as remotely monitored cameras, sensors and alarms, 10 where applicable, for reasonable one time capital investments. 11 12 F. Reasonableness for Administration Class Costs 13 14 1. Budget Planning

Q33. DOES THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS HAVE IN PLACE A BUDGETING
 PROCESS TO CONTROL COSTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS
 OF SERVICES?

A. Yes. Cost reports are available electronically to department management
 through various cost reporting systems. Department management
 reviews actual charges and compares them to the budget. Cost reports
 compare a department's actual charges to budgeted charges on a monthly
 and year-to-date basis and provide several ways to review the data,
 e.g., by project, activity, and resource codes. Each department management

1 is held accountable for his or her department's budget and must explain 2 variances between actual charges and budgeted amounts. Executive 3 management is also involved in ongoing review of cost reporting. 4 5 Q34. IS COMPLIANCE WITH THE BUDGET MONITORED? Α. 6 Yes. Cost reporting allows management at all levels to monitor actual 7 costs in comparison with budget amounts. The controls resulting from 8 detailed budget preparation and cost reporting, combined with ongoing 9 management reviews, ensure that expenses and capital costs are 10 controlled. This control provides assurance that ETI's costs, affiliate and 11 non-affiliate, are reasonable. 12 13 Q35. ARE EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS HELD 14 ACCOUNTABLE FOR DEVIATIONS FROM BUDGET FOR THESE 15 COSTS? 16 Α. Yes. Each department manager is held accountable for his or her 17 department's budget and must explain variances between actual charges 18 and budgeted amounts. Employees' performance objectives include goals

19 for compliance with budgets and control of expenditures.

1		2. <u>Cost Trends</u>
2	Q36.	WHAT WERE ETI COSTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS FOR
3		THE 2010-2012 TIME PERIOD AND FOR THE TEST YEAR?
4	A.	Total affiliate O&M charges to ETI for each of the past three calendar
5		years and the Test Year for this class of services are shown in Table 3
6		below. These charges have been adjusted to remove the MISO and
7		ITC-related costs that the Company is removing from the requested cost
8		of service (as explained by Company witness Considine) as well as the
9		nuclear and gas department codes (as explained by Company witness
10		Tumminello) and aircraft costs. Charges to ETI from these departments
11		have also been removed from ETI's Test Year cost of service.

Table 3(Excludes pro forma adjustments except as described above)

CLASS	2010	2011	2012	Test Year
	(\$000s)	(\$000s)	(\$000s)	(\$000s)
ADMINISTRATION	\$456,505	\$847,714	\$1,255,804	\$1,322,076

As shown by the table above, the level of charges to ETI for services provided by the Administration Class has trended upward over the 2010-2012 period. The increase from 2010 to 2011 is due, primarily, to the costs of operating and maintaining the Entergy Companies' data centers in Little Rock, Arkansas and Jackson, Mississippi. Prior to 2011, this expense was included in the costs of the Information Technology Class. The increase from 2011 to 2012 and the Test Year is primarily due to

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1		costs associated with the Jackson Data Center remediation project as well
2		as organizational re-assignment of several Corporate Security employees
3		from ETI and other EOCs to ESI.
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5		3. <u>Staffing Trends</u>
6	Q37.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STAFFING LEVELS FOR THE
7		ADMINISTRATION CLASS OVER THE PERIOD 2010 THROUGH 2012
8		AND FOR THE TEST YEAR.
9	Α.	Staffing for the Administration Class was 21 in 2010, 17 in 2011, 23 in
10		2012, and 23 for the Test Year. ⁴ The increase of ESI staffing for this class
11		in 2012 resulted from the organizational re-assignment of several
12		Corporate Security employees from ETI and other EOCs to ESI that I
13		mentioned above. Otherwise, staffing has remained relatively stable over
14		the past few years.

⁴ The 2010, 2011, and 2012 figures are year-end (December 31) headcount. The Test Year figure is the headcount as of March 31, 2013.

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1	4	Cost Control, Improvement Initiatives, and Other Benchmarking
2	Q38.	SEPARATE FROM THE BUDGETING PROCESS, DOES THE
3		ADMINISTRATION CLASS UNDERTAKE OTHER MEASURES OR
4		INITIATIVES TO CONTROL COSTS OR IMPROVE SERVICES FOR THE
5		ADMINISTRATION CLASS?
6	A.	Yes. For example, we have aggressively pursued outsourcing to help

A. Yes. For example, we have aggressively pursued outsourcing to help reduce costs. The CAS&REO Department has outsourced the following functions: business travel; copy center services; mail delivery and courier services; and facilities maintenance. The Administration Class also performs yearly benchmarking of its major functions. In addition, to improve its services, the department also conducts periodic internal customer satisfaction surveys.

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14 Q39. CAN YOU PROVIDE OTHER EXAMPLES OF RECENT INITIATIVES TO

15 CONTROL OR REDUCE COSTS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS16 OF SERVICES?

17 A. The CAS&REO Department also participates in Entergy Continuous 18 Improvement teams. Recent examples include a team that replaced the 19 mailroom's manual package log books with electronic scanners to save 20 time and improve efficiency; a team that initiated energy efficiency 21 measures at facilities owned by the Entergy Companies to help reduce 22 energy usage and carbon emissions; a team that utilized online services 23 to obtain aerials, photos and topographical maps for properties owned by

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1		the Entergy Companies at no or little cost; and a team that created a new
2		process that significantly reduced the number of guest rooms that were
3		reserved and not used by the guest at ESI's conference center.
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5	Q40.	IS THERE ANY MORE GENERAL BENCHMARKING SUPPORT IN THE
6		COMPANY'S FILING?
7	A.	Yes. Although it does not apply explicitly to my class, Company witnesses
8		Michelle P. Bourg and Tumminello address benchmarking studies that
9		apply to ETI's costs. Ms. Bourg addresses benchmarking applicable to
10		ETI total company non-production O&M costs, and Ms. Tumminello
11		addresses benchmarking that applies at the service company (ESI) level.
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13		IV. BILLING ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY
14	Q41.	HOW DOES THE ADMINISTRATION CLASS RECORD AND BILL
15		
16		APPROPRIATE COSTS FOR THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO ETI?
10	A.	The Administration Class uses project codes to capture the cost of specific
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	A.	The Administration Class uses project codes to capture the cost of specific
17	A.	The Administration Class uses project codes to capture the cost of specific groups under this class of service. For each project code, a billing method
17 18	Α.	The Administration Class uses project codes to capture the cost of specific groups under this class of service. For each project code, a billing method is selected that corresponds to the driver of that cost of service. Primary
17 18 19	Α.	The Administration Class uses project codes to capture the cost of specific groups under this class of service. For each project code, a billing method is selected that corresponds to the driver of that cost of service. Primary cost drivers for the services provided are 1) space (square footage)
17 18 19 20	Α.	The Administration Class uses project codes to capture the cost of specific groups under this class of service. For each project code, a billing method is selected that corresponds to the driver of that cost of service. Primary cost drivers for the services provided are 1) space (square footage) occupied, 2) server and mainframe usage, 3) employee headcount, and

1		affiliate costs charged to ETI for which recovery is sought. These are
2		appropriate cost drivers for these services because they reflect the basis
3		that gives rise to the costs.
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5	Q42.	ON WHAT BASIS ARE COSTS IN THIS CLASS CHARGED TO ETI?
6	A.	The billing method for each project is selected based on cost causation.
7		The use of one billing method for each project code ensures that the
8		prices charged to ETI for services are no higher than the prices charged to
9		other affiliates for the same or similar services and represents the actual
10		cost of the services.
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12	Q43.	WITH REGARD TO THE PRIMARY COST DRIVERS USED TO CHARGE
13		COSTS TO OPERATING COMPANIES INCLUDING ETI, HOW OFTEN
14		DO YOU UPDATE THE SPACE OCCUPIED, SERVER AND
15		MAINFRAME USAGE OR NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES SERVED?
16	Α.	The Administration Class gathers information annually to determine how
17		much space each business unit occupies. The information is gathered
18		through discussions with department management and through field
19		measurement. The proportion of space assigned to each of the Entergy
20		Companies is adjusted as appropriate and the square foot billing
21		allocation is recalculated.
22		Statistics underlying the server and mainframe usage cost driver,

23 which applies to the operating and maintenance expense of the data

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23 the Administration Class. Exhibit TCP-9 identifies the System, the

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1	business unit, the amount of office space occupied, and the
2	associated percentage of the total. Billing method SQFTALLC
3	accounts for 23% of the Administration Class affiliate expenses
4	charged to ETI for which recovery is being sought.

- SERVER AND MAINFRAME USAGE --- The "server and 5 mainframe usage composite" billing method ("Billing Method 6 APPSUPAL") is primarily used to allocate the operating and 7 maintenance expenses of the data centers located in Little Rock, 8 The "server and mainframe usage 9 AR and Jackson, MS. composite" billing method is based on the composite usage of 10 UNIX servers, NT servers and the mainframe. 11 The relative amounts of server and mainframe usage required to process 12 various applications is an appropriate basis by which to allocate 13 these costs. Billing method APPSUPAL accounts for 47% of the 14 Administration Class affiliate expenses charged to ETI for which 15 recovery is sought. 16
- EMPLOYEE HEADCOUNT The "full and part-time employees headcount" billing method ("Billing Method EMPLOYAL") has as its basis the number of employees in each system company.
 Typically, this is used as an allocation method for the management of the corporate conference center and setting and reviewing company policies and guidelines for services provided by Facility Management and Administrative Support. This is an appropriate

billing method since employee headcount is the primary cost driver
 in conducting these activities. Billing method EMPLOYAL accounts
 for 10% of the Administration Class affiliate expenses charged to
 ETI for which recovery is sought.

DIRECTTX — The DIRECTTX billing method indicates that the work
 is being billed directly to ETI (that is, 100 percent of the charges go
 to ETI). This billing method is used by the Corporate Security
 group to capture costs driven by the services specifically for ETI.
 This method represents the costs directly charged to ETI and
 accounts for 12% of the Administration Class affiliate expenses
 charged to ETI for which recovery is sought.

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Q45. YOU HAVE ADDRESSED 92% OF THE TOTAL ETI ADJUSTED COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CLASS. PLEASE ADDRESS THE
REMAINING 8%.

A. The remaining costs are billed through the use of other billing methods. Given the number of billing methods, project codes and relative dollar amounts, I have not gone into detail in this discussion. However, the project codes and billing methods used to bill the remaining costs in this class are provided in my Exhibit TCP-B. The reader may reference this exhibit and then refer to the specific project code summary contained in Company witness Tumminello's testimony for a discussion of the

particular billing method used and the cost drivers for the activities
 captured in the particular project code.

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4 Q46. HAVE YOU DETERMINED THAT THE APPROPRIATE PROJECT
5 CODES AND BILLING METHODS HAVE BEEN USED FOR THE
6 REMAINING 8% OF THE TOTAL ADJUSTED COSTS ASSOCIATED
7 WITH THIS CLASS?

Yes. I have reviewed the project codes and associated billing methods 8 Α. used for the remaining 8% of Total ETI Adjusted costs associated with this 9 class and they are reasonable. The costs associated with the remaining 10 billing methods are consistent with and reflect the services captured in 11 each respective project code. The unit cost to ETI as a result of the 12 application of these billing methods is no higher than the unit cost to other 13 affiliates for the same or similar service and represents the actual cost of 14 15 the services.

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ETI CAPITAL ADDITIONS

18 Q47. DO YOU SPONSOR ANY CAPITAL ADDITIONS TO ETI'S PLANT IN 19 SERVICE?

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20 A. Yes, there were a number of plant additions that resulted from activities 21 undertaken by the Administration Class. The capital additions were 22 closed to plant from July 1, 2011 through March 31, 2013, and are now 23 used and useful in providing service to ETI customers. The capital

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additions that I sponsor are detailed in Exhibit TCP-10. The total amount
 of Administration Class capital additions is \$2,538,013.

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4 Q48. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF PROJECTS THAT YOU ARE
5 SPONSORING, AS SHOWN ON EXHIBIT TCP-10.

The CAS&REO Department is responsible for employee facilities and 6 Α. 7 office buildings across the system (excluding generation plant facilities within the power generation structure). The capital additions under my 8 responsibility are directed at preserving and extending the useful life of the 9 10 facilities and upgrading facilities to meet operational needs. Typical 11 projects include capital additions for roofs, building exteriors, building 12 systems (HVAC, mechanical, electrical, life safety, etc.) interior renovations, and upgrades to site infrastructure (roadways, parking, 13 14 drainage, etc.).

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Q49. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE INFORMATION IN EXHIBIT TCP-10, WHICH 16 PROVIDES THE DETAILS ABOUT THE DOLLARS CLOSED TO PLANT 17 IN SERVICE FOR CAS&REO FACILITIES AND THE ASSOCIATED 18 19 AFFILIATE COMPONENT. 20 Α. Exhibit TCP-10 provides the following information: 21 Column A Project Code Number. Column B Project Code Description. 22

23 Column C Asset class.

1	Column D	In service date.
2	Column E	Asset location description.
3	Column F	State location.
4	Column G	Business Unit ("BU").
5 6	Column H	Non-Affiliate Charges Excluding Capital Suspense and Reimbursements.
7	Column I	Reimbursements.
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16	Column J	Represents capital suspense overhead costs associated with administrators, engineers and supervisors to the capital projects for which they provide services. Each function charges their capital suspense to a "Capital Suspense" project, which is then allocated out to the appropriate capital projects. Capital Suspense costs and the subsequent allocation is separated by BU and function combination to more accurately match such costs on the actual projects worked on for each function within a BU.
17 18	Column K	Represents the portion of capital suspense overhead costs (in Column J) from an affiliate.
19 20 21	Column L	Represents the portion of capital suspense overhead costs (in Column J) that are charged to the project by ETI employees.
22 23 24 25 26	Column M	Represents charges incurred by the ESI service company and allocated out to the appropriate BUs based on the ESI billing method assigned to the project plus loaned resource charges incurred at one BU and charged to another BU for services rendered on behalf of that BU.
27 28	Column N	Represents the total affiliate portion of the charges included in Column O, and is the total of Columns K, and M.
29 30	Column O	Represents the total amount of capital additions closed to plant in service.

1	Q50.	PLEASE DESCRIBE SOME OF THE MORE COMMON TYPES OF
2		PROJECTS INCLUDED IN EXHIBIT TCP-10.
3	A.	The following are the more common types of projects included in
4		Exhibit TCP-10:
5		HVAC replacements;
6		Roofing projects;
7		Interior renovations;
8		 Installation and replacement of emergency generators;
9		 Installation of life/safety systems;
10		 Installation of security systems; and
11		Replacing ice machines for crew areas.
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13	Q51.	WHY ARE THESE CAPITAL ADDITIONS NECESSARY?
14	A.	Capital projects are necessary to: 1) preserve ETI's investment in the
15		facility asset; 2) extend the useful life of the asset; 3) upgrade facilities to
16		meet changing operational needs of the occupants; and 4) meet
17		applicable federal, state and local code requirements. For example, the
18		two largest capital projects were for the replacement of cooling towers and
19		chillers at the Liberty Pearl building in Beaumont, Texas. Both of these
20		pieces of equipment had exceeded their useful lives. These systems are

21 needed to supply air conditioning for the entire Liberty Pearl building.

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1 Q52. HOW ARE COSTS FOR THESE CAPITAL ADDITIONS CONTROLLED?

A. Costs are controlled by several means, including competitive bidding,
adherence to the Entergy Companies' Procurement Policy (as discussed
by Company witness Jackson), and review and verification of contractor
invoices and account coding.

6 The primary mechanism for validating the cost of service is 7 competitive bidding of products and/or services, including capital costs. 8 The Entergy Companies' Procurement Policy requires competitive bidding 9 for services greater than \$50,000. Examples of capital projects that have 10 been competitively bid include facility construction projects, building 11 renovations, HVAC system upgrades, fire protection system upgrades, 12 and roof system upgrades.

When projects are competitively bid, the qualified bidder with the 13 lowest cost is awarded the work per the terms of the Entergy Companies' 14 The policy also mandates specific levels of 15 Procurement Policy. management authorization before contracts are executed. Contracts have 16 17 specific rates and ceilings that cannot be exceeded without management 18 approval. Contract managers are required to review invoices for 19 accuracy, completeness of work and accurate coding of account distribution. 20

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1 Q53. ARE THE COSTS OF THESE CAPITAL ADDITIONS REASONABLE?

A. Yes. The costs for these capital additions are reasonable based on the
fact that they are in large part competitively bid and, thus, market
conditions drive the cost.

5 For the few projects that are not competitively bid, work is typically 6 awarded to contractors who: 1) are already under contract with the 7 company for a related product or service and 2) have performed quality 8 work for the Administration Department in the past. Contractors that are 9 already under contract have demonstrated the ability to provide low-cost, 10 quality products and services through compliance with the Entergy 11 Companies' Procurement Policy.

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13 Q54. HOW ARE THE COSTS OF CAPITAL ADDITIONS CAPTURED?

A. Costs are captured in project codes, which are established for each capital addition. The project code is identified for the specific operating company that it benefits, in this case ETI. As invoices are processed for the project and charged to the specific project code, costs are incurred for ETI. Each project code is assigned a cost-causative billing method in the same manner I describe above for ESI billings to ETI and as further explained by Company witness Tumminello.

1	Q55.	IS ETI CHARGED ANY MORE FOR THESE CAPITAL ADDITIONS THAN
2		WHAT IS CHARGED TO OTHER ENTERGY COMPANIES?
3	A.	No. ETI is charged only for capital additions that benefit ETI, and those
4		additions are charged at competitively bid prices, just as for other
5		Entergy Companies.
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7	Q56.	EXHIBIT TCP-10 INCLUDES AFFILIATE COSTS. ARE THOSE
8		AFFILIATE COSTS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS
9		IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CLASS?
10	A.	Yes. The affiliate costs are a necessary part of the capital costs. These
11		affiliate charges include oversight and support costs that are necessary to
12		acquire, design, construct, and/or install these projects.
12 13		acquire, design, construct, and/or install these projects.
	Q57.	acquire, design, construct, and/or install these projects.
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13 14	Q57.	EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED THE
13 14 15	Q57.	EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED THE REASONABLENESS AND NECESSITY OF AFFILIATE COSTS
13 14 15 16	Q57.	EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED THE REASONABLENESS AND NECESSITY OF AFFILIATE COSTS CHARGED TO ETI DURING THE TEST YEAR. DOES THAT
13 14 15 16 17	Q57. A.	EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED THE REASONABLENESS AND NECESSITY OF AFFILIATE COSTS CHARGED TO ETI DURING THE TEST YEAR. DOES THAT DISCUSSION APPLY TO THE AFFILIATE COSTS IN THE CAPITAL
13 14 15 16 17 18		EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED THE REASONABLENESS AND NECESSITY OF AFFILIATE COSTS CHARGED TO ETI DURING THE TEST YEAR. DOES THAT DISCUSSION APPLY TO THE AFFILIATE COSTS IN THE CAPITAL ADDITIONS THAT YOU SPONSOR?
13 14 15 16 17 18 19		EARLIER IN YOUR TESTIMONY, YOU DISCUSSED THE REASONABLENESS AND NECESSITY OF AFFILIATE COSTS CHARGED TO ETI DURING THE TEST YEAR. DOES THAT DISCUSSION APPLY TO THE AFFILIATE COSTS IN THE CAPITAL ADDITIONS THAT YOU SPONSOR? Yes. In Section III above, I discussed the reasonableness and necessity

23 Year. For example, the budgeting and cost controls that were in place for

1		the Test Year costs also applied to the cost of capital projects.
2		Accordingly, the affiliate capital costs are reasonable and necessary; and
3		the amounts billed to ETI are no higher than the amounts billed to other
4		operating companies for the same or similar services and represent the
5		actual cost of services provided.
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7		VI. <u>CONCLUSION</u>
8	Q58.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

9 A. Yes, it does.

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Families and Functions



Supply Chain

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Operations Functions & Classes (\$ Total ETI Adjusted)

Domestic Regulated Utility Operations Group

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Administration Key Findings

Corporate Real Estate

Most recent benchmark year	2011
Benchmark name	International Facilities Management Association Utility Council
Peer group size	37
Utility only (Yes/No)	Yes
Example of companies	1. DTE
	2. Exelon
	3. PGE
	4. Southern California Edison
	5. Xcel Energy
Major Process Benchmark (Rank)	 Headquarters Building Office Space Utilization Usable Square Feet Per Person (Second Quartile)
	 Regional Offices Office Space Utilization Usable Square Feet Per Person (Second Quartile)

Next Steps

- **Maintain Operational Efficiency**
- **Continue To Manage Space Utilization In 2013** AAA
- Conduct Office Space Utilization Benchmark In Q3/2013

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Facilities Planning & Operations

Most recent benchmark year	2011	
Benchmark name	Inte	nternational Facilities Management Association Utility Council
Peer group size	37	
Utility only (Yes/No)	Yes	
Example of companies	ŕ	DTE
	ર્ણ જ	Exelon PGE
	4	Southern California Edison
	ည်	Xcel Energy
Major Process Benchmark (Rank)		Headquarters Maintenance Cost Per Gross Square Feet (Second Quartile)
	ભં	Regional Offices Maintenance Cost Per Gross Square Feet (Top Decile)
	ಣೆ	Service Centers Maintenance Cost Per Gross Square Feet (Second Quartile)
	4	Headquarters Custodial Cost Per Area Cleaned In Square Feet (First Quartile)
	<u>نم</u>	Regional Offices Custodial Cost Per Area Cleaned In Square Feet (First Quartile)
	ú	Service Centers Custodial Cost Per Area Cleaned In Square Feet (Second Quartile)

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- **Maintain Operational Efficiency** ł,
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- Conduct Benchmark In Q3/2013 Identify Areas For Further Investigation And Potential Improvements ÷



COST / GSF WITH MEDIAN

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