

**BEFORE THE
TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**PREPARED REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
OF
DANIEL J. NIKOLICH**

**IN RE:
CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 09-00183**

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1 **Q. Please state your name, position, and address.**

2 A. Daniel J. Nikolich, Manager, Planning and Forecasting, AGL Services Company.
3 My business address is 10 Peachtree Place, Location 1686, Atlanta, Georgia
4 30309.

5 **Q. Are you the same Daniel J. Nikolich who previously provided prepared**
6 **direct testimony in this proceeding?**

7 A. Yes, I am.

8 **Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?**

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10 A. The Tennessee Attorney General Consumer Advocate and Protection Division
11 ("CAPD") sponsored the testimony of witnesses in this proceeding, Dr. David
12 Dismukes who offered testimony on the Company's proposed energySMART
13 program addressed in my direct testimony. My rebuttal testimony responds to
14 CAPD's testimony regarding assumptions and assertions made by Dr. Dismukes
15 regarding the energySMART program and their use in revising the cost/benefit
16 analysis presented by the Company.

1 **Q. Are you sponsoring any exhibits that accompany your prepared rebuttal**
2 **testimony?**

3 A. Yes, I am sponsoring the following exhibits that will be covered later in my
4 testimony:

5 Exhibit DJN-4 -Revised CAPD Style Participation Rate Analysis

6 Exhibit DJN-5 -Low Income Participation Rate Analysis

7 Exhibit DJN-6 –US National Residential Delivered Gas Costs 1970-2009

8 Exhibit DJN-7 –CAPD Equipment Lives Compared to CPUC Standards

9 Exhibit DJN-8 – American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy -

10 Water Heater Costs

11 Exhibit DJN-9 – California 2004/2005 Statewide Residential Retrofit Single

12 Family Energy Efficiency Rebate Evaluation

13 Exhibit DJN-10 –2006-2008 Chattanooga Gas Energy Efficiency Rebate

14 Kick Back Analysis

15 **Q. Please explain the nature and use of cost/benefit analysis presented by both**
16 **you and Dr. Dismukes?**

17 A. Dr. Dismukes and I have both presented cost/benefit analysis of the energySMART
18 program based upon estimates of the future: economic factors, market conditions,
19 customer participation, energy savings, equipment cost, gas prices, and the
20 Company's rate structure.

1 Given this, the Company recognizes that the number of actual participants and
2 resulting benefits costs may differ from those as projected based upon market
3 conditions, energy prices and other external factors, as stated in my pre-filed
4 testimony on p.16, lines 16-18. Implicit in Dr. Dismukes recommendation for
5 monitoring, verification and performance standards with regard to testimony in both
6 this case and in docket no. 09-00104, regarding Piedmont Natural Gas' energy
7 efficiency programs, is a similar recognition that actual conditions and results may
8 differ from those projected. As such the cost benefits presented by both Company
9 and CAPD witnesses are meant to provide the TRA with a guide in evaluating the
10 potential benefits and costs of the Company's proposed program from different yet
11 important points of view.

12 **Q. What is the Company's position on the TRA setting independent monitoring**
13 **and verification mechanisms as proposed by Dr. Dismukes?**

14 A. The Company would support outside annual monitoring and verification by an
15 independent third party. An example of an independent party could be to have one of
16 the universities in Tennessee perform the annual monitoring, verification, and
17 evaluation. This is being done in New Jersey for Elizabethtown Gas by the Center
18 for Energy, Economic and Environmental Policy at Rutgers. Another example of
19 independent monitoring is the Energy Conservation and Efficiency Advisory Group
20 that meets periodically to evaluate, review, and recommend adjustments to the
21 Company's Virginia affiliate's conservation and energy efficiency programs and
22 their outreach efforts. The advisory group includes state and local government
23 officials, members of the Virginia legislature, and local community and religious

1 leaders. That the Company is willing and able to provide the necessary data as
2 shown by its response to CAPD discovery request number 173. In the response, the
3 Company provided for all pilot rebate programs from 2006-2009 a complete data set
4 identifying which program a customer received a rebate under, how much gas was
5 used before the measure was taken, and how much gas was used afterwards, and a
6 calculation of the change in normalized usage by customer premise, in the electronic
7 spreadsheet version of the response, thereby demonstrating that the Company has
8 the capacity and the willingness to provide the data that independent third party
9 evaluation and monitoring would require.

10 **Q. The proposed energySMART program fails the Rate Payer Impact Measure**
11 **(RIM) test in both the Company's revised Cost Benefit analysis and Dr.**
12 **Dismukes' analysis, is this sufficient reason for the TRA to reject the**
13 **Company's program?**

14 A. No. First, the RIM test should not be the only or primary test considered, but rather it
15 should be considered as one of five tests with each providing a different perspective
16 on the potential effectiveness of a program. A fundamental tenet of cost benefit
17 analysis is that costs and benefits do not accrue equally to all. Different groups have
18 varying perspectives on program costs and benefits. The RIM test looks at programs
19 only from the point of view from non-participating ratepayers. Further, the test as
20 employed by both the Company and CAPD witness, assumes that the program will
21 only be offered for five years. This distorts the view of the test, in that all customers
22 eventually have to replace their equipment and if the program is continued all
23 customers could benefit.

1 Second, the practical result of the RIM test is to suggest that the Company will need
2 to recover costs of the energySMART program through a rider as proposed or
3 through a future rate increase. This is entirely consistent with the State of
4 Tennessee's new conservation policy as enumerated in section 53 of Public Chapter
5 531 enacted in 2009, as shown in the following passage:

6 "... that provides timely cost recovery and a timely earnings opportunity for
7 utilities associated with cost-effective measurable and verifiable efficiency
8 savings, in a way that sustains or enhances utility customers; incentives to
9 use energy more efficiently."

10 From this passage, one can infer that the policy anticipates unfavorable RIM tests
11 may result that by calling for "timely cost recovery". Therefore, the Company
12 asserts that as a measure in evaluating program alternatives, the RIM test should be
13 employed, but that failure of the RIM test by programs should not mean rejection of
14 the proposed program.

15 **Q. As stated in Dr. Dismukes testimony, for the CAPD's version of the cost-benefit**
16 **analysis, he made changes to the underlying assumptions, does the Company**
17 **agree that these changes were reasonable and modest?**

18 A. In some cases, the Company finds Dr. Dismukes' changes acceptable and in others
19 they are not. Specifically, the CAPD analysis contains the following changes:

- 20 1. Changed the underlying participation rates based upon using 6 months of data
21 for the Company's Virginia affiliate as it was an entire year's data;

2. Elimination of the inflation adjustment for capacity costs;
3. Includes lost margin revenue even though the Company proposed the Alignment and Usage Adjustment (AUA) that would prevent margin revenue loss as result of usage declines;
4. Applied service lives to equipment based upon the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) data;
5. Changed the customer incremental cost assumption for tankless water heaters and food service equipment;
6. Made adjustments to energy savings based upon average estimates from other states, ignoring actual customer data from Chattanooga Gas Customers; and
7. Applied not very moderate net to gross assumptions regarding free riders, spillover and kickback, based upon a stale survey on 2004-2005 California customers self reported survey results.

Q. Why were the changes to participation rates made for the CAPD's analysis inadequate?

A. Dr. Dismukes' work papers filed in response to the Company's data request number 2, show that initial year 1 participation rates for programmable thermostats, low income weatherization, residential high efficiency furnace incentives, tankless water heater incentives, and high efficiency storage water heater incentives used were based upon the ratio of 6 months participation of the similar program at VNG to the

1 annual average residential customer count for 2009. First, this understates
2 participation by 50% in most cases. Exhibit DJN-4 presents what these results would
3 have been if the correct adjustment for program length had been made. Second this
4 assumes that the underlying residential renovation market is comparable to higher
5 income Hampton Roads area of Virginia. The Company's analysis by its marketing
6 department took into account the size of the potential market, rebate, promotional
7 efforts proposed, and experience with pilot programs over the course of the past four
8 years. Finally, if setting the participation rate for low income weatherization based
9 upon another state where the Company has an affiliate is appropriate, then
10 Elizabethtown Gas where a program has been in effect year round for the last four
11 years would have produced a more reasonable participation estimate even higher
12 than the Company's current estimate as shown in Exhibit DJN-5.

13 **Q. Does the Company agree with the elimination of inflation adjustment to**
14 **escalate capacity costs?**

15 A. No. Cost/benefit analysis looks out over a long time horizon based on equipment
16 effective lives of which exceed 20 years in some cases. In fact over the long term the
17 Company's use of a 2.5% inflation rate may be low based upon data provided by
18 Dr. Dismukes in response to Company's data request number 35. As can be seen in
19 exhibit DJN-6, the annual long term increase in the delivered price of natural gas to
20 residential gas customers has been 5.4% per year over the past 10 years, and 8% per
21 year over the past 40 years, with the non-gas portion of the price as computed by
22 taking the well head difference from the delivered price, has risen 6.3% per year
23 over the past 10 years, and 5.6% per year over the past 40 years. This coupled with

1 the recent increase in the C-2 demand rate that went into effect October 1, 2009 (a
2 rate based upon the average interstate demand and capacity cost per Dth of design
3 day requirement) strongly suggest that accounting for a long term modest escalation
4 in capacity costs would be appropriate.

5 **Q. Does the Company agree with inclusion of lost margin revenues into the cost**
6 **benefit analysis?**

7 A. If the Company's proposed AUA or a Straight Fixed Variable (SFV) rate design as
8 presented in Mr. Yardley's rebuttal testimony is assumed as was in the Company's
9 analysis, then no. In this case, declines in usage would have no effect on the
10 Company's margins. If no AUA and the CAPD's proposed rate structure are
11 assumed then inclusion of lost revenues is entirely appropriate.

12 **Q. Does the Company agree with the equipment lives put forth in the CAPD's**
13 **cost/benefit analysis?**

14 A. Exhibit DJN-7, shows equipment life analysis performed in support of the CAPD's
15 assumptions updated with the addition of the CPUC standards. These lives are based
16 upon effective useful life, meaning the economic use to one owner at a premise and
17 assuming at some point to be made obsolete before the end of its real life by
18 improved technology. However, that stated, the CAPD's proposed equipment life,
19 while tending to be at the low end is within the acceptable range for equipment life.

1 **Q. Does the Company agree with changes to incremental equipment cost for**
2 **tankless water heaters and food service equipment included in the CAPD's**
3 **cost/benefit analysis?**

4 A. The Company acknowledges that in some instances where a customer would have to
5 install new larger water and gas lines as well as make additional accommodations
6 for venting, tankless water heaters may cost as much as the CAPD level indicates.
7 However, the Company believes that the average incremental installation cost more
8 closely resembles that put forth by the American Council for an Energy Efficient
9 Economy and shown in Exhibit DJN-8. As for food service equipment, the
10 additional \$200 cost in the CAPD estimate is within any margin of error in the
11 incremental cost estimate.

12 **Q. Does the Company agree with the changes made to energy savings made for the**
13 **CAPD analysis?**

14 A. No. Dr. Dismukes compared energy savings to other jurisdictions where the
15 Company has local distribution affiliates. Absent actual information about natural
16 gas consumption by Chattanooga Gas customers, this method is as good a bad
17 choice as any other. In fact, even though including a utility with almost 40% colder
18 weather than Chattanooga, Elizabethtown Gas, for some savings estimates, a result
19 similar to the Company's happened. However, in this case and in discovery the
20 Company has provided actual weather load information that has been accepted by
21 the CAPD for use in the Attrition year forecast, by their witness David Peters.
22 Further, in answering CAPD data request number 173, the Company provided actual

1 before and after load data for every CGC customer that received an appliance rebate
2 from the company for energy efficient equipment. This was the data used by the
3 Company to arrive at its usage estimates. Given that the Company's savings
4 estimates are based upon actual CGC data that was made available, the sub-optimal
5 method used to arrive at the CAPD analysis energy savings estimates need not have
6 been employed.

7 **Q. Does the Company agree with the “modest” changes made to account for free**
8 **rider ship, spillover, and kick back effects?**

9 A. First, the “modest” assumption was not modest; rather, for most cases the
10 assumption resulted in a 42% reduction of effective energy savings. The basis for the
11 assumptions used by the CAPD is the CPUC standards. These standards are based
12 upon a 2004-2005 residential study of retro-fit appliance rebates based upon self
13 reported survey data of California residential customers. I've attached the study as
14 Exhibit DJN-9. Using this data assumes that the 2004-2005 California housing
15 market is the same as that of Chattanooga. It also assumes housing prices, incomes,
16 and weather are similar. When a service territory that includes San Diego, a housing
17 market where a home similar to a typical craftsman bungalow that sells now for
18 \$100,000 in Chattanooga could have sold for \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, this clearly is
19 not the case. Since then market conditions have also changed, having gone through
20 the high energy prices resulting from the hurricanes in 2005, a crash in the housing
21 market, and entering into a recession. In addition at the time of the study, California
22 had a long history of appliance rebates and availability of energy efficient equipment

1 as a result in their market. Chattanooga does not. If this program is adopted it will be
2 the first sustained effort to provide energy efficiency incentives to customers.

3 An example of how faulty the resulting logic of these “modest” adjustments is seen
4 in the use of 58% net to gross assumption for tankless water heaters that the CAPD
5 analysis uses. This assumption implies that 42% of all customers replacing their
6 water heater would have done so with a tankless water heater anyway, even though
7 according to the CAPD’s analysis a tankless water heater would cost a customer an
8 additional \$1700 while receiving only an \$85 per year reduction in their bill.
9 Therefore, 20 years would be required to pay back the original cost of the
10 consumer’s investment in a tankless water heater, without taking into account the
11 time value of money. Given this how can 42% of the customers be opting for
12 tankless water heaters?

13 Further, the CAPD analysis applies these same residential not so modest reductions
14 to commercial customers without any support. What small commercial business
15 would accept a 20 year pay back on capital investment with no rate of return?

16 Next, as shown in Exhibit DJN-10, based upon the Company’s response to CAPD
17 data request number 173, kick back volumes were incorporated through use of the
18 average customer savings amount. As shown, from 2006-2008 of the 91 customers
19 receiving rebates for high efficiency furnaces 70 reduced their load by an average of
20 -225 therms while 21 increased their load by 224 therms on average. For the 98
21 accounts who received tankless water rebates from 2006-2008, 70 averaged a 174
22 usage therm reduction, while 28 experienced a 100 therm usage increase. By using

1 the overall average of 107 therms for the high efficiency furnace incentive, and 88
2 therms for the tankless water heater incentive, the kick back effect of increased
3 revenue from a percentage of customers who actually increased their load is already
4 baked in. Building an additional amount for this into the net to gross ratio as was
5 done for the CAPD analysis is essentially a double counting of this effect.

6 Overall, the Company recognizes that there is some level of free ridership that
7 should be included. Also, the Company recognizes that this will change over time.
8 However, the levels of free ridership as represented in the net to gross ratios used in
9 the CAPD cost benefit analysis the Company finds excessive.

10 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

11 **A. Yes.**

Number of Participants		Double by 5th Year Capped at Company Projection							Annual Increase		
		New Participation Levels									
High Efficiency		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5					
90% Furnace	616	Apr to Sep 2009	6	2.0	0.494%	262	328	393	459	525	66
Tankless Water Heater	257	Apr to Sep 2009	6	2.0	0.206%	109	137	164	192	219	27
High Efficiency Storage Water Heater											
(.62 EF+)	94	Apr to Sep 2009	6	2.0	0.075%	40	50	60	70	80	10
Programmable Thermostat	4,483	Mar to Sep 2009	7	1.7	3.081%	1,636	1,602	1,568	1,534	1,500	(34)
Low Income Weatherization	79	Apr to Sep 2009	6	2.0	0.063%	34	42	50	59	67	8

CAPD Low Income Participation Rate Calculation
based upon 6 to 7 Months Data only

	Virginia Natural Gas	Chattanooga Gas Company
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Accounts	Period	Months	Participants % of Customers
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2009 Average Number of Customers
Residential Customers

249,453 Jan to Dec 2009 12 53,108

Number of Participants

Low Income Weatherization

79 Apr to Sep 2009 6 0.032% 17 21 25 29 34 4

**Double by 5th Year Capped at Company Projection
New Participation Levels**

Revised CAPD Low Income Participation Rate Calculation

Adjusted to Full Year Levels

	Virginia Natural Gas	Chattanooga Gas Company
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Accounts	Period	Months	Month Adjustment	Participants % of Customers
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2009 Average Number of Customers
Residential Customers

249,453 Jan to Dec 2009 12 53,108

Number of Participants

Low Income Weatherization

79 Apr to Sep 2009 6 2.0 0.063% 34 42 50 59 67 8

**Double by 5th Year Capped at Company Projection
New Participation Levels**

Revised CAPD Low Income Participation Rate Calculation

Based Upon Elizabethtown Gas

	Elizabethtown Gas	Chattanooga Gas Company
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Accounts	Period	Months	Month Adjustment	Participants % of Customers
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2009 Average Number of Customers
Residential Customers

251,954 Jan to Dec 2009 12 53,108

Number of Participants

Low Income Weatherization

834 Jan to Dec 2009 12 1.0 0.334% 178 222 266 311 355 44

**Double by 5th Year Capped at Company Projection
New Participation Levels**

Company Estimate

120 120 120 120 120 0

Chattanooga Gas Company
U.S. Residential Natural Gas Use
Estimated DNG Revenue per Customer
And Annual percentage Rate of Increase

based upon Exhibit DED-17 from Direct Testimony of Dr. Dismukes

	U.S. Natural Gas Residential Consumption (MMcf)	U.S. Natural Gas Residential Consumption (Tcf)	U.S. Natural Gas Wellhead Price (\$/Mcf)	Price Delivered to Residential (\$/Mcf)	Non-Gas Price	Residential Customers	Per Customer Consumption	Estimated DNG
Years (1970-2009)			40	40	40			
Gross Percentage Increase			2082.4%	999.1%	798.9%			
Annual Percentage			8.0%	6.2%	5.6%			
Years (1999-2009)			10	10	10			
Gross Percentage Increase			69.4%	79.1%	83.8%			
Annual Percentage			5.4%	6.0%	6.3%			
1970	4,837,432	4.84	1970	0.17	1.09	0.92	38,604,000	125.31 \$ 115.28
1971	4,971,690	4.97	1971	0.18	1.15	0.97	39,267,000	126.61 \$ 122.81
1972	5,125,982	5.13	1972	0.19	1.21	1.02	39,881,000	128.53 \$ 131.10
1973	4,879,387	4.88	1973	0.22	1.29	1.07	40,645,000	120.05 \$ 128.45
1974	4,786,128	4.79	1974	0.3	1.43	1.13	41,509,000	115.30 \$ 130.29
1975	4,924,124	4.92	1975	0.44	1.71	1.27	41,516,000	118.61 \$ 150.63
1976	5,051,360	5.05	1976	0.58	1.98	1.4	41,238,000	122.49 \$ 171.49
1977	4,821,485	4.82	1977	0.79	2.35	1.56	41,366,000	116.56 \$ 181.83
1978	4,903,006	4.90	1978	0.91	2.56	1.65	41,845,000	117.17 \$ 193.33
1979	4,965,365	4.97	1979	1.18	2.98	1.8	43,358,000	114.52 \$ 206.14
1980	4,752,082	4.75	1980	1.59	3.68	2.09	44,114,000	107.72 \$ 225.14
1981	4,546,450	4.55	1981	1.98	4.29	2.31	44,924,000	101.20 \$ 233.78
1982	4,633,035	4.63	1982	2.46	5.17	2.71	44,667,000	103.72 \$ 281.09
1983	4,380,599	4.38	1983	2.59	6.06	3.47	45,153,000	97.02 \$ 336.65
1984	4,555,465	4.56	1984	2.66	6.12	3.46	45,670,000	99.75 \$ 345.13
1985	4,433,377	4.43	1985	2.51	6.12	3.61	46,331,000	95.69 \$ 345.44
1986	4,313,969	4.31	1986	1.94	5.83	3.89	46,877,000	92.03 \$ 357.99
1987	4,314,833	4.31	1987	1.67	5.54	3.87	47,710,444	90.44 \$ 349.99
1988	4,630,330	4.63	1988	1.69	5.47	3.78	48,474,449	95.52 \$ 361.07
1989	4,780,638	4.78	1989	1.69	5.64	3.95	49,309,593	96.95 \$ 382.96
1990	4,391,324	4.39	1990	1.71	5.8	4.09	50,187,178	87.50 \$ 357.87
1991	4,555,659	4.56	1991	1.64	5.82	4.18	51,593,206	88.30 \$ 369.09
1992	4,690,065	4.69	1992	1.74	5.89	4.15	52,331,397	89.62 \$ 371.93
1993	4,956,445	4.96	1993	2.04	6.16	4.12	52,535,411	94.34 \$ 388.70
1994	4,847,702	4.85	1994	1.85	6.41	4.56	53,392,557	90.79 \$ 414.02
1995	4,850,318	4.85	1995	1.55	6.06	4.51	54,322,179	89.29 \$ 402.69
1996	5,241,414	5.24	1996	2.17	6.34	4.17	55,263,673	94.84 \$ 395.50
1997	4,983,772	4.98	1997	2.32	6.94	4.62	56,186,958	88.70 \$ 409.79
1998	4,520,276	4.52	1998	1.96	6.82	4.86	57,321,746	78.86 \$ 383.25
1999	4,725,672	4.73	1999	2.19	6.69	4.5	58,223,229	81.16 \$ 365.24
2000	4,996,179	5.00	2000	3.68	7.76	4.08	59,252,728	84.32 \$ 344.02
2001	4,771,340	4.77	2001	4	9.63	5.63	60,286,364	79.14 \$ 445.58
2002	4,888,818	4.89	2002	2.95	7.89	4.94	61,107,254	80.00 \$ 395.22
2003	5,079,351	5.08	2003	4.88	9.63	4.75	61,871,450	82.10 \$ 389.95
2004	4,868,797	4.87	2004	5.46	10.75	5.29	62,496,134	77.91 \$ 412.12
2005	4,826,775	4.83	2005	7.33	12.7	5.37	63,616,827	75.87 \$ 407.44
2006	4,368,466	4.37	2006	6.39	13.73	7.34	64,166,280	68.08 \$ 499.71
2007	4,722,358	4.72	2007	6.25	13.08	6.83	64,964,769	72.69 \$ 496.48
2008	4,872,107	4.87	2008	7.96	13.89	5.93	65,253,954	74.66 \$ 442.76
2009	4,763,528	4.76	2009	3.71	11.98	8.27		

Source: Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy.
Total Consumption: http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/ng/ng_cons_sum_dcu_nus_m.htm
U.S. Wellhead Price: <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/ng/hist/n9190us3a.htm>
Delivered Gas Price: <http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/ng/hist/n3010us3A.htm>
Number of Customers: http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/dnav/ng/hist/na1501_nus_8a.htm

Chattanooga Gas Company
Updated CAPD Appliance Service Lives Analysis

	Residential Measures				Commercial Measures			
	Free Programmable Thermostats	Low Income Weatherization	High Efficiency Furnace/B oiler 90% +	Tankless Water Heater	High Efficiency Storage Heater	Food Service Equipment	High Efficiency Furnace/B oiler	High Efficiency Tankless Water Heater
Assumptions								
Measure Life - Company	17 Years	25 Years	25 Years	20 Years	12 Years	15 Years	15 Years	15 Years
National Home Builders Study (Attachment 156-1)		No Source Documentation Provided by Company	15-20 Years Furnace (18 Years on p. 7); 21 Years Boiler			No Source Documentation Provided by Company	15-20 Years Furnace (18 Years on p. 7); 21 Years Boiler	
Energy Star (Attachment 156-2)	35 Years			20 Years	10 Years		Boiler	20 Years
	15 Years							10 Years
Report to the Energy Trust of Oregon (Attachment 156-3)			25 Years Furnace				25 Years Furnace	
Lawrence Berkley National Laboratory (Attachment 156-4)			10-30 Years Furnace; 30 Years Boilers				10-30 Years Furnace; 30 Years Boilers	
U.S. Department of Energy (Attachment 156-5)			12-24 Years Furnace; 20-30 Years Boiler				12-24 Years Furnace; 20-30 Years Boiler	
Company's Tariff ¹				20 Years	10-15 Years			10-15 Years
Energy Star (independent website research)	15 Years		18 Years Furnace; 20 Years Boiler	15-20 Years	13 Years	15 Years	15 Years	15 Years

Chattanooga Gas Company
Updated CAPD Appliance Service Lives Analysis

		Residential Measures				Commercial Measures				
		Free Programmable Thermostats	Low Income Weatherization	High Efficiency Furnace/B oiler 90% +	Tankless Water Heater	High Efficiency Storage Heater .67 EF	Food Service Equipment	High Efficiency Furnace/B oiler	Tankless Water Heater	High Efficiency Storage Water Heater
<u>Assumptions</u>										
Colorado Public Utilities Commission Order Docket No. 08A-366EG		5 years ³	Attic Insulation 20 Years; Air Sealing and Weather Stripping 10 Years; Wall Insulation 20 years	18 Years	20 Years			18 Years	20 Years	
Montana Public Service Commission Order No. 6697c		10 Years		15 Years		10 Years				
New Mexico Public Regulation Commission Case No. 07-000151-UT	Discontinued Because Savings Could not be Verified						15 Years ⁴			
California Public Utility Commission 2009-2011 Standards		11 Years	11 Years	20 Years	20 Years	11 Years	12 Years	20 Years	20 Years	20 Years
Recommended		10	20	18	20	10	15	15	15	15

Note: ¹ The appliances being rebated here as is shown by the lives of the residential counterparts extends beyond the customers typical economic life as represented in the 15 years life for a commercial customer established in the Company's tariff for main and service extension. As such, a 15 year economic life was used for each of the remaining programs rather than the equipment life.

² Yellow represents the information the Company used to develop its assumptions. Blue represents data located in the Company's source documents but not used.

³ Referred to as a setback thermostat.

⁴ Assumed to be Fryers since Company testimony does not state.

Water Heater type	Efficiency (EF)	Installed Cost ¹	Yearly Energy Cost ²	Life (Years)	Total Cost (Over 13 Years) ³
Conventional gas storage	0.60	\$850	\$350	13	\$5,394
High-efficiency gas storage	0.65	\$1,025	\$323	13	\$5,220
Condensing gas storage	0.86	\$2,000	\$244	13	\$5,170
Conventional oil-fired storage	0.55	\$1,400	\$654	8	\$11,299
Minimum Efficiency electric storage	0.90	\$750	\$463	13	\$6,769
High-eff. electric storage	0.95	\$820	\$439	13	\$6,528
Demand gas (no pilot) ⁴	0.80	\$1,600	\$262	20	\$5,008
Electric heat pump water heater	2.20	\$1,660	\$190	13	\$4,125
Solar with electric back-up	1.20	\$4,800	\$175	20	\$7,072

1. Purchase costs include our best estimates of installation labor and do not include financial incentives.
2. Operating cost based on hot water needs for typical family of four and energy costs of 9.5¢/kWh for electricity, \$1.40/therm for gas, \$2.40/gallon for oil.
3. Future operating costs are neither discounted nor adjusted for inflation.
4. Estimates for tankless gas water heaters are based on the federal EF rating method, which may over-estimate the efficiency of tankless water heaters in houses.



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	High Efficiency Furnace	Tankless Water Heater
Energy Saving Customers Decreasing Consumption		
Customers Decreasing Load	70	70
Average Load Decrease in Therms	-225	-174
Kick Back Customers Increasing Consumption		
Customers Increasing Load	21	28
Average Load Increase in Therms	224	100
Average Results net of Kick Back		
Customers	91	98
Average Load Decrease in Therms	-107	-88