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Re: Petition of B&W Pipeline, LLC for an Increase in Rates and Charges  
Docket No. 15-00042

Dear Sharla:

Please accept for filing the attached rebuttal testimony of William H. Novak in the above-captioned docket.

Sincerely,

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By:

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cc: Rachel Newton  
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PETITION OF B&W PIPELINE, LLC  
FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES  
AND CHARGES

**REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**  
of  
**WILLIAM H. NOVAK**

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Attachment WHN Rebuttal-1	Gas Pipeline Replacement Cost Evaluation
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1 ***Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND OCCUPATION***  
2 ***FOR THE RECORD.***

3 A1. My name is William H. Novak. My business address is 19 Morning Arbor Place,  
4 The Woodlands, TX, 77381. I am the President of WHN Consulting, a utility  
5 consulting and expert witness services company.<sup>1</sup>

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7 ***Q2. ARE YOU THE SAME WILLIAM H. NOVAK THAT PREVIOUSLY***  
8 ***PRESENTED PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS SAME***  
9 ***DOCKET?***

10 A2. Yes.

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12 ***Q3. ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING?***

13 A3. I am testifying on behalf of B&W Pipeline, LLC (“B&W Pipeline” or “the  
14 Company”).

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16 ***Q4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?***

17 A4. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to respond to the direct testimony of the  
18 CAPD and Navitas witnesses. Specifically, the CAPD and Navitas have proposed  
19 adjustments to the Company’s filed case that we disagree with. These  
20 adjustments by the CAPD and Navitas witnesses include the following categories:

21 I. Original Cost of the Utility Plant;

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<sup>1</sup> State of Tennessee, Registered Accounting Firm ID 3682.

- 1 II. Cost of Non-Regulated Plant Transferred to the Company's Unregulated  
2 Affiliate;  
3 III. Utility Operator Fee;  
4 IV. Deferred CCN Costs;  
5 V. Attrition Period Throughput and Usage;  
6 VI. Rate of Return; and  
7 VII. Rate Design.  
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9 I will be discussing each of these proposed adjustments to the Company's case.  
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11 I. ORIGINAL COST OF THE UTILITY PLANT.  
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13 ***Q5. MR. NOVAK, HOW DID THE COMPANY ACQUIRE THE PIPELINE***  
14 ***ASSETS FROM THE PREVIOUS OWNER?***

15 A5. In September 2010, the Company purchased the 48 mile gas pipeline along with  
16 96 oil and gas wells in conjunction with the bankruptcy of the previous owner.  
17 The total price recorded for the acquisition was \$2,633,085.<sup>2</sup> However, because  
18 these assets were purchased in conjunction with the bankruptcy of the previous  
19 owner, no original cost or continuing property records were provided with the  
20 purchase.<sup>3</sup>  
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<sup>2</sup> Company response to CAPD Data Request 2-1.

<sup>3</sup> Furthermore, because of the state of the previous owner in bankruptcy, it is doubtful that such records could have been faithfully relied upon even if they had been provided.

1     ***Q6.   HOW DID THE COMPANY SEPARATE THE \$2.6 MILLION***  
2             ***ACQUISITION COST BETWEEN THE PIPELINE AND THE OIL & GAS***  
3             ***WELLS?***

4     A6.   At the time of the pipeline and well purchase from the bankruptcy court in  
5           September 2010, the pipeline was the only viable asset acquired, since the liability  
6           associated with the existing oil and gas wells exceeded their value. Since the  
7           seller would not consider a pipeline only purchase, the Company was forced to  
8           acquire the wells if it wanted to also acquire the pipeline. As a result, none of the  
9           acquisition cost was assigned to the oil and gas wells. Also, the value of the  
10          pipeline was far in excess of its \$2.6 million cost.

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12         Specifically, the Company acquired a total of 96 wells. Of these 96 wells, only 13  
13         were in production (6 oil wells and 7 gas wells) with the remaining 83 wells  
14         inactive. The Company calculated the value of an active producing oil well at  
15         \$31,900 and the value of an active producing gas well at \$29,043. However, the  
16         calculated liability associated with capping an inactive well was \$5,115, resulting  
17         in a total net liability associated with the oil and gas wells of \$29,845.<sup>4</sup> Therefore  
18         none of the acquisition cost was assigned to the wells since they had no value.

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20     ***Q7.   HOW DID THE COMPANY DETERMINE THAT THE VALUE OF THE***  
21             ***PIPELINE WAS IN EXCESS OF ITS \$2.6 MILLION COST?***

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<sup>4</sup> Company response to CAPD Data Request 2-1.

1 A7. The Company had an independent analysis conducted on the value of the pipeline  
2 by Bell Engineering. I have included a copy of the Bell Engineering Report at  
3 Attachment WHN Rebuttal-1 to my testimony.<sup>5</sup>  
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5 Briefly, the Bell Engineering Report values the 2013 replacement cost of the  
6 pipeline to be \$12,885,858<sup>6</sup> and the 2013 undepreciated cost of the pipeline to be  
7 \$6,559,308<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, the undepreciated replacement cost of \$6,559,308  
8 exceeds the acquisition cost of \$2,633,085 by \$3,926,223 or approximately 149%.  
9 As a result, the Company recorded its acquisition cost of \$2,633,085 as a  
10 reasonable estimate for the original cost of the pipeline.  
11

12 ***Q8. DOESN'T THE UNDEPRECIATED REPLACEMENT COST OF***  
13 ***\$6,559,308 ONLY REPRESENT THE UNDEPRECIATED VALUE IF THE***  
14 ***PLANT WAS BUILT IN 2013?***

15 A8. Yes. The initial portion of the pipeline was constructed around 1982 with another  
16 section constructed around 1988 as shown in the Bell Engineering Report.  
17 However, the undepreciated market value exceeds the acquisition cost by such a  
18 significant amount that even discounting this undepreciated market value by 3%  
19 per year back to its construction date to reflect changes in construction costs as  
20 shown on Attachment WHN Rebuttal-2 would still yield an acquisition cost  
21 below the market value. As a result, the Company reaffirms that its pipeline

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<sup>5</sup> This same report was also provided in response to CAPD Data Request 2-2.

<sup>6</sup> Total replacement cost of \$13,299,138 less \$413,280 cost associated with Section 3 constructed in 2013.

<sup>7</sup> Total undepreciated cost of \$6,972,588 less \$413,280 cost associated with Section 3 constructed in 2013.

1 acquisition cost of \$2,633,085 should be reflected as the appropriate value in rate  
2 base as an estimate of the original cost of the gas pipeline.

3  
4 ***Q9. DOES THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS ALLOW FOR***  
5 ***UTILITY PLANT TO BE RECORDED BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF***  
6 ***ORIGINAL COST?***

7 A9. Yes. Small utilities are often purchased with incomplete records either through  
8 bankruptcy proceedings or forced divestitures. The FERC Uniform System of  
9 Accounts recognizes this condition in its instructions for recording utility plant  
10 which reads as follows:

11 C. The detailed gas plant accounts (301 to 399, inclusive) shall be  
12 stated on the basis of cost to the utility of plant constructed by it  
13 and the original cost, **estimated if not known**, of plant acquired as  
14 an operating unit or system.<sup>8</sup> (Emphasis added.)

15 As can be plainly seen, the FERC Uniform System of Accounts allows the  
16 original cost to be estimated if not known. Therefore, it is B&W Pipeline's best  
17 estimate that its acquisition cost of \$2,633,085 should be properly recorded as  
18 utility plant in service on its books and reflected in the cost of service in this  
19 proceeding.

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21 ***Q10. WHAT AMOUNT DID THE CAPD INCLUDE IN THEIR CASE AS THE***  
22 ***PIPELINE ACQUISITION COST?***

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<sup>8</sup> Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Uniform System of Accounts for Natural Gas Utilities, Gas Plant Instructions, Item 1C.



1 A10. The CAPD has excluded the entire pipeline acquisition cost from its calculation of  
2 rate base and instead only included additions to plant in service since the time of  
3 the acquisition. According to CAPD witness Ralph Smith,  
4 “As shown on Exhibit RCS-1, Schedule 2, I have excluded from Plant in Service  
5 and have treated as an Acquisition Adjustment the amount that B&W paid for the  
6 pipeline because B&W has failed to provide reliable information on the original  
7 cost of the pipeline to the previous owner, Gasco, and has failed to provide the  
8 depreciated original cost under the previous owner, Gasco, at the time of the  
9 acquisition. This adjustment also reflects that the depreciated original cost under  
10 the previous owner, Gasco, at the time of the acquisition was not able to be  
11 ascertained with reliability from any other public information that has come to my  
12 attention, including Gasco annual reports to the TRA and property tax records that  
13 were available from the State of Tennessee. The exclusion of the \$2,597,285  
14 acquisition amount leaves a cost of \$437,715 for the pipeline, which relates to the  
15 pipeline safety improvement amounts that B&W invested in the pipeline after  
16 acquiring it.”<sup>9</sup>

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18 ***Q11. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SMITH’S ANALYSIS?***

19 A11. Certainly not. Mr. Smith has obviously not analyzed any of the data provided to  
20 him by the Company on this issue through data requests and instead relied solely  
21 on his interpretation of the Company’s “burden of proof” to justify eliminating the  
22 Company’s acquisition investment. Under Mr. Smith’s interpretation for “burden  
23 of proof”, no entity would have ever purchased the pipeline assets in conjunction  
24 with the bankruptcy of the previous owners since there were no original cost  
25 records available. By necessity, this would have resulted in a discontinuation of  
26 service.

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28 Further, Mr. Smith’s analysis is inconsistent with the State of Tennessee’s own  
29 assessment of the pipeline for taxing purposes. As shown on Attachment WHN

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<sup>9</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 19, A 47.

1 Rebuttal-3, the state has appraised the utility plant of B&W Pipeline at  
2 \$3,154,842 for property tax purposes. Therefore, we request and recommend that  
3 the TRA reject Mr. Smith's incomplete analysis of the utility plant acquisition  
4 cost and instead accept the Company's actual acquisition cost of \$2,633,085 as  
5 the appropriate amount to include in rate base.

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7 **II. COST OF NON-REGULATED PLANT TRANSFERRED TO THE**  
8 **COMPANY'S UNREGULATED AFFILIATE.**  
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10 ***Q12. MR. NOVAK, YOU STATED EARLIER THAT THE LIABILITIES OF***  
11 ***THE OIL AND GAS WELLS EXCEEDED THEIR ASSETS VALUE.***  
12 ***HOW WERE THESE NON-REGULATED ASSETS ACCOUNTED FOR?***

13 A12. After the acquisition in 2010, all of the assets (both the wells and the pipeline)  
14 were recorded on the books of B&W Pipeline, LLC. During the CCN process,  
15 the Company discovered that it would be best to separate the regulated assets  
16 from the non-regulated assets. As a result, in November 2013, the Company  
17 transferred the gas and oil wells to Rugby Energy, LLC, an unregulated affiliate.  
18 Since no value was assigned to the acquisition of the wells, the only value  
19 transferred represented the system improvements of \$486,216 to the wells since  
20 their acquisition.<sup>10</sup>  
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22 ***Q13. DOES THE CAPD AGREE WITH THIS TRANSFER?***

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<sup>10</sup> Company response to CAPD Data Request 2-1.

1 A13. No. Apparently CAPD witness Ralph Smith feels that the utility was not properly  
2 credited with the true asset value for the wells. Specifically, Mr. Smith's  
3 testimony on this point reads as follows:

4 "Th[e] transfer was not made at arms' length. It was a transfer between two  
5 wholly controlled affiliates both of which have the same ownership. There are  
6 **concerns** that B&W did not receive adequate compensation for the wells that it  
7 acquired and transferred to the affiliate, Rugby Energy, LLC. There are **concerns**  
8 that B&W was not compensated by the affiliate for the market value of the oil and  
9 gas wells that were transferred to the affiliate."<sup>11</sup> (Emphasis added.)

10  
11 ***Q14. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SMITH'S ASSESSMENT REGARDING***  
12 ***THE TRANSFER OF UNREGULATED ASSETS TO RUGBY ENERGY,***  
13 ***LLC.?***

14 A14. No. First, as mentioned previously, the unregulated assets had a negative value  
15 on the date of the acquisition. Therefore, there simply was no value to record on  
16 the acquisition date. All of the information along with the supporting data related  
17 to the Company's valuation of the wells was provided to Mr. Smith through  
18 discovery.<sup>12</sup> However, rather than respond to the Company's analysis for any of  
19 the specific components of the valuation for the unregulated assets, Mr. Smith  
20 chose to only state that there are "concerns" about the valuations without  
21 providing any analysis to that effect.

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23 Secondly, while in hindsight it probably would have been best to initially record  
24 the unregulated assets in a separate entity at the time of the acquisition in 2010,  
25 there would have been no resulting change to the value of the assets on the actual

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<sup>11</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 18, A 43.

<sup>12</sup> Company response to CAPD Data Request 2-1.

1 transfer date. Therefore the assets transferred to Rugby Energy, LLC represented  
2 their total cost which was properly credited to B&W Pipeline, LLC.

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4 Finally, while the transfer of the unregulated assets was in fact made between two  
5 wholly owned entities with common ownership, there was no preference given to  
6 the value of the assets as Mr. Smith seems to indicate. Instead, the assets were  
7 transferred at their historical cost that was properly recorded on the utility's  
8 books.

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10 **III. UTILITY OPERATOR FEE.**

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12 ***Q15. MR. NOVAK, WHY DOES B&W PIPELINE'S AFFILIATE CHARGE A***  
13 ***MONTHLY OPERATOR FEE TO THE UTILITY?***

14 A15. B&W Pipeline has no employees of its own since it would be uneconomical to  
15 have a completely dedicated staff for such a relatively small operation. Instead,  
16 the needs of the pipeline are provided by an affiliate service company (Enrema,  
17 LLC) that also provides services to other entities. In addition to labor, the service  
18 company also allocates vehicle and insurance cost to B&W Pipeline.

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20 ***Q16. WHAT IS THE MONTHLY COST ALLOCATED TO B&W PIPELINE BY***  
21 ***THE SERVICE COMPANY?***

A16. As shown in the response to CAPD Data Request 1, Item 8 the service company allocates \$11,375 per month to B&W Pipeline. This allocation is summarized in Table 1 below.

TABLE 1 – MONTHLY OPERATOR FEE SUMMARY			
Item	Total Amount	Allocation Factor	Allocated Monthly
Labor & Benefits-F. Cash, Operator	\$9,198	50.00%	\$4,600
Labor & Benefits-R. Ramon, Controller	9,113	10.00%	911
Labor & Benefits-M. Recchia, Manager	22,164	5.00%	1,108
Vehicle Cost (2012 Ford F150 Truck)	972	50.00%	486
Pipeline Liability & Umbrella Insurance	7,762	55.00%	4,270
<b>Total Allocated Operator Fee</b>			<b>\$11,375</b>

The labor and benefit costs shown above are allocated to the utility based on the estimates of each individual allocating cost to the utility. Mr. Frank Cash, the local pipeline operator, splits his duties between maintaining the pipeline and supervising the oil and gas wells. Therefore only 50% of his time has been allocated to the utility operations. Mr. Ramon and Mr. Recchia, the Company's controller and general manager, split their duties between several affiliates and therefore allocate only 10% and 5% of their time respectively to the utility operations. The vehicle cost includes depreciation, maintenance and fuel for the truck to service the pipeline that is operated by Mr. Cash and therefore follows his labor and benefit allocation. The final service company cost includes the general liability and umbrella insurance policies pertaining to the pipelines and are allocated at 55% to the utility regulated operations.

***Q17. DOES THE CAPD AGREE WITH THE MONTHLY OPERATOR FEE OF \$11,375 ALLOCATED TO B&W PIPELINE?***

1 A17. No. Again, CAPD witness Ralph Smith feels that B&W Pipeline has somehow  
2 not carried its “burden of proof” on the operator fee, even though he offers no  
3 analysis to prove this point. Specifically, Mr. Smith’s testimony on this issue  
4 reads as follows:

5 “This is an affiliated transaction and thus bears heightened regulatory scrutiny.  
6 The burden of proving the reasonableness of these affiliated fees should be on  
7 B&W. The Company has not justified the total affiliated Operator Fee cost or its  
8 proposed allocation of half the \$273,000 total cost to pipeline operations.”<sup>13</sup>

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10 ***Q18. DOES MR. SMITH PROPOSE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE***  
11 ***COMPANY’S OPERATOR FEE?***

12 A18. Yes. He proposes to take the combined total Operator Fee of \$273,000 that is  
13 allocated to B&W Pipeline and Rugby Energy and then apply a 20% allocation  
14 factor to this amount.<sup>14</sup>

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16 ***Q19. HOW DOES MR. SMITH CALCULATE A 20% ALLOCATION***  
17 ***FACTOR?***

18 A19. He provides absolutely no support for this calculation within his testimony or  
19 exhibits. He proposes to take the total Operator Fee of \$273,000 that is allocated  
20 to both B&W Pipeline and Rugby Energy and then apply a 20% allocation factor  
21 to this amount.<sup>15</sup> That is apparently an arbitrary allocation.

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<sup>13</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 20, A 53.

<sup>14</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 22, A 55.

<sup>15</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 22, A 55.

1 Again, Mr. Smith is making a recommendation without any analysis or  
2 consideration for any of the data that was provided to the CAPD through the  
3 discovery process. Therefore, we request and recommend that the TRA reject Mr.  
4 Smith's incomplete analysis of the Operator Fee and instead accept the  
5 Company's actual cost and proposed allocation methodology that produces an  
6 annual expense to B&W Pipeline of \$136,500.<sup>16</sup>

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8 **IV. DEFERRED CCN COSTS.**

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10 ***Q20. MR. NOVAK, WHAT WERE THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY COSTS***  
11 ***OF B&W PIPELINE ASSOCIATED WITH OBTAINING ITS CCN***  
12 ***CERTIFICATE FROM THE TRA IN DOCKET 13-00151?***

13 A20. According to the Company's 2014 financial statements, the legal and regulatory  
14 fees associated with obtaining the CCN were approximately \$74,383.<sup>17</sup>

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16 ***Q21. HOW WAS THIS COST ACCOUNTED FOR ON THE COMPANY'S***  
17 ***BOOKS?***

18 A21. The Company recognized the entire balance as an operating expense during the  
19 test period. This was done because deferring these expenses first requires  
20 approval from the TRA. Since no approval to defer the CCN costs was received,  
21 the Company included the entire balance in its test period expenses.

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<sup>16</sup> Total allocated monthly cost of \$11,375 from Table 1 \* 12 months.

<sup>17</sup> Attachment 10-2 to TRA Minimum Filing Requirement #10.

1 ***Q22. DOES THE CAPD AGREE WITH INCLUDING THE CCN COSTS AS A***  
2 ***TEST PERIOD EXPENSE?***

3 A22. No. CAPD witness Ralph Smith proposes that the CCN costs should be  
4 capitalized and deferred with an amortization period of 20 years.<sup>18</sup>  
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6 ***Q23. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF MR. SMITH'S PROPOSED AMORTIZATION***  
7 ***PERIOD OF 20 YEARS?***

8 A23. Again, Mr. Smith provides no analysis or basis for his proposal to amortize these  
9 costs over 20 years.  
10

11 ***Q24. DOES THE COMPANY AGREE WITH MR. SMITH'S PROPOSAL TO***  
12 ***DEFER AND AMORTIZE THE TEST PERIOD CCN COSTS?***

13 A24. The Company does not object to capitalizing and deferring the test period CCN  
14 costs if the TRA approves this. However, the Company does object to the 20 year  
15 recovery period proposed by Mr. Smith. The legal and regulatory costs included  
16 in the CCN filing are the same type of costs incurred in the preparation of this rate  
17 case and should not be amortized over a period longer than 60 months.  
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19 **V. ATTRITION PERIOD THROUGHPUT & USAGE.**  
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<sup>18</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 22, A 56.



1 **Q25. MR. NOVAK, WHAT IS THE THROUGHPUT FORECAST THAT B&W**  
2 **PIPELINE USED IN THEIR RATE CASE FOR THE ATTRITION**  
3 **PERIOD?**

4 A25. As shown on Company Exhibit, Schedule 4 that was included with our filing,  
5 B&W Pipeline forecasted the attrition period transportation throughput to be  
6 169,861 Mcf. This attrition period throughput included the addition of two new  
7 Navitas industrial customers as well as expected transportation to one of B&W  
8 Pipeline's affiliates.

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10 **Q26. DOES THE CAPD AGREE WITH THE COMPANY'S ATTRITION**  
11 **PERIOD THROUGHPUT FORECAST?**

12 A26. Only in part. The CAPD states that they agree with the Company's usage forecast  
13 to its intercompany affiliate. However, CAPD witness Ralph Smith states that he  
14 has used the forecast provided by Navitas for the existing and new customers that  
15 was provided in response to the TRA Staff's data request.<sup>19</sup> This produces a total  
16 CAPD throughput forecast of 212,628 Mcf. A comparison of the Company's and  
17 the CAPD's total throughput forecast, along with B&W Pipeline's updated  
18 forecast<sup>20</sup> is presented below in Table 2.

<b>TABLE 2 – ATTRITION PERIOD MCF THROUGHPUT FORECAST</b>			
<b>Item</b>	<b>B&amp;W Pipeline</b>	<b>CAPD</b>	<b>B&amp;W Update</b>
Navitas – Existing Customers	60,411	45,178	60,411
Navitas – New Industrial Customer #1	36,000	108,000	108,000
Navitas – New Industrial Customer #2	26,000	12,000	12,000

<sup>19</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Ralph C. Smith, Page 7, A 17.

<sup>20</sup> The updated forecast retains B&W Pipeline original forecast for existing customers which was actually 32,883 Mcf in 2012, 46,187 Mcf in 2013 and 60,411 Mcf in 2014. In addition, it adjusts the intercompany transportation downward to an annualized amount based on 14,912 Mcf for the first six months of 2015.

B&W Pipeline Intercompany Transport	47,450	47,450	29,824
<b>Total Throughput Forecast</b>	<b>169,861</b>	<b>212,628</b>	<b>210,235</b>

***Q27. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF THE THROUGHPUT FORECAST PROVIDED BY NAVITAS?***

A27. We do not know. Navitas only provided total numbers in their response to the TRA's data request. No explanation or analysis was provided as to how these numbers were derived.

***Q28. WHAT IS THE BASIS OF MR. SMITH'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE THROUGHPUT FORECAST PROVIDED BY NAVITAS?***

A28. Once again, Mr. Smith provides no analysis or discussion as to his rationale or basis. Specifically, no reason is given in his testimony or exhibits for Mr. Smith's acceptance of the Navitas data request response as the basis for his forecast for attrition period throughput. Likewise, no reason or rationale is provided by Mr. Smith for his rejection of the Company's throughput forecast.

***Q29. WHY IS THE THROUGHPUT FORECAST IMPORTANT?***

A29. The acceptance by the TRA of the attrition period throughput is of critical importance to B&W Pipeline. Although the eventual throughput volumes from these new industrial customers will have no detrimental impact to Navitas since they are not included in their base rates, using these same speculative volumes for B&W Pipeline could have a damaging impact on the Company's ability to earn a fair rate of return and provide continuing service. Further, it appears that B&W

Pipeline's original forecast for its affiliate was significantly overstated. All of this points out that there is a great deal of volatility and speculation as to the projected throughput volumes forecasted on the pipeline for the attrition period. Therefore, it may be necessary for the TRA to consider other mechanisms for estimating throughput as I describe later in the Rate Design section of my rebuttal testimony.

## **VI. RATE OF RETURN.**

***Q30. MR. NOVAK, WHAT RATE OF RETURN DID YOU RECOMMEND FOR B&W PIPELINE?***

A30. As shown on Company Exhibit, Schedule 6 that was included with our filing, I took the average of the approved returns on equity for the last three large gas distribution rate cases of 10.12% as a proxy for B&W Pipeline's equity return. Since B&W Pipeline is financed with 100% equity, this 10.12% return also represented the utility's overall rate of return.

***Q31. DID YOUR PROXY RETURN OF 10.12% INCLUDE THE TRA'S MOST RECENT EQUITY RETURN TO ATMOS ENERGY OF 9.8% IN DOCKET 14-00146?***

A31. No. The return for that particular case was adopted after B&W Pipeline filed their petition in this docket. However, that particular docket also included an alternative regulatory mechanism that allows Atmos to true-up its achieved return on an annual basis. The approval of that mechanism likely had an impact on the

1 rate of return that was agreed to by the parties in settlement negotiations and later  
2 adopted by the TRA. No such alternative regulatory mechanism has been  
3 requested by B&W Pipeline in this docket. Therefore, the Atmos return on equity  
4 should properly be considered an outlier for comparisons with this docket.

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6 ***Q32. DID THE CAPD AGREE WITH YOUR REQUESTED PROXY RETURN***  
7 ***OF 10.12%?***

8 A32. No. CAPD witness Dr. Chris Klein did accept the Company's position that it was  
9 funded entirely by private equity. However, he recommends an all-equity  
10 financed return for B&W Pipeline of 8% to 9% with a midpoint of 8.5%.<sup>21</sup>

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12 ***Q33. HOW DID DR. KLEIN DEVELOP HIS RECOMMENDED EQUITY***  
13 ***FINANCED RETURN FOR B&W PIPELINE?***

14 A33. Dr. Klein begins by assuming an optimal hypothetical capital structure of 50%  
15 debt and 50% equity. He then sets a benchmark equity return of 10% and debt  
16 returns of 6%, 7% and 8% to produce an overall return of 8% to 9%.

17  
18 ***Q34. WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR DR. KLEIN'S BENCHMARK EQUITY***  
19 ***RETURN OF 10%?***

20 A34. We do not know. Dr. Klein provides no analysis or discussion specifically as to  
21 how the benchmark equity return of 10% was developed. However, he does note

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<sup>21</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Christopher C. Klein, Page 10, Lines 1 – 6.

1 that the overall return granted to Navitas falls within the same range (8% to 9%)  
2 as his recommendation for B&W Pipeline.<sup>22</sup>

3  
4 ***Q35. DO YOU AGREE WITH DR. KLEIN'S RECOMMENDED RETURN OF***  
5 ***8.5% FOR B&W PIPELINE?***

6 A35. No. Dr. Klein bases his rate of return recommendation for B&W Pipeline on the  
7 assumption that it has the same risk profile as Navitas. However, this is simply  
8 not the case. B&W Pipeline has only a single unrelated customer (Navitas) for  
9 gas transportation service while Navitas has several residential, commercial and  
10 industrial customers. All other things being equal, this structure makes B&W  
11 Pipeline riskier than a typical distribution company such as Navitas.

12  
13 ***Q36. WHAT RETURN DO YOU RECOMMEND FOR B&W PIPELINE?***

14 A36. Admittedly, I am not an expert on recommending rates of return to utility  
15 commissions. Because of this, I used the most recent equity returns for the three  
16 large gas utilities in Tennessee which averaged 10.12% as a proxy for B&W  
17 Pipeline in order to avoid a lengthy debate on rate of return theory and  
18 methodology.<sup>23</sup> I believe that my recommendation of 10.12% adequately  
19 addresses the risk profile for B&W Pipeline. I therefore request and recommend  
20 that the TRA approve 10.12% as the cost of capital for B&W Pipeline.

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<sup>22</sup> Direct testimony of CAPD Witness Christopher C. Klein, Page 11, Lines 1 – 5.

<sup>23</sup> By way of comparison, the TRA awarded a return on equity of 15.40% to Navitas in Docket 12-00068.

VII. RATE DESIGN.

***Q37. MR. NOVAK, AFTER CONSIDERING EACH OF THE ISSUES PRESENTED ABOVE, WHAT IS THE REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR B&W PIPELINE?***

A37. The Company opposes the adjustments proposed by the CAPD and restates its request to increase revenues by \$525,648, resulting in a total revenue requirement of \$627,565 as shown on the Company Exhibit included with our Petition.<sup>24</sup>

***Q38. HOW DOES THE COMPANY PROPOSE TO DESIGN RATES TO RECOVER THIS REVENUE DEFICIENCY?***

A38. As mentioned in Section V of my rebuttal testimony, there is a great deal of dispute regarding the attrition period throughput and usage that is needed in order to properly design rates. Since there is no consensus on throughput and usage, and because an incorrect assumption on throughput and usage could have a material impact on the Company's earnings, I am recommending that the TRA adopt a Sales Adjustment Mechanism ("SAM") for B&W Pipeline.

A SAM is a true-up process previously used by the TRA for gas utilities when attrition period sales volumes are certain. Under a SAM, the actual sales volumes are annually trued-up to the sales volumes adopted by the TRA. The impact of

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<sup>24</sup> Revenue Deficiency of \$525,648 on Schedule 1 + Current Revenues of \$101,917 on Schedule 3.

1 any surplus or deficiency in sales volumes is then either refunded or surcharged to  
2 the customers over the next 12 months.

3  
4 For example, if the TRA were to adopt and set rates on the Company's updated  
5 sales forecast of 210,235 Mcf and the actual sales volumes turned out to be  
6 greater than this amount, then the SAM would calculate the difference, which  
7 would be refunded to the customers over the next year. Likewise if the actual  
8 sales volumes fell below the level adopted by the TRA, then the SAM would  
9 surcharge the customers over the next year. Therefore, the SAM ensures that the  
10 actual sales volumes reflect the level adopted by the TRA.

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12 ***Q39. BASED ON B&W PIPELINE'S REVISED REVENUE REQUIREMENTS***  
13 ***OF \$627,565 AND THE FORECASTED THROUGHPUT AND USAGE OF***  
14 ***210,235 MCF WITH A SAM, WHAT RATE DESIGN DO YOU PROPOSE?***

15 A39. I would recommend that the TRA adopt a daily demand rate structure for B&W  
16 Pipeline. A demand rate structure is how gas transmission pipeline rates are  
17 typically set since they do not have any residential, commercial or industrial  
18 customers.

19  
20 Under a daily demand rate structure, the total revenue requirement of \$627,565 is  
21 divided by 365 days to produce a total daily billing rate. This daily billing rate is  
22 then allocated between B&W Pipeline's two customers on the basis of their usage  
23 to the pipelines total throughput for the past year. The customer usage percentage

1 is then recalculated each year on the basis of each customer's total throughput to  
2 the total throughput on the pipeline.

3  
4 For example, dividing the revenue requirement of \$627,565 by 365 days produces  
5 a total daily demand billing rate of \$1,719. Based upon the B&W Pipeline  
6 updated Throughput and Usage forecast of 210,235 Mcf from Table 2, Navitas  
7 customers will transport 180,411 Mcf (86%) of this total and B&W Pipeline's  
8 affiliates will transport the remaining 29,824 Mcf (14%). Applying these  
9 percentages to the total daily demand billing rate of \$1,571 produces a daily  
10 demand charge of \$1,479 (86%) to Navitas and \$240 (14%) to B&W Pipeline's  
11 affiliates. The total daily demand billing rate of \$1,571 will remain fixed until the  
12 Company's next rate case. However, the transportation throughput percentages  
13 will be updated on an annual basis.

14  
15 This daily demand rate structure allows B&W to recover its cost of service. The  
16 daily demand rate structure also allows Navitas the opportunity to "sculpt" how it  
17 allocates this demand cost to its different customer classes through its purchased  
18 gas adjustment. I therefore request and recommend that the TRA approve a  
19 revenue requirement of \$627,565 for B&W Pipeline along with a daily demand  
20 rate of \$1,719 with a SAM to recover this revenue requirement.

21  
22 ***Q40. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY?***



1     A40.   Yes it does.  However I reserve the right to incorporate any new information that  
2           may subsequently become available.

# ATTACHMENT

## WHN REBUTTAL-1

Gas Pipeline Replacement Cost Evaluation

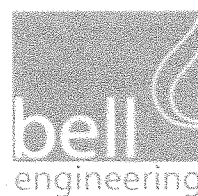


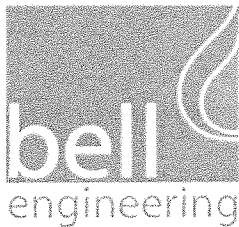
# Gas Pipeline Replacement Cost Evaluation

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B & W Pipeline, LLC  
Cookeville, Tennessee

November 2013





December 12, 2013

Mr. Rafael E. Ramon de los Rios,  
Controller  
ENREMA  
728 South Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4  
Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Re: Gas Pipeline Replacement Cost Evaluation  
B & W Pipeline, LLC  
Cookeville, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Find attached two (2) completed reports of the replacement cost analysis for the B & W Pipeline. Your comments concerning the methodology for the use of the percentage of construction cost for "Miscellaneous Construction Items" and for "Project Costs" have been incorporated into the body of the report.

It has been our pleasure to assist you in this endeavor and trust that the completed report is that which will fulfill your expectations. Should you need additional copies of the report or have other questions concerning the report, please do not hesitate to call.

Also, should you have need for engineering services for other projects, please call. We will be happy to assist.

Sincerely,  
BELL ENGINEERING

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly G. Gillespie".

Kelly G. Gillespie, President, Project Manager

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Carroll R. Ramey".

Carroll R. Ramey, Associate

## GAS PIPELINE REPLACEMENT COST EVALUATION

B & W Pipeline, LLC

728 South Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4

Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

On October 30, 2013, Bell Engineering was authorized by B & W Pipeline, LLC, to conduct a study to determine the replacement cost of their gas pipeline known as the B & W Gas Pipeline. The cost evaluation will estimate the cost to replace the entire length of pipeline from the B & W connection to the Spectra Energy transmission main, near Deer Lodge, Tennessee, to the Navitas master meter approximately one mile south of the Kentucky/Tennessee state line. The total length of this pipeline is approximately 48 miles.

It was also requested, as a part of this report, to estimate the "actual cash value" of the pipeline as it currently exists.

The methodology used for the accomplishment of these tasks is as follows:

1. Adjusting the cost of individual units of gas pipe from past projects to present day costs using the factors presented in the Engineering News Record (ENR) Index. The ENR Index is a publication of the construction industry which considers such factors as inflation, salary changes and material costs. ENR began publishing the data in this index in 1960.
2. The "Actual Cash Value" will be calculated using the present day replacement costs depreciated by the "age of the main".
3. As sections of the main were constructed in different time frames and of different materials, each section must be evaluated separately.
4. As the pipeline components are made up of both steel pipe and polyethylene pipe, and as the construction materials are different, the pipeline age used to estimate the "Actual Cash Value" will be different. For this study it was assumed the useful life of the pipe to be 50 years for steel pipe and 75 years for polyethylene pipe.
5. The study will consider the cost to replace the existing main in place. As such, the methodology used will be similar to completion of a preliminary study. In a preliminary study, the approximate length of a pipeline is known, but "miscellaneous construction items" are not known until completion of the final design. In the B & W case, the lengths of the pipeline are known, but the miscellaneous items of construction which would be necessary to replace the main are not known. These items include, but are not limited to, valves, cathodic protection, line markers, pavement replacement and similar items necessary for construction. It has been found historically, that such items can be estimated as a percentage of the main line construction cost. As the B & W pipeline crosses primarily rural areas, this percentage is estimated at 20%. Should the main be located in urban areas, for example, the percentage would be 30% to 35%.

6. Likewise, the percentage used for this report for "Project Development Costs", also 20%, covers such items as engineering fees, legal costs, company costs to administer the construction contracts, state natural gas rate regulatory soft costs, and administration costs associated with the requirements of other regulatory agencies. As the nature of the pipeline is primarily rural in nature, the percentage used would seem appropriate as compared to a location in an urban atmosphere of which the percentage would be approximately 30%.

The following table presents a list of the pipeline materials, their length and the approximate date of their installation:

<u>PIPE</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>YEAR INSTALLED</u>
6 Inch Medium Density Polyethylene	21,120 Ft.	1982
6 Inch Steel	79,200 Ft.	1981-1982
6 Inch High Density Polyethylene	10,250 Ft.	2013
6 Inch High Density Polyethylene	72,336 Ft.	1988-1989
6 Inch Steel	40,128 Ft.	1988
8 Inch Steel	11,088 Ft.	1986-1987
8 Inch High Density Polyethylene	20,064 Ft.	1986-1987

The individual pipe values, as adjusted to the Engineering News Record Index are as follows:

6 Inch Medium Density Polyethylene	\$26.00 /L.F.
6 Inch High Density Polyethylene	\$28.00 /L.F.
8 Inch High Density Polyethylene	\$32.00 /L.F.
6 Inch Steel	\$42.50 / L.F.
8 Inch Steel	\$54.00 /L.F.

Opinion of probable replacement costs for this system, by section, is shown as follows:

Section 1 – 6 Inch Medium Density Poly.	21, 120 Ft.	@ \$26.00/L.F.	\$549,120.00
Pressure Regulating Station @ Spectra Connection			\$ 50,000.00

Metering Station @ Spectra Connection		<u>\$ 20,000.00</u>
Subtotal		\$619,120.00
Miscellaneous Construction Items @ 20% of Subtotal		\$123,824.00
Total Opinion of Construction Cost		\$742,944.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Costs @ 20%		<u>\$148,589.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 1)		\$891,533.00
Section 2 – 6 Inch Steel	79,200 Ft. @ \$42.50/L.F.	\$3,366,000.00
In-Line Metering Station		<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>
Subtotal		\$3,384,000.00
Miscellaneous Construction Items @ 20% of Subtotal		\$ 676,800.00
Total Opinion of Probable Construction Cost		\$4,060,800.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Costs @ 20%		<u>\$ 812,160.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 2)		\$4,872,960.00
Section 3 – 6 Inch High Density Poly.	10,250 Ft. @ \$28.00/L.F.	\$287,000.00
Miscellaneous Construction Items @ 20%		<u>\$ 57,400.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Construction Cost		\$344,400.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Costs @ 20%		<u>\$ 68,880.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 3)		\$ 413,280.00
Section 4 – 6 Inch High Density Poly.	72,336 Ft. @\$28.00/L.F.	\$2,025,408.00
In-Line Metering Station		<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>
Subtotal		\$2,043,408.00
Miscellaneous Construction Items @ 20% of Subtotal		<u>\$ 408,682.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Construction Cost		\$2,452,090.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Costs @ 20%		<u>\$ 490,418.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 4)		\$2,943,508.00
Section 5 – 6 Inch Steel	40,128 Ft. @ \$42.50/L.F.	\$1,625,184.00
Miscellaneous Construction Items @ 20%		<u>\$ 325,037.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Construction Cost		\$1,950,221.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Costs @ 20%		<u>\$ 390,044.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 5)		\$2,340,265.00

Section 6 – 8 Inch Steel	11,088 Ft. @ \$54.00/L.F.	\$598,752.00
Miscellaneous Construction Items @ 20%		<u>\$119,750.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Construction Cost		\$718,502.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Costs @ 20%		<u>\$143,700.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 6)		\$862,202.00

Section 7 – 8 Inch High Density Poly.	20,064 Ft. @ \$32.00/L.F.	\$642,048.00
Byrdstown Master Meter		\$ 18,000.00
Albany Master Meter		<u>\$ 18,000.00</u>
Subtotal		\$ 678,048.00
Miscellaneous Construction Cost @ 20%		<u>\$ 135,610.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Construction Cost		\$813,658.00
Miscellaneous Project Development Cost @ 20%		<u>\$162,732.00</u>
Total Opinion of Probable Replacement Costs (Section 7)		\$ 976,390.00

#### SUMMARY

#### TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE REPLACEMENT COSTS

Section 1	\$ 891,533.00
Section 2	\$4,872,960.00
Section 3	\$413,280.00
Section 4	\$2,942,508.00
Section 5	\$2,340,265.00
Section 6	\$862,202.00
Section 7	<u>\$976,390.00</u>

TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE REPLACEMENT COST	\$13,299,138.00
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#### DEPRECIATED VALUES

The primary difference between replacement cost and actual cash value is the deduction for depreciation. There are likely several methods for calculating the depreciated value of the B & W pipeline. For the purpose of this report, the depreciation will be calculated on the basis of comparing the expected life of the pipeline materials against the amount of time since they were constructed. For this report, the expected life of steel pipe will be 50 years; the expected life of the polyethylene pipe will be 75 years. This comparison is depicted in the following table:



SECTION	PIPE	YEAR INSTALLED	AGE	DEPRECIATION AMOUNT	REPLACEMENT COST	CASH VALUE
1	Poly	1982	31 yrs.	31/75 – 41.3%	\$891,533.00	\$523,033.00
2	Steel	1982	31 yrs.	31/50 – 62.0%	\$4,872,960.00	\$1,851,725.00
3	Poly	2013	0 yrs	0%	\$413,280.00	\$413,280.00
4	Poly	1988	25 yrs	25/75 – 33.3%	\$2,942,508.00	\$1,962,653.00
5	Steel	1988	25 yrs	25/50 – 50.0%	\$2,340,265.00	\$1,170,132.00
6	Steel	1987	26 yrs	26/50 – 52.0%	\$862,202.00	\$413,857.00
7	Poly	1987	26 yrs	26/75 – 34.7%	\$976,390.00	<u>\$637,908.00</u>
TOTAL OPINION OF PROBABLE CASH VALUE						\$6,972,588.00



# ATTACHMENT

## WHN REBUTTAL-2

Discounted Pipeline Replacement Cost Analysis

# B&W Pipeline

## Discounted Pipeline Replacement Cost Analysis

Discount Rate: 3.00%

Year	Section 1 1982 Installation	Section 2 1982 Installation	Section 4 1988 Installation	Section 5 1988 Installation	Section 6 1987 Installation	Section 7 1987 Installation	Total Value
2013	\$523,033	\$1,851,725	\$1,962,653	\$1,170,132	\$413,857	\$637,908	\$6,559,308
2012	507,342	1,796,173	1,903,773	1,135,028	401,441	618,771	6,362,529
2011	492,122	1,742,288	1,846,660	1,100,977	389,398	600,208	6,171,653
2010	477,358	1,690,019	1,791,260	1,067,948	377,716	582,201	5,986,503
2009	463,037	1,639,319	1,737,523	1,035,909	366,385	564,735	5,806,908
2008	449,146	1,590,139	1,685,397	1,004,832	355,393	547,793	5,632,701
2007	435,672	1,542,435	1,634,835	974,687	344,731	531,360	5,463,720
2006	422,602	1,496,162	1,585,790	945,447	334,389	515,419	5,299,808
2005	409,924	1,451,277	1,538,216	917,083	324,358	499,956	5,140,814
2004	397,626	1,407,739	1,492,070	889,571	314,627	484,957	4,986,590
2003	385,697	1,365,507	1,447,308	862,884	305,188	470,409	4,836,992
2002	374,126	1,324,541	1,403,888	836,997	296,032	456,296	4,691,882
2001	362,902	1,284,805	1,361,772	811,887	287,152	442,608	4,551,126
2000	352,015	1,246,261	1,320,919	787,531	278,537	429,329	4,414,592
1999	341,455	1,208,873	1,281,291	763,905	270,181	416,449	4,282,154
1998	331,211	1,172,607	1,242,852	740,987	262,075	403,956	4,153,690
1997	321,275	1,137,429	1,205,567	718,758	254,213	391,837	4,029,079
1996	311,637	1,103,306	1,169,400	697,195	246,587	380,082	3,908,207
1995	302,288	1,070,207	1,134,318	676,279	239,189	368,680	3,790,960
1994	293,219	1,038,101	1,100,288	655,991	232,014	357,619	3,677,232
1993	284,422	1,006,958	1,067,280	636,311	225,053	346,891	3,566,915
1992	275,890	976,749	1,035,261	617,222	218,302	336,484	3,459,907
1991	267,613	947,446	1,004,203	598,705	211,752	326,390	3,356,110
1990	259,585	919,023	974,077	580,744	205,400	316,598	3,255,427
1989	251,797	891,452	944,855	563,322	199,238	307,100	3,157,764
1988	244,243	864,709	916,509	546,422	193,261	297,887	3,063,031
1987	236,916	838,767	916,509	546,422	187,463	288,950	3,015,028
1986	229,808	813,604	916,509	546,422	187,463	288,950	2,982,757
1985	222,914	789,196	916,509	546,422	187,463	288,950	2,951,455
1984	216,227	765,520	916,509	546,422	187,463	288,950	2,921,092
1983	209,740	742,555	916,509	546,422	187,463	288,950	2,891,639
1982	203,448	720,278	916,509	546,422	187,463	288,950	2,863,070

Discounted Replacement Cost Value to Construction Date \$2,863,070

Acquisition Cost in 2010 \$2,633,085

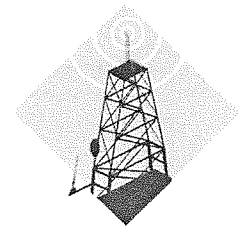
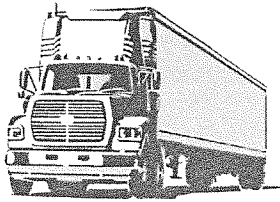
Acquisition Cost below Discounted Replacement Cost Value \$229,985

SOURCE: Attachment WHN Rebuttal-1, Page 5 of 5.

Note: Pipeline Section 3 was constructed in 2013 after the acquisition date and is therefore excluded from this analysis.

# ATTACHMENT WHN REBUTTAL-3

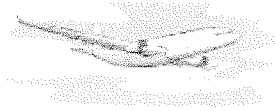
B&W Pipeline 2015 Ad Valorem Report



# STATE OF TENNESSEE

## 2015

### AD VALOREM TAX REPORT



COMPANY NAME B&W Pipeline, LLC

STREET 728 S. Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4 CITY Cookeville STATE TN ZIP CODE 38501  
(PRINCIPLE OFFICE INFORMATION)

STREET 728 S. Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4 CITY Cookeville STATE TN ZIP CODE 38501  
(PRINCIPLE OFFICE INFORMATION IN TENNESSEE)

PHONE NUMBER ( ) 931-563-0100 x 314 FAX NUMBER ( )

COMPANY WEB SITE

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MAIL REPORT TO:

**COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY**  
**OFFICE OF STATE ASSESSED PROPERTIES**  
505 Deaderick Street, Suite 1700  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1402  
(615) 741-0140 FAX (615) 741-0142

1. Company Name B&W Pipeline, LLC
2. Principal Office Location 728 S. Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4  
Number & Street
- Cookeville TN 38501  
City State Zip
3. Is Company INDIVIDUAL? PARTNERSHIP? CORPORATION?  
COOPERATIVE? X OTHER?
4. If a CORPORATION or OTHER similar enterprise, supply the following information:
- Under laws of what state organized Delaware Date organized 7-26-2010  
 Add charter of incorporation or similar enterprise.                      Date dissolved
- Under laws of what state organized Delaware Date organized 7-26-2010
5. Name & address of **PRESIDENT, OWNER, OR PARTNER** Marcelo Recchia  
Name
- General Manager 728 S. Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4 Cookeville TN 38501  
Position/Title Number & Street City State Zip
6. Name & address of **GENERAL MANAGER** Marcelo Recchia  
Name
- 728 S. Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4 Cookeville TN 38501  
Number & Street City State Zip
7. **GROSS** Investment in SYSTEM plant and property December 31, 2014 \$ 3,154,842
8. **NET** Investment in SYSTEM plant and property December 31, 2014 \$ 2,699,310
9. SYSTEM GROSS Revenue (Income) for year ended December 31, 2014 \$ 36,183
10. SYSTEM NET OPERATING Revenue (Income) for year ended December 31, 2014 \$ (94,405)
11. Amount of LOANS FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES, if any \$ 0
12. Indicate stock & debt of company:
- |                       | Amount<br>Authorized | No. of Shares or<br>Amount Issued | Book or<br>Per Value        | Market or<br>Cash Value     |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Preferred Stock       | <u>None</u>          | <u>                    </u>       | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Common Stock          | <u>None</u>          | <u>                    </u>       | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Bonds                 | <u>None</u>          | <u>                    </u>       | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
| Other Long-Term Debts | <u>None</u>          | <u>                    </u>       | <u>                    </u> | <u>                    </u> |
13. State surplus at beginning of 2014 \$ (3,002,550) End of 2014 \$ (3,475,147)
14. State amount of dividends paid for the year 2014: Preferred \$ 0 Common \$ 0
15. State exact dollar amount of FEDERAL INCOME TAX ACTUALLY PAID OR OWED FOR 2014 as reported on your Federal Income Tax Return \$ 0
16. State ACTUAL CASH or MARKET VALUE of all Tennessee plant and property as of January 1, 2015 \$ 2,699,310

17. State NET additions (additions less retirements) to Tennessee plant and property for:  
 2013 \$ 0 2014 \$ 4,905
18. Total number of subscribers in Tennessee 8
19. Does your company operate solely (100%) in Tennessee? X YES        NO  
 If you checked "YES" it will not be necessary to complete questions 20-27.  
 If you checked "NO" **you must** complete questions 20-27.
20. GROSS Investment in Tennessee plant and property December 31, 2014 \$
21. NET Investment in Tennessee plant and property December 31, 2014 \$
22. TENNESSEE GROSS Revenue (Income) for year ended December 31, 2014 \$
23. TENNESSEE NET OPERATING Revenue (Income) for year ended December 31, 2014 \$
24. Percent of TENNESSEE GROSS Investment as compared to SYSTEM GROSS Investment in plant and property  
 December 31, 2014                      %
25. Percent of TENNESSEE NET Investment as compared to SYSTEM NET Investment in plant and property  
 December 31, 2014                      %
26. Percent of TENNESSEE GROSS REVENUE (Income) as compared to SYSTEM GROSS Revenue (Income) for  
 year ended December 31, 2014                      %
27. Percent of TENNESSEE NET OPERATING Revenue (Income) as compared to SYSTEM NET OPERATING  
 Revenue (Income) for year ended December 31, 2014                      %
28. Does your company or its parent holding company file the following? **Check all that apply:**
- |                  |                                  |                  |                 |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <u>      </u> No | a. SEC Form 10-K                 | <u>      </u> No | e. FERC Form 2  |
| <u>      </u> No | b. FCC Form M                    | <u>      </u> No | f. FERC Form 2A |
| <u>      </u> No | c. Annual report to stockholders | <u>      </u> No | g. FERC Form 6  |
| <u>      </u> No | d. FERC Form 1                   |                  |                 |

**File one copy of each of the items checked in item 28 with the Comptroller of the Treasury, Office of State Assessed Properties.**

29. What was the date of your last rate case? N/A - Only CCN Was the case heard by a state PSC  
 or a federal entity?                      What was the return on equity granted?                      %
30. Special questions regarding this report should be directed to:

NAME: Marcelo Recchia

TITLE: General Manager

ADDRESS: 728 S. Jefferson Avenue, Unit #4  
Number & Street

Cookeville TN 38501  
City State Zip

PHONE NUMBER: ( ) 931-563-0100 x 314

FAX NUMBER: ( )

E-MAIL ADDRESS: talktous@enrema.com



**TOTAL INVESTMENT INSYSTEM AND TENNESSEE PLANT AND PROPERTY**

<b>PROPERTY</b>	<b>System Gross Investment* Dec. 31, 2014</b>	<b>System Net Investment* Dec. 31, 2014</b>	<b>Tennessee Gross Investment* Dec. 31, 2014</b>	<b>Tennessee Net Investment* Dec. 31, 2014</b>
<b><u>DISTRIBUTABLE:</u></b>				
Pipeline & Appurtenances	\$ 3,123,450	\$ 2,669,559	\$ 3,123,450	\$ 2,669,559
<b><u>LOCALIZED:</u></b>				
All Other Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 11,292	\$ 9,651	\$ 11,292	\$ 9,651
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENT</b>	<b>\$ 3,134,742</b>	<b>\$ 2,679,210</b>	<b>\$ 3,134,742</b>	<b>\$ 2,679,210</b>

**NOTES:** (1) Gross Investment figures should be original cost before depreciation.

(2) Net Investment figures should be original cost less depreciation reserve assignable to the property on the basis of the company's FERC approved depreciation rates.

**CAPITAL STOCK**

<b>Class and Series of Stock</b>	<b>Outstanding Per Balance Sheet 12/31/2014</b>	<b>Market Price** Average Price Per Share</b>	<b>Amount of Dividend Paid Per Share</b>					
<b>N/A</b>								
	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>

**\*\*AVERAGE MARKET PRICE FOUND BY AVERAGING HIGH & LOW MONTHLY SALES.**

LEASED EQUIPMENT

This schedule should include all operating equipment located in Tennessee that is leased or used by your company.

Type of Equipment	No. Of Units	Total Annual Amount of Rent	Age Of Units	Annual Depreciation Rate	Lease Expiration Date	Owner	Tax Liability Lessor or Lessee	Original Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Depreciated Cost	Location (County & City)
		\$  N/A						\$	\$	\$	

## Summary of Tennessee Property BY COUNTIES, CITIES, AND SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS

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- (1) Please indicate the name of each City and Special School District where you have property and place them in the appropriate block under the name of the county in which they are located. SEE EXAMPLE.
- (2) County figures should reflect the Gross Investment in all property located OUTSIDE corporate city.
- (3) City figures should reflect the Gross Investment in all property located INSIDE corporate city limits.
- (4) The Special School District figures should reflect the Gross Investment in all property located therein. Figures for Special School Districts should be shown in parenthesis and should not be included in the Grand Total as these figures will be reflected in the County.

**PROPERTY SHEET**

**NOTES:** (1) One sheet should be completed for each county and include ALL property EXCEPT that located within the corporate limits of cities. (2) One sheet should be completed for each INCORPORATED CITY and include ALL property therein. (3) One sheet should be completed for each SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT and include ALL Property located therein.

Fentress			
County		City or Special School District	
<u>DISTRIBUTABLE PROPERTY</u>			
Size of Pipeline	Miles of Pipeline	Gross Investment December 31, 2014	Cash Value Jan., 1, 2015
4", 6" and 8"	17	1,041,150.09	889,853.07
Distributable Construction Work in Progress		-	-
Total Distributable Property		1,041,150.09	889,853.07

**LOCALIZED PROPERTY****A. Land:**

Acres	Location Fentress	Year Acquired 2010	Purchased From Gasco Dist Sys	Deed Book	Page No.	Gross Investment Dec. 31, 2014 \$ 6,700	Cash Value Jan. 1, 2015 \$ 6,700
Total						\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700

**B. Structures:**

Kind & Type of Structure Facilities	Location Fentress County	Year Constructed/Acquired 2010	Gross Investment Dec. 31, 2014 \$ 3,764	Cash Value Jan. 1, 2015 \$ 3,217
Total			\$ 3,764	\$ 3,217

**C. Pumping, Metering, & Storage:**

	Gross Investment-Dec 31, 2014	Cash Value-Jan. 1, 2015
Pumping Stations	\$	\$
Metering Stations		
Storage Tanks		
Miscellaneous Equipment	0	0
Total	\$ -	\$ -

**D. Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment, Automobiles, Materials & Supplies, and Other General Equipment**

	\$ -	\$ -
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**E. Localized Construction Work in Progress (Gross Cost) - Please attach a separate sheet identifying and describing the assets reported under this section**

Personal @ 15%	\$	\$
Real @ 100%	\$	\$
Total Localized Property	\$ 1,051,614	\$ 899,770
Total Property: County-City-SSD	\$ 1,051,614	\$ 899,770

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Morgan			
County		City or Special School District	
<u>DISTRIBUTABLE PROPERTY</u>			
Size of Pipeline	Miles of Pipeline	Gross Investment	Cash Value
4", 6" and 8"	17	December 31, 2014	Jan., 1, 2015
		1,041,150.09	889,853.07
Distributable Construction Work in Progress		-	-
Total Distributable Property		1,041,150.09	889,853.07

**LOCALIZED PROPERTY****A. Land:**

Acres	Location Fentress	Year Acquired 2010	Purchased From Gasco Dist Sys	Deed Book	Page No.	Gross Investment Dec. 31, 2014 \$ 6,700	Cash Value Jan. 1, 2015 \$ 6,700
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Pickett			
County		City or Special School District	
<u>DISTRIBUTABLE PROPERTY</u>			
Size of Pipeline	Miles of Pipeline	Gross Investment	Cash Value
4", 6" and 8"	17	December 31, 2014	Jan., 1, 2015
		1,041,150.09	889,853.07
Distributable Construction Work in Progress		-	-
Total Distributable Property		1,041,150.09	889,853.07

**LOCALIZED PROPERTY****A. Land:**

Acres	Location Fentress	Year Acquired 2010	Purchased From Gasco Dist Sys	Deed Book	Page No.	Gross Investment Dec. 31, 2014	Cash Value Jan. 1, 2015
						\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700
<b>Total</b>						\$ 6,700	\$ 6,700

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<b>Total Property: County-City-SSD</b>	\$ 1,051,614	\$ 899,770

**PURCHASES AND SALES OF TENNESSEE PROPERTY**

List all purchases and sales of Tennessee real property (including Telecommunications Towers) that occurred during the year 2014. Give all applicable information for each transaction separately. (You may copy pages as needed)

**Please attach a copy of the warranty deed or sales contract.**

**PURCHASES**

Date of Purchase:

N/A

County/City:

Assessor's Tax Map &amp; Parcel Number:

Purchase Price:

Physical Address:

Number &amp; Street

City

State

Zip

Description of Property:

Grantor (seller):

Type of Improvement:

**SALES**

Date of Sale:

N/A

County/City:

Assessor's Tax Map &amp; Parcel Number:

Sale Price:

Physical Address:

Number &amp; Street

City

State

Zip

Description of Property:

Grantee (buyer):

Type of Improvement:

## REAL PROPERTY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-503 provides that, "If after January 1 and before September 1 of any year, an improvement or new building is completed and ready for use or occupancy...the assessor of property shall make or correct the assessment of such property, on the basis of the value of the improvement at the time of its completion..."

List all real properties under construction or properties that **will be** completed by September 1, 2015.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I, Marcelo Recchia, being the OWNER, PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, AND /OR PARTNER OF B&W Pipeline, LLC, do hereby swear and affirm that the foregoing Ad Valorem Tax Report for the year two thousand fifteen has been prepared from only the original books, papers, and records of said respondent under my direction in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, §67-5-1316, and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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NAME

General Manager  
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OFFICIAL CAPACITY