

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER OF the Application of) UTILITY DIVISION
Deactivation of pipeline service for Five)
Valleys Gas Co. at Seeley Lake, MT) DOCKET NO. D2015.3.31

**DATA REQUESTS OF THE MONTANA CONSUMER COUNSEL
TO FIVE VALLEYS GAS CO.**

MCC-001

Regarding: Comparison Income Statements
Witness: Guay

Please define and give an example of the line item, "Propane Incident costs." Why has this line item not been included before?

MCC-002

Regarding: Comparison Income Statements
Witness: Guay

Please explain and provide supporting documentation of how each of the numbers comprising the total \$44,600 in the column "Necessary Changes", was derived. For *Depreciation Expense*, please include a depreciation schedule showing the components of the 2014 (\$9,951) and revised (\$17,951) depreciation expense levels.

MCC-003

Regarding: Necessary expenses vs. changes
Witness: Guay

On the first page of Exhibit 1 is a list of what Five Valleys considers to be, "additional necessary expenses", that should be included in the non-gas constant totaling \$39,000. Please explain what Five Valleys believes the disposition should be of the additional \$5,600 included in the "Necessary Changes" column included with the *Comparison Income Statements*.

MCC-004

Regarding: Financial Statements
Witness: Guay

Please provide income statements for Five Valleys Gas for 2012, 2013, 2014 and its balance sheets as of the end of 2012, 2013, and 2014.

MCC-005

Regarding: Exhibit 1
Witness: Guay

Please provide an electronic copy of all four pages of Exhibit 1 with all formulas and links intact.

MCC-006

Regarding: Safety requirements
Witness: Thorstad

Please detail the individual safety concerns referenced toward the bottom of page JTD-5 including the related solutions and estimated costs associated with each one. For each concern please indicate if it has to be addressed now because of currently enacted safety regulations (with citation of the requirement) or if it merely has the potential to be an actionable item in the future based on the occurrence of some event such as new regulations coming into effect.

MCC-007

Regarding: Comparison Income Statements
Witness: Guay

On page 4 of Exhibit 1 there is the line item, *Cubic Feet sold* - 3,436,077. Please indicate how that number was derived. Is it actual sales per month for a certain time period, an average of cumulative sales for certain time periods, etc.?

MCC-008

Regarding: Comparison Income Statements
Witness: Guay

On page 4 of Exhibit 1 there is the line item, *Change per Gallon – August* - \$.02793. How was that number derived since it is added with the *Total Non Gas constant* to arrive at a *Total charge per C/F* is that actually a per cubic foot number? Is that referring to August of 2014?

MCC-009

Regarding: Comparison Income Statements
Witness: Guay

On page 4, left hand column of Exhibit 1 it appears that income taxes of \$23,833 are deducted from what is already a loss to arrive at a Net Loss figure of \$37,697. Then in the right hand column on that same page there is no income tax expense deducted even though that column is projecting positive net income of \$18,944. Please explain this presentation of income taxes or indicate if those columns should be adjusted to reflect no income tax expense in the left hand column and include income tax expense in the right hand column.

MCC-010

Regarding: Customer retention
Witness: Thorstad

On lines 3-4, page JTD-7 of your direct testimony you indicate that after notifying customers of the intent of Five Valleys Gas to deactivate the pipeline, some customers requested immediate termination of their pipeline service and to be switched to bottled propane service. How many customers have been switched over to bottled propane service as of the end of June?