

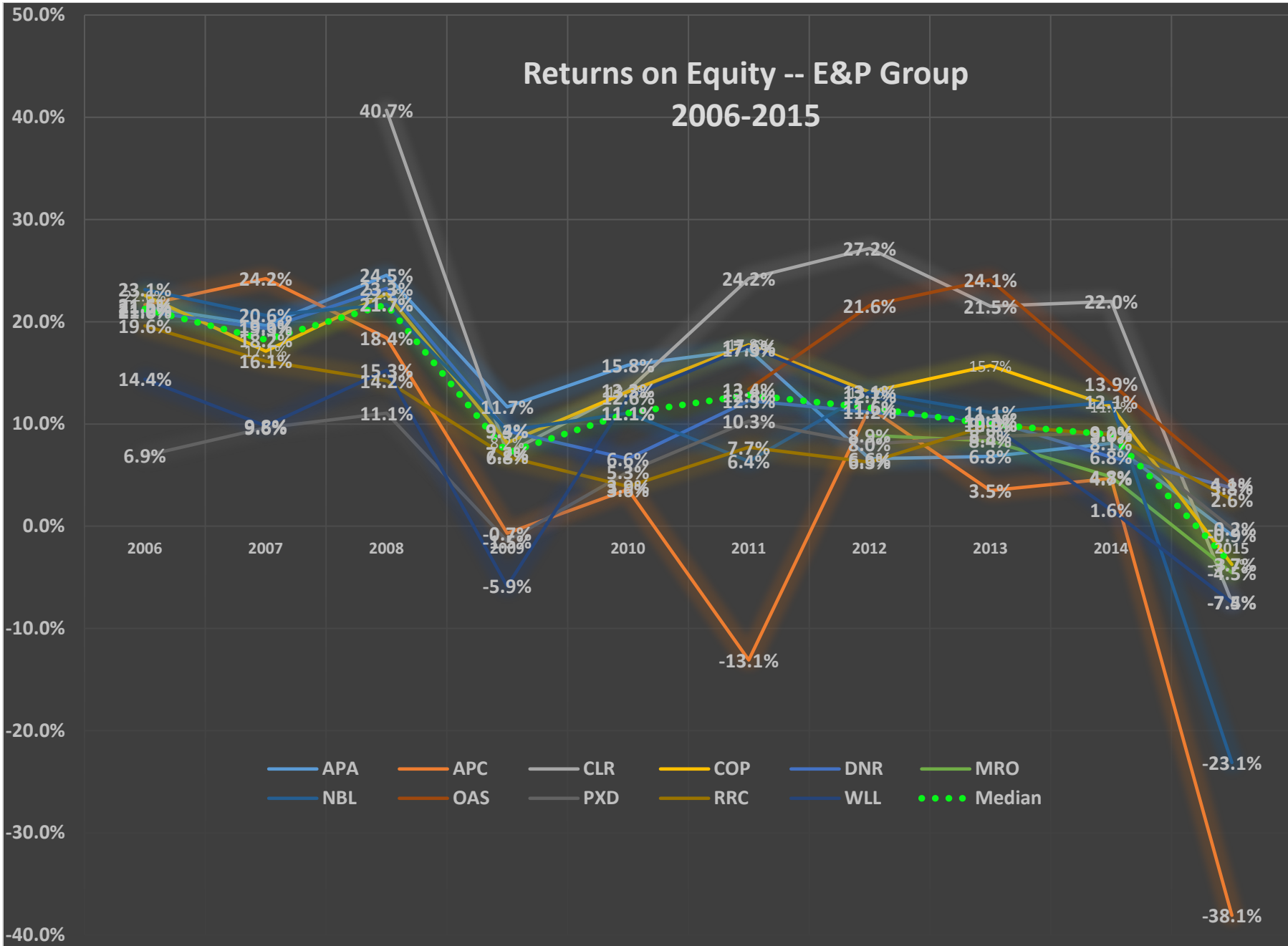
**RETURNS ON EQUITY -- E&P GROUP
2006-2015**

Company	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Median	CoV	"Deadband Analysis" 10.3% to 12.3%		
													Below	Within	Above
Apache Corp. (APA)	21.5%	19.6%	24.5%	11.7%	15.8%	17.3%	6.6%	6.8%	8.1%	-0.9%	13.7%	60.9%	4	1	5
Anadarko Petro. (APC)	21.6%	24.2%	18.4%	-0.7%	3.6%	-13.1%	11.6%	3.5%	4.7%	-38.1%	4.1%	515.7%	6	1	3
Continental Res. (CLR)			40.7%	7.2%	13.3%	24.2%	27.2%	21.5%	22.0%	-7.4%	21.7%	99.3%	2		6
ConocoPhillips (COP)	22.6%	17.1%	22.7%	8.2%	13.2%	17.8%	13.1%	15.7%	11.7%	-3.7%	14.4%	55.6%	2	1	7
Denbury Resources (DNR)	21.0%	19.3%	23.3%	9.3%	6.6%	12.3%	11.2%	10.3%	6.8%	3.8%	10.8%	53.6%	4	3	3
Marathon Oil (MRO)							8.9%	8.4%	4.8%	-4.5%	6.6%	141.9%	4		
Noble Energy (NBL)	23.1%	20.6%	21.7%	9.4%	11.1%	6.4%	13.1%	11.1%	12.1%	-23.1%	11.6%	124.2%	3	3	4
Oasis Petroleum (OAS)							13.4%	21.6%	24.1%	13.9%	4.1%	13.9%	1		4
Pioneer Nat. Res. (PXD)	6.9%	9.6%	11.1%	-1.5%	5.3%	10.3%	8.0%	8.8%	9.2%	-0.2%	8.4%	64.1%	8	2	
Range Resources (RRC)	19.6%	16.1%	14.2%	6.8%	3.9%	7.7%	6.3%	9.9%	9.0%	2.6%	8.3%	56.9%	7		3
Whiting Petroleum (WLL)	14.4%	9.8%	15.3%	-5.9%	12.6%	17.6%	12.7%	10.0%	1.6%	-7.5%	11.3%	110.0%	5		5
Group Median	21.2%	18.2%	21.7%	7.2%	11.1%	12.8%	11.6%	10.0%	9.0%	-3.7%	11.3%	62.5%			
													Below	Within	Above
Outcomes in % of Total Years:													47.42%	11.34%	41.24%

Source: Value Line

Outcomes below 5.65% ROE: 21.6%

Returns on Equity -- E&P Group 2006-2015



Exhibit___(BLC-1)
Schedule 2

CAPM Analysis of E&P Group ROE's

Company	ROE		
	Median	Beta	"Alpha"
Apache Corp. (APA)	13.7%	1.64	2.3%
Anadarko Petro. (APC)	4.1%	1.57	-6.9%
Continental Res. (CLR)	21.7%	1.78	9.5%
ConocoPhillips (COP)	14.4%	1.35	4.6%
Denbury Resources (DNR)	10.8%	3.19	-9.1%
Marathon Oil (MRO)	6.6%	2.29	-8.4%
Noble Energy (NBL)	11.6%	1.42	1.4%
Oasis Petroleum (OAS)	13.9%	2.22	-0.7%
Pioneer Nat. Res. (PXD)	8.4%	1.41	-1.8%
Range Resources (RRC)	8.3%	1.01	0.3%
Whiting Petroleum (WLL)	11.3%	3.17	-8.4%
Group Median	11.3%	1.64	-0.7%

Comparison of COSGO ROE Variability to E&P Group ROE's and BKH Dividends Per Share

			Ten Years of Data:									
	Beta	CoV ⁴	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
BKH ¹	0.67	6.17%	1.32	1.37	1.40	1.42	1.44	1.46	1.48	1.52	1.56	1.62
E&P Group ²	1.64	62.9%	21.24%	18.23%	21.68%	7.16%	11.07%	12.83%	11.59%	9.97%	8.96%	-3.74%
COSGCO ³		87.4%	-5.14%	-0.52%	2.49%	7.16%	14.41%	17.51%	21.36%	23.03%	25.54%	28.06%

Notes:

- ¹ Data are BKH Dividends Per Share 2006-2015
- ² Data are Median E&P Group ROE's 2006-2015
- ³ Data are projected "ROE Actual" from Revised Exhibit 7.2, 2016-2025, Page 5
- ⁴ Coefficient of Variation

Exhibit ____(BLC-1), Schedule 4

Analysis of RRA Regulatory Focus 2014 "Major Case Decisions"

Date	Company (State)	ROE	Amt. \$ Mil.	Notes (see "Legend" below for alphabetic notes)
ROE reported:				
1 9/15/2014	Florida Public Utilities (FL)	10.25%	\$3.8	B,I
2 11/6/2014	Wisconsin Public Service (WI)	10.20%	\$24.6	
3 11/14/2014	Wisconsin Electric Power (WI)	10.20%	\$15.4	
4 11/26/2014	Madison Gas & Electric (WI)	10.20%	\$15.4	
5 12/12/2014	Northern States Power-Wisc (WI)	10.20%	\$14.2	
6 12/11/2014	Entergy Mississippi (MS)	10.07%	\$177.7	B
7 3/26/2012	Southwestern Public Service (NM)	9.96%	\$12.7	
8 7/31/2014	Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power (WY)	9.90%	\$8.4	B
9 12/18/2014	Black Hills Colorado Electric (CO)	9.83%	\$9.2	
10 5/16/2014	Entergy Texas (TX)	9.80%	\$18.5	I,B /7 Rate increase effective retroactive to 3/31/14.
11 8/29/2014	PacificCorp (UT)	9.80%	\$54.2	B,Z
12 10/9/2014	Nevada Power (NV)	9.80%	\$0.0	B
13 2/26/2014	Northern States Power-Minn (ND)	9.75%	\$9.0	B,I 2/Approved settlement includes four year rate plan with step increases to 10.25%.
14 7/23/2014	Rockland Electric (NJ)	9.75%	\$13.0	D,B
15 8/20/2014	Atlantic City Electric (NJ)	9.75%	\$19.0	D,B
16 4/2/2014	Delmarva Power & Light (DE)	9.70%	\$15.1	I
17 5/20/2014	Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light (MA)	9.70%	\$5.6	D
18 6/6/2014	Wisconsin Power and Light (WI)	9.70%	\$0.0	/8 Return on capital (7.90%). Commission approved company's proposal to freeze electric base rates in 20015 and 2016.
19 11/26/2016	Appalachian Power (VA)	9.70%	\$0.0	
20 12/4/2014	Portland General Electric (OR)	9.68%	\$44.3	B
21 7/2/2014	Potomac Electric Power (MD)	9.62%	\$8.8	D
22 8/25/2014	Green Mountain Power (VT)	9.60%	-\$8.8	B 14/ Rate reduction effective 10/1/14.
23 11/6/2014	MidAmerican Energy (IL)	9.56%	\$16.4	R
24 3/17/2014	Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth NG) (NH)	9.55%	\$9.8	D,B, I 6/Additional step increase of about \$1.1 million authorized to be effective 4/1/14.
25 6/30/2014	Emera Maine (ME)	9.55%	\$4.3	D,B 9/ Provides for additional \$1.2 million increase for recover of costs associated with winter 2013 ice and snow storms.
26 7/10/2014	Entergy Louisiana (LA)	9.50%	\$9.3	B,Z
27 7/29/2014	Central Maine Power (ME)	9.45%	\$24.3	D,B 12/ Rate increase retroactive to 7/1/14.
28 3/26/2014	Potomac Electric Power (DC)	9.40%	\$23.4	D
29 12/10/2014	Ameren Illinois (IL)	9.25%	\$200.6	D
30 12/10/2014	Commonwealth Edison (IL)	9.25%	\$232.8	D
31 2/20/2014	Consolidated Edison of NY (NY)	9.20%	-\$76.2	D,B 1/Approved joint proposal (stipulation) includes two-year rate plan that specifies a second-year \$124 million revenue requirement increase.
32 12/17/2014	Connecticut Light and Power (CT)	9.17%	\$134.1	20/ Initial rate increase to be \$130.2 million to reflect a one-year 15 basis point return on equity penalty.
	Median ROE:	9.70%		
	Median ROE Adjusted to include ROE's not reported:	9.60%		
Legend for Alphabetical Notes:				
	B			Order followed by stipulation or settlement by parties.
	D			Applies to electric deliver only.
	I			Interim rates implemented prior to issuance of final order.
	R			Revised.
	Z			Rate change implemented in multiple steps.
ROE not reported:				
1 2/28/2014	MidAmerican Energy (IA)		\$263.6	I,B,Z
2 4/23/2014	Duquesne Light (PA)		\$48.0	D,B
3 7/17/2014	Kansas City Power & Light (KS)		\$11.5	B 11/ Rate case addressed only incremental revenue requirement associated with emissions control equipment at power plant.
4 8/14/2014	Pacific Gas and Electric (CA)		\$196.0	13/ Rate increase authorized retroactive to 1/1/14. Additional "attrition" increases of \$230 million and \$285 million authorized for 2015 and 2016, respectively.
5 9/18/2014	Avista Corp. (ID)		\$0.0	B 15/ Settlement extends terms of existing rate plan approved March 2013 for one year through 12/31/15, keeping base rates unchanged.
6 11/12/2014	Potomac Electric Power (DC)		\$4.7	18/ Rate increase to flow through the company's "undergrounding surcharge" as permitted by law.
7 11/25/2014	Avista Corp.		\$7.0	B
8 12/12/2014	Baltimore Gas and Electric		\$22.0	B
9 12/18/2014	Southwestern Public Service		\$57.1	B
Excluded:				
1 2/28/2014	Virginia Electric and Power (VA)	11.00%	\$14.8	3/Increase through surcharge, Rider W, which reflects rates in investment in Warren County Power Station and associated transportation facilities.
2 3/14/2014	Virginia Electric and Power (VA)	12.00%	\$3.3	4/Rider B, through which costs are recovered for conversion of several plants to biomass fuels.
3 3/14/2014	Virginia Electric and Power (VA)	11.00%	-\$9.0	5/Rider S, for investment in the Virginia City Hybrid Energy Center.
4 9/24/2014	South Carolina Electric & Gas	--	\$66.2	16/ Case involves company's request for a cash return on incremental V.C. Summer Units 2 and 3 CWIP and incorporates the 11% return that was initially authorized in 2009 for use in Summer CWIP related proceedings.
5 9/25/2014	Northwestern Corp.	9.80%	\$116.9	17/ Case is limited issue proceeding associated with the company's purchase of certain hydroelectric facilities.
6 12/18/2014	Arizona Public Service	--	\$57.1	19/ Rate increase through a new rider associated with company's acquisition of a 48% of Four Corners 4 and 5. ROR is return on fair value rate base.
7 12/18/2014	Georgia Power	--	\$26.6	21/Rate increase represents a cash return on incremental 2015 CWIP and preliminary true-up of cash return on 2014 CWIP under company's legislatively enabled nuclear construction cost recover tariff.