## EMPIRICAL CAPM - CURRENT BOND YIELD

## **UTILITY GROUP**

|    |                        | (a)                             | (b)    |         | (c)       |         | (d)                         |      | (e)           | (d)         |                  |        |                           | <b>(f)</b>         | (g)        |                           |
|----|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|------|---------------|-------------|------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------|
|    |                        | Market Return (R <sub>m</sub> ) |        |         | Market    |         |                             |      |               |             |                  |        |                           |                    | Size       |                           |
|    |                        | Div                             | Proj.  | Cost of | Risk-Free | Risk    | Unadjusted RP Beta Adjusted |      | RP_           | Total       | <b>Empirical</b> | Market | Size                      | Adjusted           |            |                           |
|    | Company                | Yield                           | Growth | Equity  | Rate      | Premium | Weight                      | RP 1 | Beta          | Weight      | RP <sup>2</sup>  | RP     | $\mathbf{K}_{\mathrm{e}}$ | Cap                | Adjustment | $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{e}}$ |
| 1  | ALLETE                 | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 2,077.5         | 1.70%      | 12.5%                     |
| 2  | Ameren Corp.           | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.80          | 75%         | 5.2%             | 7.4%   | 11.1%                     | \$ 9,740.4         | 0.76%      | 11.8%                     |
| 3  | American Elec Pwr      | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 24,265.4        | -0.37%     | 10.1%                     |
| 4  | Avista Corp.           | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 1,766.7         | 1.72%      | 12.5%                     |
| 5  | Black Hills Corp.      | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.90          | 75%         | 5.9%             | 8.1%   | 11.7%                     | \$ 2,505.8         | 1.70%      | 13.4%                     |
| 6  | CMS Energy Corp.       | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 7,514.5         | 0.92%      | 11.4%                     |
| 7  | DTE Energy Co.         | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.80          | 75%         | 5.2%             | 7.4%   | 11.1%                     | \$ 12,595.0        | 0.76%      | 11.8%                     |
| 8  | Duke Energy Corp.      | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 49,723.6        | -0.37%     | 10.1%                     |
| 9  | Edison International   | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0. <i>7</i> 5 | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 16,965.0        | 0.76%      | 11.5%                     |
| 10 | El Paso Electric       | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.65          | <i>7</i> 5% | 4.3%             | 6.4%   | 10.1%                     | \$ 1,408.1         | 1.72%      | 11.8%                     |
| 11 | Empire District Elec   | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 1,010.4         | 1.73%      | 12.2%                     |
| 12 | Entergy Corp.          | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 11,368.7        | 0.76%      | 11.2%                     |
| 13 | Exelon Corp.           | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 25,852.8        | -0.37%     | 10.4%                     |
| 14 | Great Plains Energy    | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.85          | 75%         | 5.6%             | 7.8%   | 11.4%                     | \$ 3,971.8         | 1.14%      | 12.6%                     |
| 15 | Hawaiian Elec.         | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.80          | 75%         | 5.2%             | 7.4%   | 11.1%                     | \$ 2,530.3         | 1.70%      | 12.8%                     |
| 16 | IDACORP, Inc.          | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 2,795.4         | 1.14%      | 11.9%                     |
| 17 | NorthWestern Corp.     | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 1,756.2         | 1.72%      | 12.2%                     |
| 18 | Otter Tail Corp.       | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.95          | 75%         | 6.2%             | 8.4%   | 12.1%                     | \$ 1,106.6         | 1.73%      | 13.8%                     |
| 19 | Pepco Holdings         | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.80          | 75%         | 5.2%             | 7.4%   | 11.1%                     | \$ 5,101.6         | 0.92%      | 12.0%                     |
| 20 | PG&E Corp.             | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.60          | 75%         | 3.9%             | 6.1%   | 9.8%                      | \$ 19,464.3        | -0.37%     | 9.4%                      |
| 21 | PNM Resources          | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.95          | 75%         | 6.2%             | 8.4%   | 12.1%                     | \$ 2,037.5         | 1.70%      | 13.8%                     |
| 22 | Portland General Elec. | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | <b>7</b> 5% | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 2,470.0         | 1.70%      | 12.5%                     |
| 23 | PPL Corp.              | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.70          | 75%         | 4.6%             | 6.8%   | 10.4%                     | \$ 20,142.4        | -0.37%     | 10.1%                     |
| 24 | SCANA Corp.            | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 6,895.0         | 0.92%      | 11.7%                     |
| 25 | Sempra Energy          | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | <b>7</b> 5% | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | \$ 22,973.6        | -0.37%     | 10.4%                     |
| 26 | UIL Holdings           | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.85          | 75%         | 5.6%             | 7.8%   | 11.4%                     | <b>\$ 2,011</b> .5 | 1.70%      | 13.1%                     |
| 27 | Westar Energy          | 2.3%                            | 10.1%  | 12.4%   | 3.7%      | 8.7%    | 25%                         | 2.2% | 0.75          | 75%         | 4.9%             | 7.1%   | 10.8%                     | <b>\$ 4,360.8</b>  | 0.92%      | 11.7%                     |
|    | Average                |                                 |        |         |           |         |                             |      |               |             |                  |        | 10.8%                     |                    |            | 11.8%                     |
|    | Midpoint (h)           |                                 |        |         |           |         |                             |      |               |             |                  |        | 10.9%                     |                    |            | 11.6%                     |

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted average dividend yield for the dividend paying firms in the S&P 500 from www.valueline.com (Retreived Jan. 8, 2014).

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<sup>(</sup>c) Average yield on 30-year Treasury bonds for Feb. 2014 as reported at www.federalreserve.gov/releases/h15/data.htm.

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|----|------------------------|-------|------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|------------------|-------------|-------|------------------|---------|----|----------|------------|----------------|
|    |                        | Marl  | ket Return | (R <sub>m</sub> ) |           | Market  |         |        |                  |             |       |                  |         |    |          |            | Size           |
|    |                        | Div   | Proj.      | Cost of           | Risk-Free | Risk    | Unadjus | ted RP | Beta Adjusted RP |             | Total | <b>Empirical</b> | Market  |    | Size     | Adjusted   |                |
|    | Company                | Yield | Growth     | Equity            | Rate      | Premium | Weight  | RP 1   | Beta             | Weight      | RP 2  | RP               | $K_{e}$ |    | Cap      | Adjustment | K <sub>e</sub> |
| 1  | ALLETE                 | 2.3%  | 10.1%      | 12.4%             | 4.6%      | 7.8%    | 25%     | 2.0%   | 0.75             | 75%         | 4.4%  | 6.4%             | 10.9%   | \$ | 2,077.5  | 1.70%      | 12.6%          |
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