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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 001-34245

THE YORK WATER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

23-1242500

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

130 EAST MARKET STREET, YORK, PENNSYLVANIA 17401

(Address of principal executive offices)

17401

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (717) 845-3601

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

YES

NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

YES

NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Small Reporting Company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

YES

NO

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common stock, No par value 12,809,217 Shares outstanding as of November 4, 2014

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

| | Sept. 30, 2014 | Dec. 31, 2013 |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| UTILITY PLANT, at original cost | \$313,081 | \$301,570 |
| Plant acquisition adjustments | (3,542) | (2,900) |
| Accumulated depreciation | (59,033) | (54,433) |
| Net utility plant | 250,506 | 244,237 |
| | | |
| OTHER PHYSICAL PROPERTY, net of accumulated depreciation of \$257 in 2014 and \$240 in 2013 | 779 | 763 |
| | | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3,232 | 7,565 |
| Restricted cash | 25 | 95 |
| Accounts receivable, net of reserves of \$342 in 2014 and \$320 in 2013 | 4,237 | 3,772 |
| Unbilled revenues | 2,291 | 2,286 |
| Materials and supplies inventories, at cost | 794 | 722 |
| Prepaid expenses | 921 | 573 |
| Deferred income taxes | 234 | 219 |
| Total current assets | 11,734 | 15,232 |
| | | |
| OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS: | | |
| Deferred debt expense | 2,604 | 2,187 |
| Notes receivable | 274 | 306 |
| Deferred regulatory assets | 15,187 | 16,123 |
| Other assets | 3,686 | 3,681 |
| Total other long-term assets | 21,751 | 22,297 |
| | | |
| Total Assets | \$284,770 | \$282,529 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

| | Sept. 30, 2014 | Dec. 31, 2013 |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY: | | |
| Common stock, no par value, authorized 46,500,000 shares, issued and outstanding 12,830,714 shares in 2014 and 12,979,281 shares in 2013 | \$77,509 | \$80,545 |
| Retained earnings | 25,372 | 22,966 |
| Total common stockholders' equity | 102,881 | 103,511 |
| PREFERRED STOCK, authorized 500,000 shares, no shares issued | - | - |
| LONG-TERM DEBT, excluding current portion | 84,853 | 84,885 |
| COMMITMENTS | - | - |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 43 | 43 |
| Accounts payable | 2,661 | 1,758 |
| Dividends payable | 1,582 | 1,606 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 1,124 | 1,125 |
| Accrued income taxes | 4,535 | 1,724 |
| Accrued interest | 1,138 | 1,064 |
| Other accrued expenses | 520 | 523 |
| Total current liabilities | 11,603 | 7,843 |
| DEFERRED CREDITS: | | |
| Customers' advances for construction | 11,680 | 11,636 |
| Deferred income taxes | 35,002 | 34,594 |
| Deferred employee benefits | 6,042 | 7,903 |
| Other deferred credits | 2,783 | 2,231 |
| Total deferred credits | 55,507 | 56,364 |
| Contributions in aid of construction | 29,926 | 29,926 |
| Total Stockholders' Equity and Liabilities | \$284,770 | \$282,529 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| OPERATING REVENUES: | | | | |
| Residential | \$7,592 | \$6,823 | \$21,781 | \$20,042 |
| Commercial and industrial | 3,608 | 3,266 | 9,967 | 9,248 |
| Other | 862 | 823 | 2,653 | 2,428 |
| | 12,062 | 10,912 | 34,401 | 31,718 |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: | | | | |
| Operation and maintenance | 2,051 | 1,968 | 5,978 | 5,492 |
| Administrative and general | 2,165 | 1,847 | 6,497 | 5,620 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,487 | 1,437 | 4,433 | 4,301 |
| Taxes other than income taxes | 267 | 293 | 843 | 864 |
| | 5,970 | 5,545 | 17,751 | 16,277 |
| Operating income | 6,092 | 5,367 | 16,650 | 15,441 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES): | | | | |
| Interest on debt | (1,254) | (1,311) | (3,832) | (3,933) |
| Allowance for funds used during construction | 58 | 13 | 157 | 58 |
| Gain on sale of land | 316 | - | 316 | - |
| Other income (expenses), net | (222) | (50) | (438) | (290) |
| | (1,102) | (1,348) | (3,797) | (4,165) |
| Income before income taxes | 4,990 | 4,019 | 12,853 | 11,276 |
| Income taxes | 1,925 | 1,484 | 4,920 | 4,260 |
| Net Income | \$3,065 | \$2,535 | \$7,933 | \$7,016 |
| Basic Earnings Per Share | \$0.23 | \$0.19 | \$0.61 | \$0.54 |
| Cash Dividends Declared Per Share | \$0.1431 | \$0.1383 | \$0.4293 | \$0.4149 |

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Statements of Common Stockholders' Equity (Unaudited)
(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)
For the Periods Ended September 30, 2014 and 2013

| | Common Stock Shares | Common Stock Amount | Retained Earnings | Total |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2013 | 12,979,281 | \$80,545 | \$22,966 | \$103,511 |
| Net income | - | - | 7,933 | 7,933 |
| Dividends | - | - | (5,527) | (5,527) |
| Retirement of common stock | (256,943) | (5,180) | - | (5,180) |
| Issuance of common stock under dividend reinvestment, direct stock and employee stock purchase plans | 108,376 | 2,144 | - | 2,144 |
| Balance, September 30, 2014 | 12,830,714 | \$77,509 | \$25,372 | \$102,881 |

| | Common Stock Shares | Common Stock Amount | Retained Earnings | Total |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2012 | 12,918,633 | \$79,299 | \$20,526 | \$99,825 |
| Net income | - | - | 7,016 | 7,016 |
| Dividends | - | - | (5,359) | (5,359) |
| Retirement of common stock | (94,414) | (1,772) | - | (1,772) |
| Issuance of common stock under dividend reinvestment, direct stock and employee stock purchase plans | 109,476 | 2,075 | - | 2,075 |
| Balance, September 30, 2013 | 12,933,695 | \$79,602 | \$22,183 | \$101,785 |

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Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

| | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2014 | 2013 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$7,933 | \$7,016 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Gain on sale of land | (316) | - |
| Depreciation and amortization | 4,433 | 4,301 |
| Increase in deferred income taxes | 249 | 2,049 |
| Other | 157 | 172 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable and unbilled revenues | (718) | 260 |
| Increase in materials and supplies, prepaid expenses, regulatory and other assets | (674) | (983) |
| Increase in accounts payable, accrued compensation and benefits, accrued expenses, deferred employee benefits, and other deferred credits | 5 | 201 |
| Increase in accrued interest and taxes | 2,885 | 651 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 13,954 | 13,667 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Utility plant additions, including debt portion of allowance for funds used during construction of \$88 in 2014 and \$32 in 2013 | (9,304) | (6,595) |
| Acquisitions of water and wastewater systems | (293) | (28) |
| Proceeds from sale of land | 346 | - |
| Decrease in compensating balance | - | 500 |
| Decrease in notes receivable | 32 | 23 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (9,219) | (6,100) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Customers' advances for construction and contributions in aid of construction | 377 | 567 |
| Repayments of customer advances | (320) | (262) |
| Proceeds of long-term debt issues | 14,880 | - |
| Debt issuance costs | (506) | - |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (14,912) | (31) |
| Repurchase of common stock | (5,180) | (1,772) |
| Issuance of common stock | 2,144 | 2,075 |
| Dividends paid | (5,551) | (5,361) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (9,068) | (4,784) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | (4,333) | 2,783 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 7,565 | 4,012 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$3,232 | \$6,795 |

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Interest, net of amounts capitalized | \$3,671 | \$3,746 |
| Income taxes | 1,848 | 1,322 |

Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:

Accounts payable includes \$1,655 in 2014 and \$997 in 2013 for the construction of utility plant.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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Notes to Interim Financial Statements

(In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

1. Basis of Presentation

The interim financial statements are unaudited but, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation of results for such periods. Because the financial statements cover an interim period, they do not include all disclosures and notes normally provided in annual financial statements, and therefore, should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Operating results for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014.

2. Common Stock and Basic Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were based on weighted average shares outstanding of 12,823,680 and 12,911,795, respectively.

Basic earnings per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were based on weighted average shares outstanding of 12,902,899 and 12,921,440, respectively.

Since the Company has no common stock equivalents outstanding, there are no diluted earnings per share.

On March 11, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program granting the Company authority to repurchase up to 1,200,000 shares of the Company's common stock from time to time. Under the stock repurchase program, the Company may repurchase shares in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. The Company may suspend or discontinue the repurchase program at any time. During the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company repurchased and retired 21,523 and 1,362 shares, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company repurchased and retired 256,943 and 94,414, respectively. As of September 30, 2014, 848,643 shares remain available for repurchase.

3. Pensions

Components of Net Periodic Pension Cost

| | Three Months Ended September 30 | | Nine Months Ended September 30 | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2014 | 2013 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Service cost | \$238 | \$297 | \$714 | \$891 |
| Interest cost | 361 | 320 | 1,083 | 960 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (496) | (411) | (1,490) | (1,233) |
| Amortization of actuarial loss | 31 | 174 | 94 | 523 |
| Amortization of prior service cost | (3) | 3 | (9) | 8 |
| Rate-regulated adjustment | 444 | 15 | 1,215 | 45 |
| Net periodic pension expense | \$575 | \$398 | \$1,607 | \$1,194 |

Employer Contributions

The Company previously disclosed in its financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 that it expected to contribute \$2,182 to its pension plans in 2014. As of September 30, 2014, contributions of \$2,182 had been made. At this time, the Company does not expect to contribute any additional amount during the remainder of 2014.

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4. Interest Rate Swap Agreement

The Company is exposed to certain risks relating to its ongoing business operations. The primary risk managed by using derivative instruments is interest rate risk. The Company utilizes an interest rate swap agreement to effectively convert the Company's \$12,000 variable-rate debt issue to a fixed rate. Interest rate swaps are contracts in which a series of interest rate cash flows are exchanged over a prescribed period. The notional amount on which the interest payments are based (\$12,000) is not exchanged. The interest rate swap provides that the Company pays the counterparty a fixed interest rate of 3.16% on the notional amount of \$12,000. In exchange, the counterparty pays the Company a variable interest rate based on 59% of LIBOR on the notional amount. The intent is for the variable rate received from the swap counterparty to approximate the variable rate the Company pays to bondholders on its variable rate debt issue, resulting in a fixed rate being paid to the swap counterparty and reducing the Company's interest rate risk. The Company's net payment rate on the swap was 3.09% during the three months ended September 30, 2014 and 3.05% during the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

The interest rate swap agreement is classified as a financial derivative used for non-trading activities. The professional standards regarding accounting for derivatives and hedging activities require companies to recognize all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value on the balance sheet. In accordance with the standards, the interest rate swap is recorded on the balance sheet in other deferred credits at fair value (see Note 5).

The Company uses regulatory accounting treatment rather than hedge accounting to defer the unrealized gains and losses on its interest rate swap. Instead of the effective portion being recorded as other comprehensive income and the ineffective portion being recognized in earnings using the cash flow hedge accounting rules provided by the derivative accounting standards, the entire unrealized swap value is recorded as a regulatory asset. Based on current ratemaking treatment, the Company expects the unrealized gains and losses to be recognized in rates as a component of interest expense as the swap settlements occur. Swap settlements are recorded in the income statement with the hedged item as interest expense. During the three months ended September 30, 2014, \$93 was reclassified from regulatory assets to interest expense as a result of swap settlements. During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, \$276 was reclassified from regulatory assets to interest expense as a result of swap settlements. The overall swap result was a loss of \$142 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and a loss of \$844 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The Company expects to reclassify \$359 from regulatory assets to interest expense as a result of swap settlements over the next 12 months.

The interest rate swap agreement contains provisions that require the Company to maintain a credit rating of at least BBB- with Standard & Poor's. If the Company's rating were to fall below this rating, it would be in violation of these provisions, and the counterparty to the derivative could request immediate payment if the derivative was in a liability position. On April 11, 2014, Standard & Poor's affirmed the Company's credit rating at A-, with a stable outlook and adequate liquidity. The Company's interest rate swap was in a liability position as of September 30, 2014. If a violation due to credit rating, or some other default provision, were triggered on September 30, 2014, the Company would have been required to pay the counterparty approximately \$2,238.

The interest rate swap will expire on October 1, 2029. Other than the interest rate swap, the Company has no other derivative instruments.

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5. Fair Value Measurements

The professional standards regarding fair value measurements establish a fair value hierarchy which indicates the extent to which inputs used in measuring fair value are observable in the market. Level 1 inputs include quoted prices for identical instruments and are the most observable. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and observable inputs such as interest rates, commodity rates and yield curves. Level 3 inputs are not observable in the market and include management's own judgments about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The Company has recorded its interest rate swap liability at fair value in accordance with the standards. The liability is recorded under the caption "Other deferred credits" on the balance sheet. The table below illustrates the fair value of the interest rate swap as of the end of the reporting period.

| Description | September 30, 2014 | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Interest Rate Swap | \$2,209 | \$2,209 |

Fair values are measured as the present value of all expected future cash flows based on the LIBOR-based swap yield curve as of the date of the valuation. These inputs to this calculation are deemed to be Level 2 inputs. The balance sheet carrying value reflects the Company's credit quality as of September 30, 2014. The rate used in discounting all prospective cash flows anticipated to be made under this swap reflects a representation of the yield to maturity for 30-year debt on utilities rated A- as of September 30, 2014. The use of the Company's credit rating resulted in a reduction in the fair value of the swap liability of \$29 as of September 30, 2014. The fair value of the swap reflecting the Company's credit quality as of December 31, 2013 is shown in the table below.

| Description | December 31, 2013 | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| Interest Rate Swap | \$1,641 | \$1,641 |

The carrying amount of current assets and liabilities that are considered financial instruments approximates fair value as of the dates presented. The Company's long-term debt (including current maturities), with a carrying value of \$84,896 at September 30, 2014, and \$84,928 at December 31, 2013, had an estimated fair value of approximately \$96,000 and \$94,000, respectively. The estimated fair value of debt was calculated using a discounted cash flow technique that incorporates a market interest yield curve with adjustments for duration and risk profile. These inputs to this calculation are deemed to be Level 2 inputs. The Company recognized its credit rating in determining the yield curve, and did not factor in third party credit enhancements including bond insurance on the 2004 PEDFA Series A and 2006 Industrial Development Authority issues, and the letter of credit on the 2008 PEDFA Series A issue.

Customers' advances for construction and notes receivable have carrying values at September 30, 2014 of \$11,680 and \$274, respectively. At December 31, 2013, customers' advances for construction and notes receivable had carrying values of \$11,636 and \$306, respectively. The relative fair values of these amounts cannot be accurately estimated since the timing of future payment streams is dependent upon several factors, including new customer connections, customer consumption levels and future rate increases.

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6. Debt

| | As of Sept. 30, 2014 | As of Dec. 31, 2013 |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 4.05% Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2004, due 2016 | \$2,350 | \$2,350 |
| 5.00% Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series A of 2004, due 2016 | 4,950 | 4,950 |
| 10.17% Senior Notes, Series A, due 2019 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| 9.60% Senior Notes, Series B, due 2019 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| 1.00% Pennvest Note, due 2019 | 216 | 248 |
| 10.05% Senior Notes, Series C, due 2020 | 6,500 | 6,500 |
| 8.43% Senior Notes, Series D, due 2022 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| Variable Rate Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008A, due 2029 | 12,000 | 12,000 |
| 4.75% Industrial Development Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 2006, due 2036 | 10,500 | 10,500 |
| 6.00% Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B, due 2038 | - | 14,880 |
| 5.00% Monthly Senior Notes, Series 2010A, due 2040 | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| 4.50% Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority Exempt Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, due 2038 | 14,880 | - |
| Total long-term debt | 84,896 | 84,928 |
| Less current maturities | (43) | (43) |
| Long-term portion | \$84,853 | \$84,885 |

On April 25, 2014, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (the "PEDFA") issued \$14,880 aggregate principal amount of PEDFA Exempt Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 (the "Series 2014 Bonds") for the Company's benefit pursuant to the terms of a trust indenture, dated as of April 1, 2014, between the PEDFA and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as trustee. The PEDFA then loaned the proceeds of the offering of the Series 2014 Bonds to the Company pursuant to a loan agreement, dated as of April 1, 2014, between the Company and the PEDFA. The loan bears interest at a rate of 4.50% payable semiannually. The maturity date of the loan is November 1, 2038. Amounts outstanding under the loan agreement are direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company. The proceeds of the loan were used to redeem the 6.00% PEDFA Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series 2008B.

The Series 2014 Bonds contain both optional and special redemption provisions. Under the optional provisions, the Company can redeem all or a portion of the bonds on or after May 1, 2019. Under the special provisions, representatives of deceased beneficial owners of the bonds have the right to request redemption prior to the stated maturity of all or part of their interest in the bonds beginning on or after May 1, 2014. The Company is not obligated to redeem any individual interest exceeding \$25, or aggregate interest exceeding \$300, in any annual period. Currently, no bonds that met the special provisions have been tendered for redemption.

In May 2014, the Company renewed its \$13,000 committed line of credit and extended the maturity date to May 2016.

In June 2014, the Company renewed its \$11,000 committed line of credit and extended the maturity date to May 2016, and its \$5,000 committed line of credit and extended the maturity date to June 2015.

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7. Acquisitions

On February 7, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of the wastewater facilities of East Prospect Borough Authority in York County, Pennsylvania. The Company began operating the existing collection and treatment facilities on February 8, 2014. The acquisition resulted in the addition of approximately 400 wastewater customers with purchase price and acquisition costs of approximately \$281, which is less than the depreciated original cost of the assets. The Company recorded a negative acquisition adjustment of approximately \$667 and will seek approval from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, or PPUC, to amortize the negative acquisition adjustment over the remaining life of the acquired assets.

On May 30, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of the water assets of Forest Lakes Water Association in York County, Pennsylvania. The Company began operating the existing system through an interconnection with its current distribution system on June 2, 2014. The acquisition resulted in the addition of approximately 70 water customers with purchase price and acquisition costs of approximately \$12, which is less than the depreciated original cost of the assets. The Company recorded a negative acquisition adjustment of approximately \$15 and will seek approval from the PPUC to amortize the negative acquisition adjustment over the remaining life of the acquired assets.

The results of these acquisitions have been immaterial to total Company results.

8. Rate Matters

From time to time, the Company files applications for rate increases with the PPUC and is granted rate relief as a result of such requests. The most recent rate request was filed by the Company on May 29, 2013 and sought an increase in rates designed to produce additional annual water revenues of \$7,116 and additional annual wastewater revenues of \$28. Effective February 28, 2014, the PPUC authorized an increase in water rates designed to produce approximately \$4,972 in additional annual revenues, and an increase in wastewater rates for the Asbury Pointe subdivision to produce approximately \$28 in additional annual revenues.

The PPUC permits water utilities to collect a distribution system improvement charge (DSIC). The DSIC allows the Company to add a charge to customers' bills for qualified replacement costs of certain infrastructure without submitting a rate filing. This surcharge mechanism typically adjusts periodically based on additional qualified capital expenditures completed or anticipated in a future period. The DSIC is capped at 5% of base rates, and is reset to zero when new base rates that reflect the costs of those additions become effective or when a utility's earnings exceed a regulatory benchmark. The surcharge reset to zero when the new base rates took effect in February 28, 2014. The DSIC provided revenues of \$0 for the three months ended September 30, 2014 and \$380 for the three months ended September 30, 2013. The DSIC provided revenue of \$283 for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 and \$1,047 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

9. Impact of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This ASU supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Accounting Standards Codification 605—Revenue Recognition and most industry-specific guidance throughout the Codification. The standard requires that an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is in the process of assessing the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09 on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis of
Financial Condition and Results of Operations
Item 2. (In thousands of dollars, except per share amounts)

Forward-looking Statements

Certain statements contained in this report on Form 10-Q constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933. Words such as "may," "should," "believe," "anticipate," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements include certain information relating to the Company's business strategy; statements including, but not limited to:

- the amount and timing of rate increases and other regulatory matters including the recovery of costs recorded as regulatory assets;
- expected profitability and results of operations;
- trends;
- goals, priorities and plans for, and cost of, growth and expansion;
- strategic initiatives;
- availability of water supply;
- water usage by customers; and
- the ability to pay dividends on common stock and the rate of those dividends.

The forward-looking statements in this report reflect what the Company currently anticipates will happen. What actually happens could differ materially from what it currently anticipates will happen. The Company does not intend to make a public announcement when forward-looking statements in this report are no longer accurate, whether as a result of new information, what actually happens in the future or for any other reason. Important matters that may affect what will actually happen include, but are not limited to:

- changes in weather, including drought conditions or extended periods of heavy rainfall;
- levels of rate relief granted;
- the level of commercial and industrial business activity within the Company's service territory;
- construction of new housing within the Company's service territory and increases in population;
- changes in government policies or regulations, including the tax code;
- the ability to obtain permits for expansion projects;
- material changes in demand from customers, including the impact of conservation efforts which may impact the demand of customers for water;
- changes in economic and business conditions, including interest rates, which are less favorable than expected;
- loss of customers;
- changes in, or unanticipated, capital requirements;
- the impact of acquisitions;
- changes in accounting pronouncements;
- changes in the Company's credit rating or the market price of its common stock;
- the ability to obtain financing; and
- other matters set forth in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

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General Information

The primary business of the Company is to impound, purify to meet or exceed safe drinking water standards and distribute water. The Company also owns and operates two wastewater collection and treatment systems. The Company operates within its franchised water territory, which covers 39 municipalities within York County, Pennsylvania and eight municipalities within Adams County, Pennsylvania. The Company's wastewater operations include portions of three municipalities in York County, Pennsylvania. The Company is regulated by the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, or PPUC, in the areas of billing, payment procedures, dispute processing, terminations, service territory, debt and equity financing and rate setting. The Company must obtain PPUC approval before changing any practices associated with the aforementioned areas.

Water service is supplied through the Company's own distribution system. The Company obtains the bulk of its water supply from both the South Branch and East Branch of the Codorus Creek, which together have an average daily flow of 73.0 million gallons. This combined watershed area is approximately 117 square miles. The Company has two reservoirs, Lake Williams and Lake Redman, which together hold up to approximately 2.2 billion gallons of water. The Company has a 15-mile pipeline from the Susquehanna River to Lake Redman which provides access to an additional supply of 12.0 million gallons of untreated water per day. The Company also owns two wells which are capable of providing a safe yield of approximately 100,000 gallons per day to supply water to its customers in Carroll Valley, Adams County. As of September 30, 2014, the Company's average daily availability was 35.1 million gallons, and average daily consumption was approximately 18.7 million gallons. The Company's service territory had an estimated population of 190,000 as of December 31, 2013. Industry within the Company's service territory is diversified, manufacturing such items as fixtures and furniture, electrical machinery, food products, paper, ordnance units, textile products, injectable drug delivery systems, air conditioning systems, laundry detergent, barbells and motorcycles.

The Company's water business is somewhat dependent on weather conditions, particularly the amount and timing of rainfall. Revenues are particularly vulnerable to weather conditions in the summer months. Prolonged periods of hot and dry weather generally cause increased water usage for watering lawns, washing cars, and keeping golf courses and sports fields irrigated. Conversely, prolonged periods of dry weather could lead to drought restrictions from governmental authorities. Despite the Company's adequate water supply, customers may be required to cut back water usage under such drought restrictions which would negatively impact revenues. The Company has addressed some of this vulnerability by instituting minimum customer charges which are intended to cover fixed costs of operations under all likely weather conditions.

The Company's business does not require large amounts of working capital and is not dependent on any single customer or a very few customers for a material portion of its business. Increases in revenues are generally dependent on the Company's ability to obtain rate increases from the PPUC in a timely manner and in adequate amounts and to increase volumes of water sold through increased consumption and increases in the number of customers served. The Company continuously looks for water and wastewater acquisition and expansion opportunities both within and outside its current service territory as well as additional opportunities to enter into bulk water contracts with municipalities and other entities to supply water.

The Company also looks for related opportunities to expand its offerings. The Company has agreements with several municipalities to provide sewer billing and posting and shutoff services. The Company also has a service line protection program on a targeted basis in order to further diversify its business. Under this optional program, customers pay a fixed monthly fee, and the Company will repair or replace damaged customer service lines, as needed, subject to an annual maximum dollar amount. The Company plans to continue to expand its program.

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Results of Operations

Three Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared With Three Months Ended September 30, 2013

Net income for the third quarter of 2014 was \$3,065, an increase of \$530, or 20.9%, from net income of \$2,535 for the same period of 2013. The primary contributing factors to the increase were higher operating revenues and a gain on the sale of land. The increase was partially offset by higher operating expenses and income taxes.

Operating revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$1,150, or 10.5%, from \$10,912 for the three months ended September 30, 2013 to \$12,062 for the corresponding 2014 period. The primary reason for the increase was an 11.7% rate increase effective February 28, 2014. Total per capita consumption for the third quarter of 2014 was 0.3% higher than the same period of 2013. The average number of water customers served in 2014 increased as compared to 2013 by 413 customers, from 63,866 to 64,279 customers. The average number of wastewater customers served in 2014 increased as compared to 2013 by 409 customers, from 229 to 638 customers, due to the East Prospect acquisition.

Operating expenses for the third quarter of 2014 increased \$425, or 7.7%, from \$5,545 for the third quarter of 2013 to \$5,970 for the corresponding 2014 period. The increase was primarily due to higher pension expense of approximately \$177 and increased salary and wage expense of approximately \$107. Also adding to the increase were higher expenses of \$50 for depreciation, \$42 for insurance, \$34 for rate case and \$32 for wastewater treatment. Other expenses increased by a net of \$81. The increase in expenses was partially offset by reduced legal expense of \$38, lower distribution system maintenance expense of \$34 and reduced taxes other than income taxes of \$26.

Interest expense on debt for the third quarter of 2014 decreased \$57, or 4.3%, from \$1,311 for the third quarter of 2013 to \$1,254 for the corresponding 2014 period. The decrease was due to the refinancing of one of the Company's bond issues at a lower rate on April 25, 2014 (see Note 6 to the financial statements). There were no borrowings under the lines of credit during the third quarter of either year.

Allowance for funds used during construction increased \$45, from \$13 in the third quarter of 2013 to \$58 in the 2014 period, due to a higher volume of eligible construction.

A gain on the sale of land of \$316 was recorded in the third quarter of 2014 as a result of a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) realignment project which included a portion of the Company's distribution facility property. No additional land sales are anticipated at this time.

Other income (expenses), net for the third quarter of 2014 reflects increased expenses of \$172 as compared to the same period of 2013. The net change was primarily due to lower earnings on life insurance policies of approximately \$100, higher retirement expense of \$45 and increased charitable contributions of \$31. The increased expenses were partially offset by reduced other expenses aggregating approximately \$4.

Income taxes for the third quarter of 2014 increased \$441, or 29.7%, compared to the same period of 2013 due to higher taxable income. The Company's effective tax rate was 38.6% for the third quarter of 2014 and 36.9% for the third quarter of 2013.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2014 Compared With Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

Net income for the first nine months of 2014 was \$7,933, an increase of \$917, or 13.1%, from net income of \$7,016 for the same period of 2013. The primary contributing factors to the increase were higher operating revenues and a gain on the sale of land. The increase was partially offset by higher operating expenses and income taxes.

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Operating revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 increased \$2,683, or 8.5%, from \$31,718 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 to \$34,401 for the corresponding 2014 period. The primary reason for the increase was an 11.7% rate increase effective February 28, 2014. Total per capita consumption for the first nine months of 2014 was 0.3% lower than the same period of last year. The average number of water customers served in 2014 increased as compared to 2013 by 401 customers, from 63,731 to 64,132 customers. The average number of wastewater customers served in 2014 increased as compared to 2013 by 316 customers, from 231 to 547 customers, due to the East Prospect acquisition. For the remainder of the year, the Company expects revenues to remain consistent with the first nine months as the increase in rates and an increase in the number of water and wastewater customers due to previously announced acquisitions should offset declines in consumption. Other regulatory actions and weather patterns could impact results.

Operating expenses for the first nine months of 2014 increased \$1,474, or 9.1%, from \$16,277 for the first nine months of 2013 to \$17,751 for the corresponding 2014 period. The increase was primarily due to higher pension expense of approximately \$413 and increased salary and wage expense of approximately \$358. Also adding to the increase were higher expenses of \$132 for depreciation, \$105 for insurance, \$90 for distribution system maintenance, \$87 for wastewater treatment, \$80 for rate case expense and \$61 for technology upgrade costs. Other expenses increased by a net of \$148. For the remainder of the year, the Company expects depreciation expense to continue to rise due to additional investment in utility plant, and other expenses to increase at a moderate rate as costs to maintain and extend the distribution system continue to rise and as additional water and wastewater systems are acquired.

Interest expense on debt for the first nine months of 2014 decreased \$101, or 2.6%, from \$3,933 for the first nine months of 2013 to \$3,832 for the corresponding 2014 period. The decrease was due to the bond refinancing at a lower interest rate. Interest expense will continue at the reduced rate over the remainder of the year. There were no borrowings under the lines of credit during the first nine months of either year.

Allowance for funds used during construction increased \$99, from \$58 in the first nine months of 2013 to \$157 in the 2014 period, due to a higher volume of eligible construction. Allowance for funds used during construction is expected to decline as compared to the first nine months based on a lower volume of construction expenditures projected over the remainder of the year.

A gain on the sale of land of \$316 was recorded in the first nine months of 2014 as a result of a PennDOT realignment project which included a portion of the Company's distribution facility property. No additional land sales are anticipated at this time.

Other income (expenses), net for the first nine months of 2014 reflects increased expenses of \$148 as compared to the same period of 2013. The net change was primarily due to lower earnings on life insurance policies of approximately \$96 and higher retirement expenses of approximately \$64. Other expenses aggregating approximately \$10 increased as compared to the same period of 2013. The increased expenses were partially offset by lower charitable contributions of \$22 as a result of reduced Educational Improvement Tax Credits in 2014. For the remainder of the year, the Company expects retirement expenses to continue to rise. These expenses may be offset or further heightened by changes in market returns and discount rates for retirement programs and related assets.

Income taxes for the first nine months of 2014 increased \$660, or 15.5%, compared to the same period of 2013 due to higher taxable income. The Company's effective tax rate was 38.3% for the first nine months of 2014 and 37.8% for the first nine months of 2013. The Company expects the effective tax rate to decrease following the required implementation of the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, tangible property regulations. See the Deferred Income Taxes and Uncertain Tax Positions section included herein for additional details.

Rate Matters

See Note 8 to the financial statements.

The Company does not expect to collect a distribution system improvement charge before the second half of 2015.

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Acquisitions

See Note 7 to the financial statements.

On October 8, 2013, the Company signed an agreement to purchase the wastewater assets of SYC WWTP, L.P. in Shrewsbury and Springfield Townships, York County, Pennsylvania. Completion of the acquisition is contingent upon receiving approval from all required regulatory authorities. Closing is expected in the first quarter of 2015 at which time the Company will add approximately 30 commercial and industrial wastewater customers.

On January 10, 2014, the Company signed an agreement to purchase the Lincoln Estates Mobile Home Park water assets of Rupa, Inc. and Lincoln Development Co. in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Completion of the acquisition is contingent upon receiving approval from all required regulatory authorities. The Company expects to begin serving approximately 200 new customers as a satellite system in the fourth quarter of 2014.

On May 21, 2014, the Company signed an agreement to purchase the water assets of the Paradise Homes Community in York County, Pennsylvania. Completion of this acquisition is contingent upon receiving approval from all required regulatory authorities. The Company expects to begin serving approximately 90 new customers through an interconnection with its current distribution system in the fourth quarter of 2014.

On September 22, 2014, the Company signed an agreement to purchase the water assets of The Meadows community in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Completion of this acquisition is contingent upon receiving approval from all required regulatory authorities. The Company expects to begin serving approximately 80 new customers as a satellite system in the first quarter of 2015.

On September 22, 2014, the Company signed an agreement to purchase the Newberry Farms Mobile Home Park water assets of WTS Properties, LLC in York County, Pennsylvania. Completion of this acquisition is contingent upon receiving approval from all required regulatory authorities. The Company expects to begin serving approximately 160 new customers through an interconnection with its current distribution system in the first quarter of 2015.

These acquisitions are expected to be immaterial to total Company results.

The Company is also pursuing other water and wastewater acquisitions in and around its service territory to help offset any further declines in per capita water consumption and to grow its business.

Capital Expenditures

For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, the Company invested \$9,304 in construction expenditures for routine items and further upgrades to water treatment facilities as well as various replacements of infrastructure. In addition, the Company invested \$293 in the acquisition of water and wastewater systems. The Company was able to fund construction expenditures and acquisitions using internally-generated funds and proceeds from its stock purchase plans.

The Company anticipates construction expenditures for the remainder of 2014 of approximately \$3,000 exclusive of any potential acquisitions. In addition to routine transmission and distribution projects, a portion of the anticipated expenditures will be for additional main extensions, further upgrades to water treatment facilities, and various replacements and improvements to infrastructure. The Company intends to use primarily cash on hand, internally-generated funds, and proceeds from its stock purchase plans for its anticipated construction and fund the remainder, if any, through line of credit borrowings and customer advances and contributions. Customer advances and contributions are expected to account for less than 5% of funding requirements in 2014. The Company believes it will have adequate availability under its lines of credit and cash on hand to meet its anticipated capital needs in 2015.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash

The Company manages its cash through a cash management account that is directly connected to a line of credit. Excess cash generated automatically pays down outstanding borrowings under the line of credit arrangement. If there are no outstanding borrowings, the cash is used as an earnings credit to reduce banking fees. Likewise, if additional funds are needed beyond what is generated internally for payroll, to pay suppliers, to fund capital expenditures, or to pay debt service, funds are automatically borrowed under the line of credit. The Company has an accumulated cash balance of \$3,232 as of September 30, 2014 due to increased funds from operations in prior years primarily due to lower cash required for income taxes as a result of bonus depreciation and lower than expected capital expenditures. Cash on hand declined during the first nine months of 2014 primarily due to a contribution to the pension trusts and the buyback of stock under the share repurchase program. The Company expects the cash balance to decline in 2015 based on higher expected capital expenditures, the potential buyback of stock under the share repurchase program and higher income tax payments. Any potential acquisitions could also result in a decline in the cash balance. After the cash balance is fully utilized, the cash management facility is expected to provide the necessary liquidity and funding for the Company's operations, capital expenditures, acquisitions and potential buybacks of stock for the foreseeable future.

Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable balance tends to follow the change in revenues but is also affected by the timeliness of payments by customers and the level of the reserve for doubtful accounts. The Company has seen an improvement in the timeliness of payments by its customers. A reserve is maintained at a level considered adequate to provide for losses that can be reasonably anticipated based on inactive accounts with outstanding balances. Management periodically evaluates the adequacy of the reserve based on past experience, agings of the receivables, adverse situations that may affect a customer's ability to pay, current economic conditions, and other relevant factors. If the status of these factors deteriorates, the Company may incur additional expenses for uncollectible accounts and experience a reduction in its internally-generated funds.

Internally-generated Funds

The amount of internally-generated funds available for operations and construction depends on the Company's ability to obtain timely and adequate rate relief, changes in regulations, customers' water usage, weather conditions, customer growth and controlled expenses. In the first nine months of 2014, the Company generated \$13,954 internally from operations, similar to the \$13,667 it generated in the first nine months of 2013. An increase in net income was offset by higher income taxes paid, an increase in accounts receivable, and the gain on sale of land, which is non-cash income.

Credit Lines

Historically, the Company has borrowed \$15,000 to \$20,000 under its lines of credit before refinancing with long-term debt or equity capital. As of September 30, 2014, the Company maintained unsecured lines of credit aggregating \$29,000 with three banks at interest rates ranging from LIBOR plus 1.20% to LIBOR plus 1.50%. The Company had no outstanding borrowings under any of its lines of credit as of September 30, 2014. In May and June 2014, the Company renewed two of its committed lines of credit aggregating \$24,000 and extended the maturity date to May 2016. In June 2014, the Company renewed its \$5,000 committed line of credit and extended the maturity date to June 2015.

The Company has taken steps to manage the risk of reduced credit availability by maintaining committed lines of credit that cannot be called on demand and obtaining a 2-year revolving maturity on its larger facilities. There is no guarantee that the Company will be able to obtain sufficient lines of credit with favorable terms in the future. In addition, if the Company is unable to refinance its line of credit borrowings with long-term debt or equity when necessary, it may have to eliminate or postpone capital expenditures. Management believes the Company will have adequate capacity under its current lines of credit to meet anticipated financing needs throughout 2014 and 2015.

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Long-term Debt

The Company's loan agreements contain various covenants and restrictions. As of September 30, 2014, management believes it was in compliance with all of these restrictions. See Note 4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 for additional information regarding these restrictions.

On April 25, 2014, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (the "PEDFA") issued \$14,880 aggregate principal amount of PEDFA Exempt Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 (the "Series 2014 Bonds") for the Company's benefit pursuant to the terms of a trust indenture, dated as of April 1, 2014, between the PEDFA and Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, as trustee. The PEDFA then loaned the proceeds of the offering of the Series 2014 Bonds to the Company pursuant to a loan agreement, dated as of April 1, 2014, between the Company and the PEDFA. The loan bears interest at a rate of 4.50% payable semiannually. The maturity date of the loan is November 1, 2038. Amounts outstanding under the loan agreement are direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company. The proceeds of the loan were used to redeem the 6.00% PEDFA Exempt Facilities Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2008B. The refinancing will reduce interest expense and lower the overall effective debt rate going forward.

The Series 2014 Bonds contain both optional and special redemption provisions. Under the optional provisions, the Company can redeem all or a portion of the bonds on or after May 1, 2019. Under the special provisions, representatives of deceased beneficial owners of the bonds have the right to request redemption prior to the stated maturity of all or part of their interest in the bonds beginning on or after May 1, 2014. The Company is not obligated to redeem any individual interest exceeding \$25, or aggregate interest exceeding \$300, in any annual period. Currently, no bonds that met the special provisions have been tendered for redemption.

The Company's debt (long-term debt plus current portion of long-term debt) as a percentage of the total capitalization, defined as total common stockholders' equity plus long-term debt (including current portion of long-term debt), was 45.2% as of September 30, 2014, compared with 45.1% as of December 31, 2013. The Company will likely allow the debt percentage to trend upward until it approaches fifty percent before matching increasing debt with additional equity. A debt to total capitalization ratio between forty-six and fifty percent has historically been acceptable to the PPUC in rate filings. Due to its recent ability to generate and retain cash internally, the Company has been able to keep its ratio below fifty percent.

Deferred Income Taxes and Uncertain Tax Positions

The Company has seen an increase in its deferred income tax liability amounts over the last several years. This is primarily a result of the accelerated and bonus depreciation deduction available for federal tax purposes which creates differences between book and tax depreciation expense. Despite the expiration of bonus depreciation, the Company expects this trend to continue as it makes significant investments in capital expenditures and implements the IRS tangible property regulations.

The Company has a substantial deferred income tax asset primarily due to the differences between the book and tax balances of the pension and deferred compensation plans, although the balance has declined recently due to an increase in the discount rate. The Company does not believe a valuation allowance is required due to the expected generation of future taxable income during the periods in which those temporary differences become deductible. The Company has determined there are no uncertain tax positions that require recognition as of September 30, 2014.

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The Company is finalizing its evaluation of the impact of the IRS regulations that allow an alternative method for determining how capital expenditures for book purposes can be treated for federal tax purposes, allowing certain expenditures that were historically considered as capital for tax purposes to now be eligible to be deducted on federal tax returns as expenses. In addition, a catch up repair tax deduction, retroactive for a number of prior years, is permitted to be deducted on the 2014 federal tax return. Under the accounting standards regarding rate-regulated activities, this change may lower the effective tax rate of the Company which would lower income tax expense and increase net income. The Company expects to record the adjustment during the fourth quarter of 2014. A portion of the catch up deduction is expected to be deferred on the balance sheet, and the remaining amount of the catch up deduction and the ongoing deduction is expected to reduce tax expense and increase net income. The Company has not been required to make estimated income tax payments in 2014 based on the expected benefit from these regulations. This has resulted in an increase in its accrued income taxes balance. Accrued income taxes are likely to be reversed and recorded as deferred income taxes upon the recording of the adjustment.

Common Stock

Common stockholders' equity as a percent of the total capitalization was 54.8% as of September 30, 2014, compared with 54.9% as of December 31, 2013. The volume of share repurchases, among other things, could reduce this percentage in the future. It is the Company's intent to target a ratio between fifty and fifty-four percent.

Credit Rating

On April 11, 2014, Standard & Poor's affirmed the Company's credit rating at A-, with a stable outlook and adequate liquidity. The Company's ability to maintain its credit rating depends, among other things, on adequate and timely rate relief, which it has been successful in obtaining, its ability to fund capital expenditures in a balanced manner using both debt and equity and its ability to generate cash flow. The Company's objectives are to continue to maximize its funds provided by operations and maintain a strong capital structure in order to be able to attract capital.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The methods, estimates and judgments the Company used in applying its accounting policies have a significant impact on the results reported in its financial statements. The Company's accounting policies require management to make subjective judgments because of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. The Company's most critical accounting estimates include regulatory assets and liabilities, revenue recognition and accounting for its pension plans. There has been no significant change in accounting estimates or the method of estimation during the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company does not use off-balance sheet transactions, arrangements or obligations that may have a material current or future effect on financial condition, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures, capital resources or significant components of revenues or expenses. The Company does not use securitization of receivables or unconsolidated entities. The Company uses a derivative financial instrument, an interest rate swap agreement discussed in Note 4 to the financial statements included herein, for risk management purposes. The Company does not engage in trading or other risk management activities, does not use other derivative financial instruments for any purpose, has no lease obligations, no guarantees and does not have material transactions involving related parties.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The Company's operations are exposed to market risks primarily as a result of changes in interest rates under its lines of credit. The Company has unsecured lines of credit with three banks having a combined maximum availability of \$29,000. The first line of credit, in the amount of \$13,000, is a committed line of credit with a revolving 2-year maturity (currently May 2016), and carries an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.20%. The second line of credit, in the amount of \$11,000, is a committed line of credit, which currently matures in May 2016 and carries an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.25%. The third line of credit, in the amount of \$5,000, is a committed line of credit, which matures in June 2015 and carries an interest rate of LIBOR plus 1.50%. The Company had no outstanding borrowings under any of its lines of credit as of September 30, 2014. Other than lines of credit, the Company has long-term fixed rate debt obligations that are not subject to interest rate risk as discussed in Note 6 to the financial statements included herein, and a variable rate Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PEDFA) loan agreement, which is subject to minimal market risk, described below.

In May 2008, the PEDFA issued \$12,000 aggregate principal amount of PEDFA Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series A (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of this bond issue were used to refund the \$12,000 PEDFA Exempt Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series B of 2004 which were refunded due to bond insurer downgrading issues. The PEDFA then loaned the proceeds to the Company pursuant to a variable interest rate loan agreement with a maturity date of October 1, 2029. The interest rate under this loan agreement averaged 0.07% during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014. In connection with the loan agreement, the Company retained its interest rate swap agreement whereby the Company effectively exchanged its floating rate obligation for a fixed rate obligation. The purpose of the interest rate swap is to manage the Company's exposure to fluctuations in the interest rate. If the interest rate swap agreement works as intended, the receive rate on the swap should approximate the variable rate the Company pays on the PEDFA Series A Bond Issue, thereby minimizing its risk. See Note 4 to the financial statements included herein for additional information regarding the interest rate swap.

In addition to the interest rate swap agreement, the Company entered into a Reimbursement, Credit and Security Agreement with PNC Bank, National Association ("the Bank"), dated as of May 1, 2008, in order to enhance the marketability of and to minimize the interest rate on the Bonds. This agreement provides for a direct pay letter of credit issued by the Bank to the trustee for the Bonds. The current expiration date of the letter of credit is June 30, 2017. It is reviewed annually for a potential extension of the expiration date. The Company's responsibility under this agreement is to reimburse the Bank on a timely basis for interest payments made to the bondholders and for any tendered Bonds that could not be remarketed. The Company has fourteen months from the time Bonds are tendered to reimburse the Bank. If the direct pay letter of credit is not renewed, the Company would be required to pay the Bank immediately for any tendered Bonds and reclassify a portion of the Bonds as current liabilities. In addition, the interest rate swap agreement would terminate causing a potential payment by the Company to the counterparty. Both the letter of credit and the swap agreement can potentially be transferred upon this type of event.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon this evaluation, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report are effective such that the information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure. A controls system cannot provide absolute assurance, however, that the objectives of the controls system are met, and no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within a company have been detected.

No change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On March 11, 2013, the Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program granting the Company authority to repurchase up to 1,200,000 shares of the Company's common stock from time to time. Under the stock repurchase program, the Company may repurchase shares in the open market or through privately negotiated transactions. The Company may suspend or discontinue the repurchase program at any time. The Company did not repurchase any shares that were not part of the publicly announced plan during the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

The following table summarizes the Company's purchases of its common stock for the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Jul. 1 – Jul. 31, 2014 | - | \$ - | - | 870,166 |
| Aug. 1 – Aug. 31, 2014 | 18,247 | \$ 19.70 | 18,247 | 851,919 |
| Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2014 | 3,276 | \$ 20.02 | 3,276 | 848,643 |
| Total | 21,523 | \$ 19.75 | 21,523 | 848,643 |

The Company's loan agreements contain various covenants and restrictions regarding dividends and share repurchases. As of September 30, 2014, management believes it was in compliance with all of these restrictions. See Note 4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 for additional

information regarding these restrictions.

The Company will fund repurchases under the share repurchase program with internally generated funds and borrowings under its credit facilities, if necessary.

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Item 6. Exhibits

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| 3.1 | Amended and Restated By-Laws. Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 26, 2012. |
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| <u>31.2</u> | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.</u> |
| <u>32.1</u> | <u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u> |
| <u>32.2</u> | <u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u> |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase |

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE YORK WATER COMPANY

/s/Jeffrey R. Hines

Date: November 5, 2014 Jeffrey R. Hines
Principal Executive Officer

/s/Kathleen M. Miller

Date: November 5, 2014 Kathleen M. Miller
Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

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| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase |
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