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

For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2018

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission Registrant; State of Incorporation;
File Number Address; and Telephone Number

I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have 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 registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

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Yes No

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

| | Large accelerated filer | Accelerated filer | Non-accelerated filer | Smaller reporting company | Emerging growth company |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Eversource Energy | x | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| The Connecticut Light and Power Company | .. | .. | x | .. | .. |
| NSTAR Electric Company | .. | .. | x | .. | .. |
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire | .. | .. | x | .. | .. |

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act):

Yes No

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| Eversource Energy | .. | x |
| The Connecticut Light and Power Company | .. | x |
| NSTAR Electric Company | .. | x |
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire | .. | x |

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuers' classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

| Company - Class of Stock | Outstanding as of October 31, 2018 |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Eversource Energy Common Shares, \$5.00 par value | 316,885,808 shares |
| The Connecticut Light and Power Company Common Stock, \$10.00 par value | 6,035,205 shares |
| NSTAR Electric Company Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 200 shares |
| Public Service Company of New Hampshire Common Stock, \$1.00 par value | 301 shares |

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Eversource Energy holds all of the 6,035,205 shares, 200 shares, and 301 shares of the outstanding common stock of The Connecticut Light and Power Company, NSTAR Electric Company, and Public Service Company of New Hampshire, respectively.

NSTAR Electric Company and Public Service Company of New Hampshire each meet the conditions set forth in General Instructions H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q, and each is therefore filing this Form 10-Q with the reduced disclosure format specified in General Instruction H(2) of Form 10 Q.

Eversource Energy, The Connecticut Light and Power Company, NSTAR Electric Company, and Public Service Company of New Hampshire each separately file this combined Form 10-Q. Information contained herein relating to any individual registrant is filed by such registrant on its own behalf. Each registrant makes no representation as to information relating to the other registrants.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

The following is a glossary of abbreviations and acronyms that are found in this report:

Current or former Eversource Energy companies, segments or investments:

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| Eversource, ES or the Company | Eversource Energy and subsidiaries |
| Eversource parent or ES parent | Eversource Energy, a public utility holding company |
| ES parent and other companies | ES parent and other companies are comprised of Eversource parent, Eversource Service and other subsidiaries, which primarily includes our unregulated businesses, HWP Company, The Rocky River Realty Company (a real estate subsidiary), and the consolidated operations of CYAPC and YAEC |
| CL&P | The Connecticut Light and Power Company |
| NSTAR Electric | NSTAR Electric Company |
| PSNH | Public Service Company of New Hampshire |
| NSTAR Gas | NSTAR Gas Company |
| Yankee Gas | Yankee Gas Services Company |
| Aquarion | Eversource Aquarion Holdings, Inc and its subsidiaries (formerly known as Macquarie Utilities Inc) |
| NPT | Northern Pass Transmission LLC |
| Northern Pass | The HVDC and associated alternating-current transmission line project from Canada into New Hampshire |
| Eversource Service | Eversource Energy Service Company |
| Bay State Wind | A project being developed jointly by Eversource and Denmark-based Ørsted (formerly known as DONG Energy) to construct an offshore wind farm off the coast of Massachusetts |
| CYAPC | Connecticut Yankee Atomic Power Company |
| MYAPC | Maine Yankee Atomic Power Company |
| YAEC | Yankee Atomic Electric Company |
| Yankee Companies | CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC |
| Regulated companies | The Eversource regulated companies are comprised of the electric distribution and transmission businesses of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, the natural gas distribution businesses of Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas, NPT, Aquarion, the generation facilities of PSNH, and the solar power facilities of NSTAR Electric |
| Regulators: | |
| DEEP | Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection |
| DOE | U.S. Department of Energy |
| DOER | Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources |
| DPU | Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| FERC | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission |
| ISO-NE | ISO New England, Inc., the New England Independent System Operator |
| MA DEP | Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection |
| NHPUC | New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission |
| PURA | Connecticut Public Utilities Regulatory Authority |
| SEC | U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission |
| SJC | Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts |
| Other Terms and Abbreviations: | |

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A project being developed jointly by Eversource, Enbridge, Inc. ("Enbridge"), and National Grid plc Access Northeast ("National Grid") through Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("AGT") to bring needed additional natural gas pipeline and storage capacity to New England.

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| ADIT | Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes |
| AFUDC | Allowance For Funds Used During Construction |
| AOCI | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income |
| ARO | Asset Retirement Obligation |
| Bcf | Billion cubic feet |
| C&LM | Conservation and Load Management |
| CfD | Contract for Differences |
| CTA | Competitive Transition Assessment |
| CWIP | Construction Work in Progress |
| EDC | Electric distribution company |
| EPS | Earnings Per Share |
| ERISA | Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 |

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| ESOP | Employee Stock Ownership Plan |
| Eversource 2017 Form 10-K | The Eversource Energy and Subsidiaries 2017 combined Annual Report on Form 10-K as filed with the SEC |
| Fitch | Fitch Ratings |
| FMCC | Federally Mandated Congestion Charge |
| FTR | Financial Transmission Rights |
| GAAP | Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America |
| GSC | Generation Service Charge |
| GSRP | Greater Springfield Reliability Project |
| GWh | Gigawatt-Hours |
| HQ | Hydro-Québec, a corporation wholly-owned by the Québec government, including its divisions that produce, transmit and distribute electricity in Québec, Canada |
| HVDC | High-voltage direct current |
| Hydro Renewable Energy | Hydro Renewable Energy, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hydro-Québec |
| IPP | Independent Power Producers |
| ISO-NE Tariff | ISO-NE FERC Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff |
| kV | Kilovolt |
| kVa | Kilovolt-ampere |
| kW | Kilowatt (equal to one thousand watts) |
| kWh | Kilowatt-Hours (the basic unit of electricity energy equal to one kilowatt of power supplied for one hour) |
| LBR | Lost Base Revenue |
| LNG | Liquefied natural gas |
| LRS | Supplier of last resort service |
| MG | Million gallons |
| MGP | Manufactured Gas Plant |
| MMBtu | One million British thermal units |
| MMcf | Million cubic feet |
| Moody's | Moody's Investors Services, Inc. |
| MW | Megawatt |
| MWh | Megawatt-Hours |
| NEEWS | New England East-West Solution |
| NETOs | New England Transmission Owners (including Eversource, National Grid and Avangrid) |
| OCI | Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) |
| PAM | Pension and PBOP Rate Adjustment Mechanism |
| PBOP | Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension |
| PBOP Plan | Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension Plan that provides certain retiree benefits, primarily medical, dental and life insurance |
| PCRBs | Pollution Control Revenue Bonds |
| Pension Plan | Single uniform noncontributory defined benefit retirement plan |
| PPA | Pension Protection Act |
| RRBs | Rate Reduction Bonds |
| RECs | Renewable Energy Certificates |
| Regulatory ROE | The average cost of capital method for calculating the return on equity related to the distribution and generation business segment excluding the wholesale transmission segment |
| RNS | Regional Network Service |
| ROE | Return on Equity |
| RRB | Rate Reduction Bond or Rate Reduction Certificate |

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| RSUs | Restricted share units |
| S&P | Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC |
| SBC | Systems Benefits Charge |
| SCRC | Stranded Cost Recovery Charge |
| SERP | Supplemental Executive Retirement Plans and non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans |
| SS | Standard service |
| TCAM | Transmission Cost Adjustment Mechanism |
| TSA | Transmission Service Agreement |
| UI | The United Illuminating Company |

EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
 THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARIES

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EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | As of December 31, 2017 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 59,092 | \$ 38,165 |
| Receivables, Net | 1,091,589 | 925,083 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 170,044 | 201,361 |
| Fuel, Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 192,508 | 223,063 |
| Regulatory Assets | 436,704 | 741,868 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 203,434 | 138,009 |
| Assets Held for Sale | — | 219,550 |
| Total Current Assets | 2,153,371 | 2,487,099 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 24,967,702 | 23,617,463 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 4,716,631 | 4,497,447 |
| Goodwill | 4,427,266 | 4,427,266 |
| Marketable Securities | 585,960 | 585,419 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 664,739 | 605,692 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 10,394,596 | 10,115,824 |
| Total Assets | \$ 37,515,669 | \$ 36,220,386 |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable | \$ 1,067,200 | \$ 1,088,087 |
| Long-Term Debt – Current Portion | 387,310 | 549,631 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds – Current Portion | 52,332 | — |
| Accounts Payable | 962,298 | 1,085,034 |
| Obligations to Third Party Suppliers | 199,762 | 144,046 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 344,708 | 128,071 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 616,662 | 594,176 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 3,630,272 | 3,589,045 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 3,386,324 | 3,297,518 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 3,706,792 | 3,637,273 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 385,865 | 377,257 |
| Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP | 1,013,182 | 1,228,091 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 1,094,019 | 1,073,501 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 9,586,182 | 9,613,640 |

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| Long-Term Debt | 12,151,536 | 11,775,889 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | 583,331 | — |
| Noncontrolling Interest – Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries | 155,570 | 155,570 |
| Common Shareholders' Equity: | | |
| Common Shares | 1,669,392 | 1,669,392 |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 6,234,044 | 6,239,940 |
| Retained Earnings | 3,882,695 | 3,561,084 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (59,582) | (66,403) |
| Treasury Stock | (317,771) | (317,771) |
| Common Shareholders' Equity | 11,408,778 | 11,086,242 |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 37,515,669 | \$ 36,220,386 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars, Except Share Information) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Revenues | \$2,271,425 | \$1,988,512 | \$6,413,243 | \$5,856,458 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 842,291 | 651,776 | 2,442,953 | 1,955,129 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 344,475 | 307,773 | 970,881 | 956,274 |
| Depreciation | 208,671 | 194,466 | 612,077 | 571,152 |
| Amortization | 92,711 | 41,848 | 174,108 | 58,058 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 129,965 | 129,205 | 366,162 | 391,761 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 187,291 | 168,193 | 547,155 | 479,648 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,805,404 | 1,493,261 | 5,113,336 | 4,412,022 |
| Operating Income | 466,021 | 495,251 | 1,299,907 | 1,444,436 |
| Interest Expense | 125,201 | 108,719 | 372,734 | 319,477 |
| Other Income, Net | 16,718 | 28,536 | 100,656 | 79,178 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 357,538 | 415,068 | 1,027,829 | 1,204,137 |
| Income Tax Expense | 66,278 | 152,818 | 220,497 | 447,921 |
| Net Income | 291,260 | 262,250 | 807,332 | 756,216 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 1,880 | 1,880 | 5,639 | 5,639 |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders | \$289,380 | \$260,370 | \$801,693 | \$750,577 |
| Basic Earnings Per Common Share | \$0.91 | \$0.82 | \$2.53 | \$2.36 |
| Diluted Earnings Per Common Share | \$0.91 | \$0.82 | \$2.52 | \$2.36 |
| Dividends Declared Per Common Share | \$0.51 | \$0.48 | \$1.52 | \$1.43 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 317,360,110 | 317,393,029 | 317,367,252 | 317,415,848 |
| Diluted | 317,967,311 | 317,949,396 | 317,948,498 | 318,007,042 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net Income | \$291,260 | \$262,250 | \$807,332 | \$756,216 |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax: | | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 432 | 519 | 1,627 | 1,567 |
| Changes in Unrealized (Losses)/Gains on | (136) | (1,872) | (724) | 733 |

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| Marketable Securities | | | | |
| Changes in Funded Status of Pension, SERP and PBOP Benefit Plans | 1,110 | 673 | 5,918 | (633) |
| Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss), Net of Tax | 1,406 | (680) | 6,821 | 1,667 |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | (1,880) | (1,880) | (5,639) | (5,639) |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to Common Shareholders | \$290,786 | \$259,690 | \$808,514 | \$752,244 |

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EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|--------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Net Income | \$807,332 | \$756,216 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 612,077 | 571,152 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 70,402 | 374,863 |
| Uncollectible Expense | 50,720 | 30,111 |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Expense, Net | 5,192 | 16,891 |
| Pension and PBOP Contributions | (188,874) | (197,900) |
| Regulatory Overrecoveries, Net | 189,932 | 185,952 |
| Amortization | 174,108 | 58,058 |
| Other | (129,039) | (197,876) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (212,326) | (107,473) |
| Fuel, Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 44,702 | 23,686 |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 70,885 | 88,856 |
| Accounts Payable | (72,591) | (96,551) |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | (14,858) | (30,138) |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 1,407,662 | 1,475,847 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (1,885,081) | (1,642,280) |
| Proceeds from Sales of Marketable Securities | 405,276 | 520,664 |
| Purchases of Marketable Securities | (396,277) | (506,302) |
| Proceeds from the Sale of PSNH Generation Assets | 193,924 | — |
| Other Investing Activities | (23,405) | (24,173) |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (1,705,563) | (1,652,091) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Shares | (480,082) | (451,562) |
| Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock | (5,639) | (5,639) |
| Decrease in Notes Payable | (222,110) | (231,500) |
| Issuance of Rate Reduction Bonds | 635,663 | — |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 1,300,000 | 1,250,000 |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt | (860,855) | (320,000) |
| Other Financing Activities | (20,361) | 171 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities | 346,616 | 241,470 |
| Net Increase in Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash | 48,715 | 65,226 |
| Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash - Beginning of Period | 85,890 | 106,750 |
| Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash - End of Period | \$134,605 | \$171,976 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | As of December 31, 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 977 | \$ 6,028 |
| Receivables, Net | 466,768 | 370,676 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 32,074 | 28,181 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 53,690 | 54,154 |
| Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 45,757 | 48,438 |
| Regulatory Assets | 128,793 | 200,281 |
| Prepaid Property Taxes | 60,532 | 17,884 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 15,470 | 29,042 |
| Total Current Assets | 804,061 | 754,684 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 8,753,744 | 8,271,030 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 1,545,012 | 1,444,935 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 175,488 | 159,597 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 1,720,500 | 1,604,532 |
| Total Assets | \$ 11,278,305 | \$ 10,630,246 |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable to Eversource Parent | \$ 45,900 | \$ 69,500 |
| Long-Term Debt – Current Portion | 250,000 | 300,000 |
| Accounts Payable | 347,443 | 367,605 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 86,772 | 82,201 |
| Obligations to Third Party Suppliers | 64,283 | 52,860 |
| Accrued Taxes | 78,507 | 21,665 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 126,574 | 38,967 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 152,147 | 159,961 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,151,626 | 1,092,759 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 1,136,221 | 1,103,367 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 1,131,234 | 1,112,136 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 385,779 | 376,918 |
| Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP | 301,946 | 354,469 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 130,069 | 128,135 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 3,085,249 | 3,075,025 |

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| Long-Term Debt | 3,003,625 | 2,759,135 |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | 116,200 | 116,200 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | 60,352 | 60,352 |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 2,210,765 | 2,110,765 |
| Retained Earnings | 1,650,182 | 1,415,741 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | 306 | 269 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 3,921,605 | 3,587,127 |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 11,278,305 | \$ 10,630,246 |

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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
 CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Revenues | \$865,028 | \$774,762 | \$2,344,903 | \$2,173,629 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 314,571 | 259,005 | 850,794 | 711,154 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 128,523 | 123,511 | 355,500 | 361,166 |
| Depreciation | 72,017 | 63,727 | 208,899 | 184,275 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 54,031 | 34,574 | 97,437 | 58,799 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 30,240 | 37,739 | 71,606 | 106,483 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 92,987 | 79,067 | 267,662 | 223,482 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 692,369 | 597,623 | 1,851,898 | 1,645,359 |
| Operating Income | 172,659 | 177,139 | 493,005 | 528,270 |
| Interest Expense | 37,609 | 36,313 | 113,107 | 106,577 |
| Other Income, Net | 7,098 | 7,913 | 20,722 | 15,402 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 142,148 | 148,739 | 400,620 | 437,095 |
| Income Tax Expense | 41,818 | 52,595 | 102,010 | 159,450 |
| Net Income | \$100,330 | \$96,144 | \$298,610 | \$277,645 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed financial statements.

CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------|--|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net Income | \$100,330 | \$96,144 | \$298,610 | \$277,645 |
| Other Comprehensive (Loss)/Income, Net of Tax: | | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | (7 |) 96 | 58 | 298 |
| Changes in Unrealized (Losses)/Gains on Marketable Securities | (5 |) (64 |) (21 |) 25 |
| Other Comprehensive (Loss)/Income, Net of Tax | (12 |) 32 | 37 | 323 |
| Comprehensive Income | \$100,318 | \$96,176 | \$298,647 | \$277,968 |

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THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Net Income | \$298,610 | \$277,645 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 208,899 | 184,275 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 28,637 | 90,132 |
| Uncollectible Expense | 12,135 | 1,755 |
| Pension, SERP, and PBOP Expense, Net | 6,594 | 6,421 |
| Pension Contributions | (41,150) | (1,875) |
| Regulatory (Under)/Over Recoveries, Net | (1,136) | 71,413 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 97,437 | 58,799 |
| Other | (55,827) | (23,911) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (126,513) | (70,936) |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 72,702 | 69,335 |
| Accounts Payable | (15,303) | (1,649) |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | (33,965) | (36,340) |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 451,120 | 625,064 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (660,673) | (621,882) |
| Other Investing Activities | 167 | 185 |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (660,506) | (621,697) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (60,000) | (205,200) |
| Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock | (4,169) | (4,169) |
| Capital Contributions from Eversource Parent | 100,000 | — |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | 500,000 | 525,000 |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt | (300,000) | (250,000) |
| Decrease in Notes Payable to Eversource Parent | (23,600) | (80,100) |
| Premium on Issuance of Long-Term Debt | — | 21,937 |
| Other Financing Activities | (7,584) | (6,322) |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Financing Activities | 204,647 | 1,146 |
| Net (Decrease)/Increase in Cash and Restricted Cash | (4,739) | 4,513 |
| Cash and Restricted Cash - Beginning of Period | 9,619 | 8,403 |
| Cash and Restricted Cash - End of Period | \$4,880 | \$12,916 |

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | As of December 31, 2017 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 2,367 | \$ 1,763 |
| Receivables, Net | 457,695 | 341,341 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 43,767 | 40,723 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 55,046 | 49,865 |
| Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 66,361 | 95,517 |
| Regulatory Assets | 193,541 | 333,882 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 18,128 | 24,499 |
| Total Current Assets | 836,905 | 887,590 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 8,576,096 | 8,246,494 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 1,226,811 | 1,190,575 |
| Prepaid PBOP | 153,142 | 126,948 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 107,208 | 84,766 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 1,487,161 | 1,402,289 |
| Total Assets | \$ 10,900,162 | \$ 10,536,373 |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable | \$ 240,500 | \$ 234,000 |
| Notes Payable to Eversource Parent | 16,000 | — |
| Accounts Payable | 296,208 | 340,115 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 77,329 | 91,260 |
| Obligations to Third Party Suppliers | 133,865 | 88,721 |
| Renewable Portfolio Standards Compliance Obligations | 100,782 | 111,524 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 168,225 | 79,562 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 113,728 | 79,916 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 1,146,637 | 1,025,098 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 1,279,302 | 1,275,814 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 1,566,285 | 1,514,451 |
| Accrued Pension and SERP | 6,171 | 89,995 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 219,050 | 198,176 |
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 3,070,808 | 3,078,436 |
| Long-Term Debt | 2,944,616 | 2,943,759 |

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|---|---------------|---------------|
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | 43,000 | 43,000 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | — | — |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 1,608,442 | 1,502,942 |
| Retained Earnings | 2,088,157 | 1,944,961 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (1,498 |) (1,823 |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 3,695,101 | 3,446,080 |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 10,900,162 | \$ 10,536,373 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|-----------|--|-------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Revenues | \$939,460 | \$851,922 | \$2,400,324 | \$2,290,432 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 383,208 | 294,115 | 981,895 | 799,007 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 123,634 | 118,777 | 344,478 | 346,469 |
| Depreciation | 70,616 | 68,746 | 205,210 | 204,442 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 17,149 | 10,131 | 35,467 | 17,243 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 89,430 | 82,611 | 229,408 | 228,543 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 49,927 | 47,830 | 145,740 | 130,492 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 733,964 | 622,210 | 1,942,198 | 1,726,196 |
| Operating Income | 205,496 | 229,712 | 458,126 | 564,236 |
| Interest Expense | 26,958 | 30,810 | 80,780 | 88,715 |
| Other Income, Net | 13,697 | 9,165 | 40,567 | 24,610 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 192,235 | 208,067 | 417,913 | 500,131 |
| Income Tax Expense | 51,640 | 82,301 | 112,247 | 196,001 |
| Net Income | \$140,595 | \$125,766 | \$305,666 | \$304,130 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---|-----------|--|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net Income | \$140,595 | \$125,766 | \$305,666 | \$304,130 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax: | | | | |
| Changes in Funded Status of SERP Benefit Plan | 1 | (4) | 3 | (12) |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 110 | 109 | 328 | 328 |
| Changes in Unrealized (Losses)/Gains on Marketable Securities | (1) | (18) | (6) | 7 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax | 110 | 87 | 325 | 323 |
| Comprehensive Income | \$140,705 | \$125,853 | \$305,991 | \$304,453 |

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NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Net Income | \$305,666 | \$304,130 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 205,210 | 204,442 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 16,203 | 100,335 |
| Uncollectible Expense | 20,433 | 14,937 |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Income, Net | (15,855) | (7,586) |
| Pension and PBOP Contributions | (60,454) | (83,040) |
| Regulatory Overrecoveries, Net | 180,797 | 71,647 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 35,467 | 17,243 |
| Other | (49,178) | (47,972) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (155,669) | (113,960) |
| Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 29,156 | 11,483 |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 42,148 | 71,705 |
| Accounts Payable | (13,178) | (42,519) |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | 33,543 | 4,982 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 574,289 | 505,827 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (538,973) | (467,275) |
| Other Investing Activities | 46 | (3,565) |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (538,927) | (470,840) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (161,000) | (214,500) |
| Cash Dividends on Preferred Stock | (1,470) | (1,470) |
| Capital Contributions from Eversource Parent | 105,500 | 2,300 |
| Increase in Notes Payable to Eversource Parent | 16,000 | — |
| Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable | 6,500 | (80,600) |
| Issuance of Long-Term Debt | — | 350,000 |
| Other Financing Activities | (239) | (3,410) |
| Net Cash Flows (Used in)/Provided by Financing Activities | (34,709) | 52,320 |
| Increase in Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash | 653 | 87,307 |
| Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash - Beginning of Period | 14,708 | 15,506 |
| Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash - End of Period | \$15,361 | \$102,813 |

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | As of December 31, 2017 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash | \$ 7,462 | \$ 900 |
| Receivables, Net | 115,706 | 92,774 |
| Accounts Receivable from Affiliated Companies | 20,007 | 5,297 |
| Unbilled Revenues | 39,760 | 49,448 |
| Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 39,877 | 40,285 |
| Regulatory Assets | 61,379 | 130,134 |
| Special Deposits | 26,863 | 728 |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 7,600 | 28,203 |
| Assets Held for Sale | — | 219,550 |
| Total Current Assets | 318,654 | 567,319 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 2,826,541 | 2,642,274 |
| Deferred Debits and Other Assets: | | |
| Regulatory Assets | 892,075 | 810,677 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 19,252 | 42,391 |
| Total Deferred Debits and Other Assets | 911,327 | 853,068 |
| Total Assets | \$ 4,056,522 | \$ 4,062,661 |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | | |
| Current Liabilities: | | |
| Notes Payable to Eversource Parent | \$ 46,600 | \$ 262,900 |
| Long-Term Debt – Current Portion | — | 110,000 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds – Current Portion | 52,332 | — |
| Accounts Payable | 118,523 | 128,685 |
| Accounts Payable to Affiliated Companies | 35,699 | 24,676 |
| Dividends Payable to Eversource Parent | — | 150,000 |
| Accrued Interest | 19,615 | 6,722 |
| Renewable Portfolio Standards Compliance Obligations | 29,867 | 27,765 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 39,661 | 6,251 |
| Other Current Liabilities | 34,790 | 33,437 |
| Total Current Liabilities | 377,087 | 750,436 |
| Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities: | | |
| Accumulated Deferred Income Taxes | 457,512 | 443,468 |
| Regulatory Liabilities | 433,822 | 444,397 |
| Accrued Pension, SERP and PBOP | 126,839 | 124,639 |
| Other Long-Term Liabilities | 35,901 | 56,689 |

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|--|--------------|--------------|
| Total Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities | 1,054,074 | 1,069,193 |
| Long-Term Debt | 894,100 | 892,438 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | 583,331 | — |
| Common Stockholder's Equity: | | |
| Common Stock | — | — |
| Capital Surplus, Paid In | 538,134 | 843,134 |
| Retained Earnings | 612,919 | 511,382 |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | (3,123 |) (3,922) |
| Common Stockholder's Equity | 1,147,930 | 1,350,594 |
| Total Liabilities and Capitalization | \$ 4,056,522 | \$ 4,062,661 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|-----------|--|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Revenues | \$290,203 | \$250,032 | \$792,700 | \$733,572 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 100,763 | 57,099 | 293,975 | 179,289 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 55,429 | 65,104 | 153,296 | 195,637 |
| Depreciation | 23,223 | 32,084 | 69,524 | 95,266 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net | 27,357 | 2,835 | 41,318 | (10,658) |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 5,863 | 4,007 | 15,694 | 11,040 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 21,095 | 22,936 | 59,775 | 66,935 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 233,730 | 184,065 | 633,582 | 537,509 |
| Operating Income | 56,473 | 65,967 | 159,118 | 196,063 |
| Interest Expense | 16,593 | 12,896 | 43,977 | 38,676 |
| Other Income, Net | 16,095 | 2,664 | 24,253 | 7,367 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 55,975 | 55,735 | 139,394 | 164,754 |
| Income Tax Expense | 15,309 | 22,012 | 37,857 | 65,128 |
| Net Income | \$40,666 | \$33,723 | \$101,537 | \$99,626 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------|--|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net Income | \$40,666 | \$33,723 | \$101,537 | \$99,626 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax: | | | | |
| Qualified Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | 268 | 291 | 835 | 872 |
| Changes in Unrealized (Losses)/Gains on Marketable Securities | (7) | (112) | (36) | 43 |
| Other Comprehensive Income, Net of Tax | 261 | 179 | 799 | 915 |
| Comprehensive Income | \$40,927 | \$33,902 | \$102,336 | \$100,541 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Unaudited)

| (Thousands of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|-----------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Net Income | \$ 101,537 | \$ 99,626 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 69,524 | 95,266 |
| Deferred Income Taxes | 11,473 | 43,217 |
| Regulatory (Under)/Over Recoveries, Net | (19,764) | 8,910 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net | 41,318 | (10,658) |
| Other | (3,104) | (7,866) |
| Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities: | | |
| Receivables and Unbilled Revenues, Net | (32,819) | (30,276) |
| Fuel, Materials, Supplies and Inventory | 14,555 | 4,263 |
| Taxes Receivable/Accrued, Net | 10,929 | 10,749 |
| Accounts Payable | (3,828) | 18,394 |
| Other Current Assets and Liabilities, Net | 27,844 | 32,300 |
| Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities | 217,665 | 263,925 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment | (236,206) | (215,470) |
| Proceeds from the Sale of Generation Assets | 193,924 | — |
| Proceeds from the Sale of Property | 4,782 | — |
| Other Investing Activities | 367 | 113 |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities | (37,133) | (215,357) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Cash Dividends on Common Stock | (150,000) | (23,900) |
| Capital Contribution from Eversource Parent | 225,000 | — |
| Return of Capital | (530,000) | — |
| Issuance of Rate Reduction Bonds | 635,663 | — |
| Retirement of Long-Term Debt | (110,000) | (70,000) |
| (Decrease)/Increase in Notes Payable to Eversource Parent | (216,300) | 41,400 |
| Other Financing Activities | 1,080 | (187) |
| Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities | (144,557) | (52,687) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Restricted Cash | 35,975 | (4,119) |
| Cash and Restricted Cash - Beginning of Period | 2,191 | 5,953 |
| Cash and Restricted Cash - End of Period | \$ 38,166 | \$ 1,834 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES
THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARIES

COMBINED NOTES TO CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

Refer to the Glossary of Terms included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for abbreviations and acronyms used throughout the combined notes to the unaudited condensed financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

Eversource Energy is a public utility holding company primarily engaged, through its wholly-owned regulated utility subsidiaries, in the energy delivery business. Eversource Energy's wholly-owned regulated utility subsidiaries consist of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH (electric utilities), Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas (natural gas utilities) and Aquarion (water utilities). Eversource provides energy delivery and/or water service to approximately four million electric, natural gas and water customers through eight regulated utilities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

On December 31, 2017, Western Massachusetts Electric Company ("WMECO") was merged into NSTAR Electric. In accordance with accounting guidance on combinations between entities under common control, the net assets, results of operations and cash flows of WMECO are reflected in the NSTAR Electric financial statements. NSTAR Electric's financial statements for all prior periods presented in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q have been retrospectively recast as if the merger occurred on the first day of the earliest reporting period.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Eversource, NSTAR Electric and PSNH include the accounts of each of their respective subsidiaries. Intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Eversource, NSTAR Electric and PSNH and the unaudited condensed financial statements of CL&P are herein collectively referred to as the "financial statements."

The combined notes to the financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC.

Certain information and footnote disclosures included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The accompanying financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Combined Notes to Financial Statements included in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data," of the Eversource 2017 Form 10-K, which was filed with the SEC on February 26, 2018. The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

Actual results could differ from those estimates.

The financial statements contain, in the opinion of management, all adjustments (including normal, recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly Eversource's, CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's and PSNH's financial position as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, the results of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. The results of operations and comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 and the cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 are not necessarily

indicative of the results expected for a full year.

Eversource consolidates CYAPC and YAEC because CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's and PSNH's combined ownership interest in each of these entities is greater than 50 percent. Intercompany transactions between CL&P, NSTAR Electric, PSNH and the CYAPC and YAEC companies have been eliminated in consolidation of the Eversource financial statements.

Eversource's utility subsidiaries' electric and natural gas distribution and transmission businesses, and water distribution business, are subject to rate-regulation that is based on cost recovery and meets the criteria for application of accounting guidance for entities with rate-regulated operations, which considers the effect of regulation on the differences in the timing of the recognition of certain revenues and expenses from those of other businesses and industries. See Note 2, "Regulatory Accounting," for further information.

Certain reclassifications of prior period data were made in the accompanying financial statements to conform to the current period presentation.

B. Accounting Standards

Accounting Standards Issued but Not Yet Effective: In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which changes existing lease accounting guidance and is required to be applied in the first quarter of 2019, with earlier application permitted. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-11, Leases (Topic 842) - Targeted Improvements, allowing a transition method to adopt the new leases standard as of the adoption date and recognizing a cumulative-effect to the opening balance of retained earnings in the period of adoption, with comparative periods presented in the financial statements continuing to follow existing lease accounting guidance under Topic 840 (Leases) in the accounting literature. The Company intends to adopt the transition method allowed in ASU 2018-11. The Company will implement the new leases standard in the first quarter of 2019 and apply the Topic 842 lease criteria to new leases and lease renewals entered into effective on or after January 1, 2019. The requirements of the new leases standard include balance sheet recognition of leases previously deemed to be operating leases, and additional disclosure requirements. The Company is in the process of evaluating what impact the ASU, including the practical expedients, will have on its financial statements, including reviewing its lease population. The Company has decided to elect the practical expedient package whereby it need not reassess whether a contract is or contains a lease or whether a lease is an operating or capital lease and it need not reassess initial direct costs for leases. As of December 31, 2017, Eversource's total future undiscounted minimum rental payments, excluding executory costs, under long-term noncancelable operating and capital leases were less than \$100 million.

Accounting Standards Recently Adopted: On January 1, 2018, Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH adopted ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which amended existing revenue recognition guidance, using the modified retrospective method (cumulatively at the date of initial application) applying it only to contracts that were not complete at January 1, 2018. Under this method of adoption, prior year reported results were not restated. Implementation of the ASU did not have a material effect on the results of operations, financial position or cash flows of Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric or PSNH. See Note 16, "Revenues," for further information.

The Company identified an item that was accounted for differently under the new revenue guidance, as compared to the previously existing guidance. As a result of applying guidance on the unit of account under the new standard, purchases of power from and sales of power to ISO-New England are now accounted for net by the hour, rather than net by the month. This change increased Operating Revenues and Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission by \$0.4 million and \$22.4 million, respectively, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, with no impact on net income.

On January 1, 2018, Eversource adopted ASU 2016-01, Financial Instruments - Overall: Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Liabilities. The ASU removed the available-for-sale designation for equity securities, whereby changes in fair value were previously recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income within shareholders' equity, and required changes in fair value of all equity securities to be recorded in earnings effective January 1, 2018. There was no cumulative effect of adoption. Unrealized gains recorded in Other Income, Net were \$2.4 million and \$2.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. For further information, see Note 5, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

On January 1, 2018, Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH adopted ASU 2017-07, Compensation – Retirement Benefits: Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost. The ASU required separate presentation of service cost from other components of net pension, SERP and PBOP costs, with the other components presented as non-operating income and not subject to capitalization. The ASU has been applied retrospectively for the separate presentation in the income statement of service costs and other components and prospectively in the balance sheet for the capitalization of only the service cost component. As of September 30, 2018, the non-service cost components of net pension, SERP and PBOP costs that were not capitalized in plant were recorded as an increase to regulatory liabilities of approximately \$30 million, as these amounts continue

to be included in rates. See Note 1G, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Other Income, Net," to the financial statements for the portion of pension, SERP and PBOP costs that are presented as non-operating income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. For the three months ended September 30, 2017, the amounts, which were previously presented within Operations and Maintenance expense on the statements of income, totaled \$7.3 million at Eversource, \$0.4 million at CL&P, \$4.7 million at NSTAR Electric and \$1.5 million at PSNH, and have been retrospectively presented within Other Income, Net. For the nine months ended September 30, 2017, these amounts were \$22.9 million at Eversource, \$1.3 million at CL&P, \$14.5 million at NSTAR Electric and \$4.5 million at PSNH.

On January 1, 2018, Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH adopted two accounting standards relating to the statement of cash flows; ASU 2016-15, Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, and ASU 2016-18, Restricted Cash. As a result of implementing ASU 2016-15, dividends from equity method investments of \$16.4 million and \$14.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, are presented in operating activities at Eversource, for which the 2017 amounts were previously classified in investing activities. ASU 2016-18 required that the statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents. Both standards were applied retrospectively, as required, and neither had a material impact on Eversource's, CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's or PSNH's statements of cash flows. See Note 1I, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Supplemental Cash Flow Information," to the financial statements for a reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents as reported on the balance sheet to the statement of cash flows, which includes amounts described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents.

C. Northern Pass

Northern Pass is Eversource's planned 1,090 MW HVDC transmission line that will interconnect from the Québec-New Hampshire border to Franklin, New Hampshire and an associated alternating current radial transmission line between Franklin and Deerfield, New Hampshire. As of September 30, 2018, our capitalized Northern Pass project costs were approximately \$302 million.

In March 2018, the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("NHSEC") issued a written decision denying Northern Pass' siting application and the Massachusetts EDCs terminated the selection of, and subsequent contract negotiations with, Northern Pass under the Massachusetts Clean Energy RFP. On April 27, 2018, NPT filed a motion for rehearing with the NHSEC and on July 12, 2018, the NHSEC issued its written decision denying Northern Pass' motion for rehearing. On August 10, 2018, NPT filed an appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, based on the NHSEC's failure to follow applicable law in its review of the project. On October 12, 2018, the New Hampshire Supreme Court accepted this appeal and directed the NHSEC to transmit the record of its proceedings to the Court by December 11, 2018. The Supreme Court has not yet issued a schedule for the balance of the appeal process. In parallel, NPT intends to continue to pursue all available options to secure NHSEC approval and to construct the project.

The March 2018 NHSEC denial of Northern Pass' siting application caused us to review the recoverability of our Northern Pass project costs in the first quarter of 2018. In this recoverability review, we estimated undiscounted expected project cash flows and compared the result to our estimated project costs to determine whether the recorded amount was recoverable. Our undiscounted cash flows were substantially in excess of our estimated project costs. We completed this analysis and concluded that our project costs were recoverable as of March 31, 2018, based on our expectation that the Northern Pass project remains probable of being placed in service. The events that occurred subsequent to March 31, 2018 did not require an additional review of the recoverability of the Northern Pass project costs as of September 30, 2018.

Consistent with Eversource's and HQ's long-term relationship to bring clean energy into New England, Eversource and HQ remain committed to Northern Pass and the many benefits this project will bring to our customers and the region. If as a result of future events and changes in circumstances a new recoverability review were to conclude that our project costs are not recoverable, then we would reduce Northern Pass' project costs to the estimated fair value, which could result in most of our \$302 million of capitalized project costs being impaired. Such an impairment could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

D. Impairment of Access Northeast

Access Northeast is a natural gas pipeline and storage project being developed jointly by Eversource, Enbridge, Inc. ("Enbridge") and National Grid plc ("National Grid"), through Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("AGT"). Eversource's investments include a 40 percent ownership interest in Access Northeast, which is accounted for as an equity method investment. Equity method investments are assessed for impairment when conditions exist that indicate that the fair value of the investment is less than book value. If the decline in value is considered to be other-than-temporary, the investment is written down to its estimated fair value, which establishes a new cost basis in the investment. Impairment evaluations involve a significant degree of judgment and estimation, including identifying circumstances that indicate an impairment may exist and developing undiscounted future cash flows.

In 2015 and 2016, AGT sought to secure long-term natural gas pipeline capacity contracts with EDCs in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island. Subsequently, in 2016, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the NHPUC each ruled that state statutes precluded the state regulatory agencies from approving those contracts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively. The New Hampshire Supreme Court overruled the NHPUC decision in May 2018. Legislative changes are needed in Massachusetts to allow the DPU to approve natural gas pipeline capacity contracts. No such changes have occurred during any legislative session in 2017

or 2018.

In September 2018, certain non-Eversource natural gas related events in eastern Massachusetts resulted in widespread property and system damage, personal injuries, and a fatality. As a result of these events, compounded by the failure to secure Massachusetts legislation to date, we believe there is significant uncertainty around the future timing of, and ability to secure, needed legislative change affecting the natural gas industry and pipeline expansion, which may significantly delay the completion of the Access Northeast project.

Eversource identified the September 2018 natural gas related event, compounded by the adverse legislative environment, as negative evidence that indicated potential impairment. Our impairment assessment uses a discounted cash flow income approach, including consideration of the severity and duration of any decline in fair value of our investment in the project, and involves significant management judgment and estimation, including projections of the project's discounted cash flows and assumptions about exit price. As of September 30, 2018, management determined that the future cash flows of the Access Northeast project are uncertain and can no longer be reasonably estimated and that the book value of our equity method investment is not recoverable. As a result, for the three months ended September 30, 2018, Eversource recorded an other-than-temporary impairment of \$32.9 million within Other Income, Net on our statement of income, representing the full carrying value of our equity method investment.

E. Provision for Uncollectible Accounts

Eversource, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, presents its receivables at estimated net realizable value by maintaining a provision for uncollectible accounts. This provision is determined based upon a variety of judgments and factors, including the application of an estimated uncollectible percentage to each receivable aging category. The estimate is based upon historical collection and write-off experience and management's assessment of collectability from customers. Management continuously assesses the collectability of receivables and adjusts collectability estimates based on actual experience. Receivable balances are written off against the provision for uncollectible accounts when the customer accounts are terminated and these balances are deemed to be uncollectible.

The PURA allows CL&P and Yankee Gas to accelerate the recovery of accounts receivable balances attributable to qualified customers under financial or medical duress (uncollectible hardship accounts receivable) outstanding for greater than 180 days and 90 days, respectively. The DPU allows NSTAR Electric and NSTAR Gas to recover in rates, amounts associated with certain uncollectible hardship accounts receivable. These uncollectible hardship customer account balances are included in Regulatory Assets or Other Long-Term Assets on the balance sheets.

The total provision for both uncollectible accounts and for uncollectible hardship accounts (the uncollectible hardship balance is included in the total provision) is included in Receivables, Net on the balance sheets, and is as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Total Provision for Uncollectible Accounts | | Uncollectible Hardship | |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| | As of | As of | As of | As of |
| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
| Eversource | \$218.1 | \$ 195.7 | \$132.6 | \$ 122.5 |
| CL&P | 84.6 | 78.9 | 68.3 | 65.5 |
| NSTAR Electric | 82.0 | 69.7 | 46.5 | 40.3 |
| PSNH | 11.3 | 10.5 | — | — |

In accordance with new revenue accounting guidance, uncollectible expense associated with customers' accounts receivable included in Operations and Maintenance expense on the statements of income is as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 |
| | Eversource | \$21.5 | \$ 14.4 | \$50.7 |
| CL&P | 4.4 | 3.6 | 12.1 | 1.8 |
| NSTAR Electric | 9.1 | 8.1 | 20.4 | 14.9 |
| PSNH | 1.6 | 1.5 | 4.9 | 5.2 |

F. Fair Value Measurements

Fair value measurement guidance is applied to derivative contracts that are not elected or designated as "normal purchases" or "normal sales" ("normal") and to the marketable securities held in trusts. Fair value measurement guidance is also applied to valuations of the investments used to calculate the funded status of pension and PBOP plans, the nonrecurring fair value measurements of nonfinancial assets such as goodwill and AROs, and the estimated fair value of preferred stock, long-term debt and RRBs.

Fair Value Hierarchy: In measuring fair value, Eversource uses observable market data when available in order to minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Inputs used in fair value measurements are categorized into three fair value hierarchy levels for disclosure purposes. The entire fair value measurement is categorized based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Eversource evaluates the classification of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a quarterly basis, and Eversource's policy is to recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 - Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Active markets are those in which transactions for the asset or liability occur in sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis.

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Level 2 - Inputs are quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs are observable.

Level 3 - Quoted market prices are not available. Fair value is derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or assumptions are unobservable. Where possible, valuation techniques incorporate observable market inputs that can be validated to external sources such as industry exchanges, including prices of energy and energy-related products.

Determination of Fair Value: The valuation techniques and inputs used in Eversource's fair value measurements are described in Note 4, "Derivative Instruments," Note 5, "Marketable Securities," and Note 11, "Fair Value of Financial Instruments," to the financial statements.

G. Other Income, Net

The components of Other Income, Net on the statements of income were as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended | | | | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|
| | September 30, 2018 | | | | September 30, 2017 | | | |
| | Eversource | GL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | GL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Non-Service Income Components ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 14.8 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 9.0 | \$ 2.0 | \$ 7.3 | \$ 0.4 | \$ 4.7 | \$ 1.5 |
| AFUDC Equity | 12.0 | 3.3 | 4.2 | — | 9.2 | 3.3 | 2.7 | — |
| Equity in Earnings/(Loss) and Impairment of Unconsolidated Affiliates ⁽²⁾ | (27.9) | — | 0.2 | — | 5.1 | — | 0.3 | — |
| Investment Income/(Loss) | 1.8 | 0.7 | (0.4) | 0.1 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| Interest Income ⁽³⁾ | 10.8 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 9.6 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Gain on Sale of Property | 5.0 | — | 0.5 | 4.4 | — | — | — | — |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total Other Income, Net ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 16.7 | \$ 7.1 | \$ 13.7 | \$ 16.1 | \$ 28.5 | \$ 7.9 | \$ 9.2 | \$ 2.7 |
| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended | | | | | | | |
| | September 30, 2018 | | | | September 30, 2017 | | | |
| | Eversource | GL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | GL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Pension, SERP and PBOP Non-Service Income Components ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 44.6 | \$ 7.3 | \$ 26.8 | \$ 6.4 | \$ 22.9 | \$ 1.3 | \$ 14.5 | \$ 4.5 |
| AFUDC Equity | 32.6 | 9.4 | 11.5 | — | 23.8 | 8.2 | 6.7 | — |
| Equity in Earnings/(Loss) and Impairment of Unconsolidated Affiliates ⁽²⁾ | (0.4) | — | 0.6 | — | 23.0 | — | 0.2 | — |
| Investment Income | 2.2 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 3.7 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| Interest Income ⁽³⁾ | 16.2 | 2.9 | 0.6 | 13.3 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Gain on Sale of Property | 5.0 | — | 0.5 | 4.4 | — | — | — | — |
| Other | 0.5 | 0.2 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.1 |
| Total Other Income, Net ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 100.7 | \$ 20.7 | \$ 40.6 | \$ 24.3 | \$ 79.2 | \$ 15.4 | \$ 24.6 | \$ 7.4 |

As a result of the adoption of new accounting guidance, the non-service related components of pension, SERP and PBOP benefit costs are presented as non-operating income and recorded in Other Income, Net on the statements of income. The 2017 amounts, which were previously presented within Operations and Maintenance expense on the statements of income, have been retrospectively presented within Other Income, Net for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017. Eversource elected the practical expedient in the accounting guidance that allows the Company to use the amounts disclosed in its Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension footnote for the prior period presentations as the estimation basis for applying the retrospective presentation requirements.

⁽²⁾ For the three months ended September 30, 2018, equity in earnings/(loss) and impairment of unconsolidated affiliates includes an other-than-temporary impairment of \$32.9 million in the Access Northeast project investment. See Note 1D, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Impairment of Access Northeast," for further information. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, equity in earnings includes \$17.6 million and \$9.7 million of unrealized gains associated with an investment in a renewable energy fund, respectively.

⁽³⁾ See Note 2, "Regulatory Accounting," for interest income recognized in the third quarter of 2018 for the equity return component of carrying charges on storm costs at PSNH.

H. Other Taxes

Eversource's companies that serve customers in Connecticut collect gross receipts taxes levied by the state of Connecticut from their customers. These gross receipts taxes are shown separately with collections in Operating Revenues and with payments in Taxes Other Than Income Taxes on the statements of income as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months | | For the Nine Months | |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | Ended | | Ended | |
| | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 |
| Eversource | \$ 43.5 | \$ 40.3 | \$ 122.5 | \$ 118.2 |
| CL&P | 40.6 | 37.8 | 107.7 | 103.5 |

As agents for state and local governments, Eversource's companies that serve customers in Connecticut and Massachusetts collect certain sales taxes that are recorded on a net basis with no impact on the statements of income.

Separate from the amounts above are \$10.7 million and \$36.1 million of amounts recorded as Taxes Other than Income Taxes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, related to the future remittance to the State of Connecticut of energy efficiency funds collected from customers in Operating Revenues. These amounts are shown separately with collections in Operating Revenues and expenses in Taxes Other than Income Taxes on the Eversource and CL&P statements of income.

I. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Non-cash investing activities include plant additions included in Accounts Payable as follows:

| | As of September 30, 2018 | As of September 30, 2017 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (Millions of Dollars) Eversource | \$ 303.7 | \$ 307.7 |
| CL&P | 103.0 | 113.4 |
| NSTAR Electric | 62.5 | 92.5 |
| PSNH | 48.3 | 39.6 |

The following table reconciles cash and cash equivalents as reported on the balance sheets to the cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash as reported on the statements of cash flows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | | | | As of December 31, 2017 | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents as reported on the Balance Sheets | \$59.1 | \$ 1.0 | \$ 2.4 | \$ 7.5 | \$38.2 | \$ 6.0 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 0.9 |
| Restricted cash included in: | | | | | | | | |
| Prepayments and Other Current Assets | 51.4 | 3.5 | 12.9 | 26.8 | 24.4 | 3.1 | 12.8 | 0.5 |
| Marketable Securities | 20.9 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 23.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Other Long-Term Assets | 3.2 | — | — | 3.2 | — | — | — | — |
| Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Restricted Cash reported on the Statements of Cash Flows | \$134.6 | \$ 4.9 | \$ 15.4 | \$ 38.2 | \$85.9 | \$ 9.6 | \$ 14.7 | \$ 2.2 |

Restricted cash included in Prepayments and Other Current Assets and Other Long-Term Assets, shown above, primarily represents required ISO-NE cash deposits and cash collections related to the PSNH RRB customer charges that are held in trust. Restricted cash included in Marketable Securities, shown above, represents money market funds held in trusts to fund certain non-qualified executive benefits and restricted trusts to fund CYAPC and YAEC's spent nuclear fuel removal obligations of their nuclear fuel storage facilities.

As a result of implementing new accounting guidance for the statement of cash flows, the reclassification of the change in restricted cash balances, which was previously classified as operating activities, resulted in a decrease of \$30.2 million in the total cash and restricted cash change for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

J. Income Taxes

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act became law, which amended existing federal tax rules to reduce U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent effective January 1, 2018. Our regulated companies have established a liability to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal income tax rate. Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH's effective tax rate has decreased, as compared to the prior period, as a result of incurring a lower federal income tax expense, which is reflected on the statements of income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018. See Note 16, "Revenues," for further information on the amounts deducted from revenues.

Eversource's annual return to provision process in the third quarter of 2018 resulted in significant benefits as a result of both tax reform and changes in Connecticut state tax legislation that resulted in the remeasurement of a tax reserve. These benefits from both federal tax reform and Connecticut tax law change reduced income tax expense by an aggregate \$18 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018.

2. REGULATORY ACCOUNTING

Eversource's utility companies are subject to rate regulation that is based on cost recovery and meets the criteria for application of accounting guidance for rate-regulated operations, which considers the effect of regulation on the timing of the recognition of certain revenues and expenses. The regulated companies' financial statements reflect the effects of the rate-making process. The rates charged to the customers of Eversource's regulated companies are designed to collect each company's costs to provide service, including a return on investment.

Management believes it is probable that each of the regulated companies will recover its respective investments in long-lived assets, including regulatory assets. If management were to determine that it could no longer apply the accounting guidance applicable to rate-regulated enterprises to any of the regulated companies' operations, or if management could not conclude it is probable that costs would be recovered from customers in future rates, the costs would be charged to net income in the period in which the determination is made.

Regulatory Assets: The components of regulatory assets were as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | | | | As of December 31, 2017 | | | |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Benefit Costs | \$1,988.4 | \$447.4 | \$541.2 | \$172.0 | \$2,068.8 | \$469.2 | \$560.7 | \$212.3 |
| Income Taxes, Net | 720.7 | 448.1 | 112.9 | 15.6 | 768.9 | 453.8 | 113.2 | 21.7 |
| Securitized Stranded Costs | 618.6 | — | — | 618.6 | — | — | — | — |
| Deferred Costs from Generation Asset Sale | — | — | — | — | 516.1 | — | — | 516.1 |
| Storm Restoration Costs, Net | 598.5 | 319.7 | 222.1 | 56.7 | 404.8 | 216.7 | 146.6 | 41.5 |
| Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms | 257.8 | 39.5 | 128.4 | 74.9 | 509.9 | 85.3 | 273.0 | 116.4 |
| Derivative Liabilities | 360.0 | 359.9 | — | — | 367.2 | 362.3 | — | — |
| Goodwill-related | 352.6 | — | 302.7 | — | 365.2 | — | 313.6 | — |
| Asset Retirement Obligations | 87.5 | 31.8 | 41.3 | 3.3 | 101.0 | 30.3 | 39.0 | 17.0 |
| Other Regulatory Assets | 169.2 | 27.4 | 71.7 | 12.4 | 137.4 | 27.6 | 78.4 | 15.8 |
| Total Regulatory Assets | 5,153.3 | 1,673.8 | 1,420.3 | 953.5 | 5,239.3 | 1,645.2 | 1,524.5 | 940.8 |
| Less: Current Portion | 436.7 | 128.8 | 193.5 | 61.4 | 741.9 | 200.3 | 333.9 | 130.1 |
| Total Long-Term Regulatory Assets | \$4,716.6 | \$1,545.0 | \$1,226.8 | \$892.1 | \$4,497.4 | \$1,444.9 | \$1,190.6 | \$810.7 |

Securitized Stranded Costs: On May 8, 2018, a subsidiary of PSNH issued \$635.7 million of securitized RRBs to finance PSNH's unrecovered stranded costs associated with the divestiture of its generation assets. Securitized regulatory assets, which are not earning an equity return, are being recovered over the amortization period of the associated RRBs. The PSNH RRBs are expected to be repaid by February 1, 2033. The stranded costs related to the difference between the carrying value and the fair value less costs to sell the thermal generation assets were reflected as a deferred cost in the table above as of December 31, 2017, and are reflected in the securitized stranded costs balance as of September 30, 2018.

Storm Restoration Costs, Net:

2018 Storms: In 2018, several significant storms caused extensive damage to our electric distribution systems and significant customer outages across all three states. A storm must meet certain criteria to qualify for deferral and recovery with the criteria specific to each state jurisdiction and utility company. Once a storm qualifies for recovery, all qualifying expenses incurred during storm restoration efforts are deferred and recovered from customers. Costs for storms that do not meet the specific criteria are expensed as incurred. The 2018 storms resulted in deferred storm restoration costs of approximately \$266 million (\$149 million for CL&P, \$101 million for NSTAR Electric, and \$16 million for PSNH), which were reflected in Storm Restoration Costs, Net in the table above as of September 30, 2018. Management believes the storm restoration costs were prudent and meet the criteria for specific cost recovery in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and that recovery from customers is probable through the applicable regulatory recovery processes.

On September 17, 2018, the NHPUC approved the recovery of \$49 million, plus carrying charges, in storm costs incurred from August 2011 through March 2013 and the transfer of funding from PSNH's major storm funding reserve to offset those costs. The costs of these storms (excluding the equity return component of the carrying charges) were deferred as regulatory assets, and the funding reserve collected from customers was accrued as a regulatory liability. The storm cost deferral is separate from the major storm funding reserve that is being collected from customers. As a result of the approval, PSNH recognized \$8.7 million (pre-tax) within Other Income, Net on our statement of income in the third quarter of 2018 for the equity return component of the carrying charges, which have been billed and collected. Storm costs incurred from March 2013 through 2016 are currently being audited by the NHPUC staff.

Regulatory Costs in Long-Term Assets: Eversource's regulated companies had \$104.6 million (including \$27.6 million for CL&P, \$53.3 million for NSTAR Electric and \$3.9 million for PSNH) and \$105.8 million (including \$18.2 million for CL&P, \$42.7 million for NSTAR Electric and \$27.2 million for PSNH) of additional regulatory costs as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, that were included in long-term assets on the balance sheets. These amounts represent incurred costs for which recovery has not yet been specifically approved by the applicable regulatory agency. However, based on regulatory policies or past precedent on similar costs, management believes it is probable that these costs will ultimately be approved and recovered from customers in rates.

Regulatory Liabilities: The components of regulatory liabilities were as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | | | | As of December 31, 2017 | | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|---------|
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Excess ADIT due to Tax Cuts and Jobs Act | \$2,876.9 | \$1,026.3 | \$1,100.5 | \$397.4 | \$2,882.0 | \$1,031.6 | \$1,087.9 | \$405.1 |
| Cost of Removal | 516.4 | 37.8 | 305.7 | 24.9 | 502.1 | 23.2 | 293.8 | 37.9 |
| Benefit Costs | 127.1 | — | 107.2 | 0.5 | 132.3 | — | 112.6 | — |
| Regulatory Tracker Mechanisms | 345.6 | 111.9 | 168.3 | 38.5 | 136.7 | 34.6 | 77.8 | 5.0 |
| AFUDC - Transmission | 68.6 | 47.8 | 20.8 | — | 67.1 | 48.8 | 18.3 | — |
| Revenue Subject to Refund | 36.2 | 8.3 | 3.7 | 9.4 | — | — | — | — |
| Other Regulatory Liabilities | 80.7 | 25.7 | 28.3 | 2.8 | 45.2 | 12.9 | 3.7 | 2.7 |
| Total Regulatory Liabilities | 4,051.5 | 1,257.8 | 1,734.5 | 473.5 | 3,765.4 | 1,151.1 | 1,594.1 | 450.7 |
| Less: Current Portion | 344.7 | 126.6 | 168.2 | 39.7 | 128.1 | 39.0 | 79.6 | 6.3 |
| Total Long-Term Regulatory Liabilities | \$3,706.8 | \$1,131.2 | \$1,566.3 | \$433.8 | \$3,637.3 | \$1,112.1 | \$1,514.5 | \$444.4 |

Revenue Subject to Refund: The regulatory liability balance represents the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Effective February 1, 2018 for NSTAR Electric, May 1, 2018 for CL&P and July 1, 2018 for NSTAR Gas, base rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal income tax rate. As part of CL&P's 2018 rate case settlement, a new capital tracker regulatory mechanism was established, which includes the refund of the reserve for the higher federal corporate income tax rate to customers between January 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 in rates, from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

3. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

The following tables summarize property, plant and equipment by asset category:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Eversource | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | As of September 30, 2018 | As of December 31, 2017 |
| Distribution - Electric | \$ 14,794.9 | \$ 14,410.5 |
| Distribution - Natural Gas | 3,371.2 | 3,244.2 |
| Transmission - Electric | 9,733.6 | 9,270.9 |
| Distribution - Water | 1,594.3 | 1,558.4 |
| Solar | 109.3 | 36.2 |
| Utility | 29,603.3 | 28,520.2 |
| Other ⁽¹⁾ | 759.0 | 693.7 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross | 30,362.3 | 29,213.9 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | | |
| Utility | (7,065.4) | (6,846.9) |
| Other | (325.4) | (286.9) |
| Total Accumulated Depreciation | (7,390.8) | (7,133.8) |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 22,971.5 | 22,080.1 |
| Construction Work in Progress | 1,996.2 | 1,537.4 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | \$ 24,967.7 | \$ 23,617.5 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | | | As of December 31, 2017 | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Distribution | \$6,027.1 | \$6,651.1 | \$2,157.0 | \$5,888.3 | \$6,479.0 | \$2,083.4 |

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|--|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Transmission | 4,513.7 | 3,915.5 | 1,255.6 | 4,239.9 | 3,821.2 | 1,161.3 |
| Solar | — | 109.3 | — | — | 36.2 | — |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Gross | 10,540.8 | 10,675.9 | 3,412.6 | 10,128.2 | 10,336.4 | 3,244.7 |
| Less: Accumulated Depreciation | (2,297.4) | (2,673.0) | (762.1) | (2,239.0) | (2,550.2) | (751.8) |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | 8,243.4 | 8,002.9 | 2,650.5 | 7,889.2 | 7,786.2 | 2,492.9 |
| Construction Work in Progress | 510.3 | 573.2 | 176.0 | 381.8 | 460.3 | 149.4 |
| Total Property, Plant and Equipment, Net | \$8,753.7 | \$8,576.1 | \$2,826.5 | \$8,271.0 | \$8,246.5 | \$2,642.3 |

(1) These assets are primarily comprised of building improvements, computer software, hardware and equipment at Eversource Service.

4. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

The electric and natural gas companies purchase and procure energy and energy-related products, which are subject to price volatility, for their customers. The costs associated with supplying energy to customers are recoverable from customers in future rates. These regulated companies manage the risks associated with the price volatility of energy and energy-related products through the use of derivative and non-derivative contracts.

Many of the derivative contracts meet the definition of, and are designated as, normal and qualify for accrual accounting under the applicable accounting guidance. The costs and benefits of derivative contracts that meet the definition of normal are recognized in Operating Expenses on the statements of income, as applicable, as electricity or natural gas is delivered.

Derivative contracts that are not designated as normal are recorded at fair value as current or long-term Derivative Assets or Derivative Liabilities on the balance sheets. For the electric and natural gas companies, regulatory assets or regulatory liabilities are recorded to offset the fair values of derivatives, as contract settlement amounts are recovered from, or refunded to, customers in their respective energy supply rates.

The gross fair values of derivative assets and liabilities with the same counterparty are offset and reported as net Derivative Assets or Derivative Liabilities, with current and long-term portions, on the balance sheets. The following table presents the gross fair values of contracts, categorized by risk type, and the net amounts recorded as current or long-term derivative assets or liabilities:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Fair Value Hierarchy | As of September 30, 2018 | | | As of December 31, 2017 | | |
|--|----------------------|--|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management | Netting (1) | Net Amount Recorded as a Derivative | Commodity Supply and Price (1) Risk Management | Netting as a Derivative | Net Amount Recorded as a Derivative |
| Current Derivative Assets: | | | | | | | |
| Eversource | Level 2 | \$0.8 | \$(0.5) | \$ 0.3 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — |
| CL&P | Level 3 | 8.8 | (4.8) | 4.0 | 9.5 | (7.1) | 2.4 |
| Long-Term Derivative Assets: | | | | | | | |
| CL&P | Level 3 | 75.0 | (2.3) | 72.7 | 71.9 | (5.3) | 66.6 |
| Current Derivative Liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Eversource | Level 2 | — | — | — | (4.5) | — | (4.5) |
| CL&P | Level 3 | (50.8) | — | (50.8) | (54.4) | — | (54.4) |
| Long-Term Derivative Liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Eversource | Level 2 | (0.1) | — | (0.1) | (0.4) | — | (0.4) |
| CL&P | Level 3 | (385.8) | — | (385.8) | (376.9) | — | (376.9) |

(1) Amounts represent derivative assets and liabilities that Eversource elected to record net on the balance sheets. These amounts are subject to master netting agreements or similar agreements for which the right of offset exists.

For further information on the fair value of derivative contracts, see Note 1F, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," to the financial statements.

Derivative Contracts at Fair Value with Offsetting Regulatory Amounts

Commodity Supply and Price Risk Management: As required by regulation, CL&P, along with UI, has capacity-related contracts with generation facilities. CL&P has a sharing agreement with UI, with 80 percent of the costs or benefits of each contract borne by or allocated to CL&P and 20 percent borne by or allocated to UI. The combined capacity of these contracts is 787 MW. The capacity contracts extend through 2026 and obligate both CL&P and UI to make or receive payments on a monthly basis to or from the generation facilities based on the difference between a set capacity price and the capacity market price received in the ISO-NE capacity markets. In addition, CL&P has a contract to purchase 0.1 million MWh of energy per year through 2020.

As of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, Eversource had New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") financial contracts for natural gas futures in order to reduce variability associated with the price of 10.6 million and 9.5 million MMBtu of natural gas, respectively.

For the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, there were gains of \$1.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, deferred as regulatory costs, which reflect the change in fair value associated with Eversource's derivative contracts. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, there were losses of \$25.8 million and \$30.3 million, respectively.

Fair Value Measurements of Derivative Instruments

Derivative contracts classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy relate to the financial contracts for natural gas futures. Prices are obtained from broker quotes and are based on actual market activity. The contracts are valued using NYMEX natural gas prices. Valuations of these contracts also incorporate discount rates using the yield curve approach.

The fair value of derivative contracts classified as Level 3 utilizes significant unobservable inputs. The fair value is modeled using income techniques, such as discounted cash flow valuations adjusted for assumptions related to exit price. Significant observable inputs for valuations of these contracts include energy and energy-related product prices in future years for which quoted prices in an active market exist. Fair value measurements categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are prepared by individuals with expertise in valuation techniques, pricing of energy and energy-related products, and accounting requirements. The future power and capacity prices for periods that are not quoted in an active market or established at auction are based on available market data and are escalated based on estimates of inflation in order to address the full term of the contract.

Valuations of derivative contracts using a discounted cash flow methodology include assumptions regarding the timing and likelihood of scheduled payments and also reflect non-performance risk, including credit, using the default probability approach based on the counterparty's credit rating for assets and the Company's credit rating for liabilities.

Valuations incorporate estimates of premiums or discounts that would be required by a market participant to arrive at an exit price, using historical market transactions adjusted for the terms of the contract.

The following is a summary of CL&P's Level 3 derivative contracts and the range of the significant unobservable inputs utilized in the valuations over the duration of the contracts:

| CL&P | As of September 30, 2018 | | As of December 31, 2017 | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| | Range | Period Covered | Range | Period Covered |
| Capacity Prices | \$4.30 –7.44 per kW-Month | 2022-2026 | \$5.00 –8.70 per kW-Month | 2021 - 2026 |
| Forward Reserve | \$0.95 –2.00 per kW-Month | 2019-2024 | \$1.00 –2.00 per kW-Month | 2018 - 2024 |

Exit price premiums of 1 percent through 16 percent are also applied to these contracts and reflect the uncertainty and illiquidity premiums that would be required based on the most recent market activity available for similar type contracts.

Significant increases or decreases in future energy, capacity or forward reserve prices in isolation would decrease or increase, respectively, the fair value of the derivative liability. Any increases in risk premiums would increase the fair value of the derivative liability. Changes in these fair values are recorded as a regulatory asset or liability and do not impact net income.

Valuations using significant unobservable inputs: The following table presents changes in the Level 3 category of derivative assets and derivative liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The derivative assets and liabilities are presented on a net basis.

| CL&P | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | September 30, 2018 | 2017 | September 30, 2018 | 2017 |
| (Millions of Dollars) | | | | |
| Derivatives, Net: | | | | |
| Fair Value as of Beginning of Period | \$(369.3) | \$(394.8) | \$(362.3) | \$(420.5) |
| Net Realized/Unrealized Gains/(Losses) Included in Regulatory Assets and Liabilities | 1.2 | (0.7) | (27.0) | (15.9) |
| Settlements | 8.2 | 13.9 | 29.4 | 54.8 |

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|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Fair Value as of End of Period | | | | |
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5. MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Eversource holds marketable securities that are primarily used to fund certain non-qualified executive benefits. The trusts that hold marketable securities are not subject to regulatory oversight by state or federal agencies. CYAPC and YAEC maintain legally restricted trusts, each of which holds marketable securities, to fund the spent nuclear fuel removal obligations of their nuclear fuel storage facilities.

Equity Securities: In accordance with new accounting guidance, unrealized gains and losses on equity securities are recorded in Other Income, Net on the statements of income. The fair value of equity securities subject to this guidance as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017 was \$54.5 million and \$50 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, there were unrealized gains of \$2.4 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, recorded in Other Income, Net related to these equity securities.

Eversource's equity securities also include CYAPC's and YAEC's marketable securities held in nuclear decommissioning trusts, which had fair values of \$258.0 million and \$263.8 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively. Unrealized gains and losses for these nuclear decommissioning trusts are subject to regulatory accounting treatment and are recorded in Marketable Securities with the corresponding offset to Other Long-Term Liabilities on the balance sheets, with no impact on the statements of income.

Available-for-Sale Debt Securities: The following is a summary of the available-for-sale debt securities, which are recorded at fair value and are included in current and long-term Marketable Securities on the balance sheets.

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | | | | As of December 31, 2017 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | Amortized Cost | Pre-Tax Unrealized Gains | Pre-Tax Unrealized Losses | Fair Value | Amortized Cost | Pre-Tax Unrealized Gains | Pre-Tax Unrealized Losses | Fair Value |
| Debt Securities | \$292.8 | \$ 0.8 | \$ (2.7) | \$290.9 | \$284.9 | \$ 3.2 | \$ (1.1) | \$287.0 |

Eversource's debt securities include CYAPC's and YAEC's marketable securities held in nuclear decommissioning trusts in the amounts of \$247.1 million and \$242.3 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively.

Unrealized gains and losses on available-for-sale debt securities held in Eversource's non-qualified benefit trust are recorded in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. There have been no significant unrealized losses, other-than-temporary impairments, or credit losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. Factors considered in determining whether a credit loss exists include the duration and severity of the impairment, adverse conditions specifically affecting the issuer, and the payment history, ratings and rating changes of the security. For asset-backed debt securities, underlying collateral and expected future cash flows are also evaluated.

As of September 30, 2018, the contractual maturities of available-for-sale debt securities were as follows:

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Less than one year ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 28.5 | \$28.5 |
| One to five years | 48.7 | 48.3 |
| Six to ten years | 61.8 | 61.2 |
| Greater than ten years | 153.8 | 152.9 |
| Total Debt Securities | \$ 292.8 | \$290.9 |

⁽¹⁾ Amounts in the Less than one year category include securities in the CYAPC and YAEC nuclear decommissioning trusts, which are restricted and are classified in long-term Marketable Securities on the balance sheets.

Realized Gains and Losses: Realized gains and losses are recorded in Other Income, Net for Eversource's non-qualified benefit trust and are offset in Other Long-Term Liabilities for CYAPC and YAEC. Eversource utilizes the specific identification basis method for the Eversource non-qualified benefit trust, and the average cost basis method for the CYAPC and YAEC nuclear decommissioning trusts to compute the realized gains and losses on the sale of marketable securities.

Fair Value Measurements: The following table presents the marketable securities recorded at fair value on a recurring basis by the level in which they are classified within the fair value hierarchy:

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | As of September 30, 2018 | As of December 31, 2017 |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Level 1: | | |
| Mutual Funds and Equities | \$ 312.5 | \$ 313.8 |
| Money Market Funds | 20.9 | 23.3 |
| Total Level 1 | \$ 333.4 | \$ 337.1 |
| Level 2: | | |
| U.S. Government Issued Debt Securities (Agency and Treasury) | \$ 80.8 | \$ 70.2 |

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| Corporate Debt Securities | 41.8 | 50.9 |
| Asset-Backed Debt Securities | 14.3 | 21.2 |
| Municipal Bonds | 121.2 | 110.7 |
| Other Fixed Income Securities | 11.9 | 10.7 |
| Total Level 2 | \$ 270.0 | \$ 263.7 |
| Total Marketable Securities | \$ 603.4 | \$ 600.8 |

U.S. government issued debt securities are valued using market approaches that incorporate transactions for the same or similar bonds and adjustments for yields and maturity dates. Corporate debt securities are valued using a market approach, utilizing recent trades of the same or similar instruments and also incorporating yield curves, credit spreads and specific bond terms and conditions. Asset-backed debt securities include collateralized mortgage obligations, commercial mortgage backed securities, and securities collateralized by auto loans, credit card loans or receivables. Asset-backed debt securities are valued using recent trades of similar instruments, prepayment assumptions, yield curves, issuance and maturity dates, and tranche information. Municipal bonds are valued using a market approach that incorporates reported trades and benchmark yields. Other fixed income securities are valued using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics, and discounted cash flows.

6. SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM DEBT

Short-Term Debt - Commercial Paper Programs and Credit Agreements: Eversource parent has a \$1.45 billion commercial paper program allowing Eversource parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. Eversource parent, CL&P, PSNH, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas are also parties to a five-year \$1.45 billion revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility terminates on December 8, 2022 and serves to backstop Eversource parent's \$1.45 billion commercial paper program.

NSTAR Electric has a \$650 million commercial paper program allowing NSTAR Electric to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. NSTAR Electric is also a party to a five-year \$650 million revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility terminates on December 8, 2022 and serves to backstop NSTAR Electric's \$650 million commercial paper program.

There were no borrowings outstanding on either the Eversource parent or NSTAR Electric revolving credit facilities as of September 30, 2018 or December 31, 2017. Eversource's water distribution segment has a \$100 million revolving credit facility, which expires on August 19, 2019, and there were no amounts outstanding as of September 30, 2018 and \$76.0 million outstanding as of December 31, 2017.

The amount of borrowings outstanding and available under the commercial paper programs were as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Borrowings Outstanding as of | | Available Borrowing Capacity as of | | Weighted-Average Interest Rate as of | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
| Eversource Parent Commercial Paper Program | \$826.7 | \$ 979.3 | \$623.3 | \$ 470.7 | 2.34 % | 1.86 % |
| NSTAR Electric Commercial Paper Program | 240.5 | 234.0 | 409.5 | 416.0 | 2.17 % | 1.55 % |

Amounts outstanding under the commercial paper programs and revolving credit facility are included in Notes Payable for Eversource and NSTAR Electric and are classified in current liabilities on the balance sheets as all borrowings are outstanding for no more than 364 days at one time. As a result of the Eversource parent long-term debt issuances on January 8, 2018, the net proceeds of which were used to repay short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, \$201.2 million of commercial paper borrowings under the Eversource parent commercial paper program were reclassified as Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2017.

As of September 30, 2018, there were intercompany loans from Eversource parent of \$45.9 million to CL&P, \$46.6 million to PSNH and \$16.0 million to Harbor Electric Energy Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NSTAR Electric ("HEEC"). Intercompany loans from Eversource parent to other Eversource subsidiaries primarily included \$196.9 million to Eversource Service, \$108.0 million to Aquarion, and \$117.2 million to NSTAR Gas as of September 30, 2018. As of December 31, 2017, there were intercompany loans from Eversource parent of \$69.5 million to CL&P and \$262.9 million to PSNH. Intercompany loans from Eversource parent to other Eversource subsidiaries primarily included \$115.9 million to Eversource Service and \$198.0 million to NSTAR Gas as of December 31, 2017. These intercompany loans from Eversource parent are included in Notes Payable to Eversource Parent and are classified in current liabilities on the respective subsidiary's balance sheets. Intercompany loans from Eversource parent are eliminated in consolidation on Eversource's balance sheets.

We believe the future operating cash flows of Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, along with our existing borrowing availability and access to financial markets for the issuance of new long-term debt, will be sufficient to meet any working capital and future operating requirements, and capital investment forecast opportunities.

Long-Term Debt: The following table summarizes long-term debt issuances and repayments:

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| (Millions of Dollars) | Issue Date | Issuances/(Repayments) | Maturity Date | Use of Proceeds for Issuances/ Repayment Information |
|--|----------------|------------------------|----------------|---|
| CL&P: | | | | |
| 4.00% 2018 Series A First Mortgage Bonds | March 2018 | \$ 500.0 | April 2048 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 and repaid short-term borrowings |
| 5.65% 2008 Series A First Mortgage Bonds | May 2008 | (300.0 |) May 2018 | Repaid at maturity on May 1, 2018 |
| PSNH: | | | | |
| 6.00% 2008 Series O First Mortgage Bonds | May 2008 | (110.0 |) May 2018 | Repaid at maturity on May 1, 2018 |
| Other: | | | | |
| Eversource Parent 2.50% Series I Senior Notes ⁽¹⁾ | January 2018 | 200.0 | March 2021 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 and repaid short-term borrowings |
| Eversource Parent 3.30% Series M Senior Notes | January 2018 | 450.0 | January 2028 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 |
| Eversource Parent 1.60% Series G Senior Notes | January 2015 | (150.0 |) January 2018 | Repaid at maturity on January 15, 2018 |
| Eversource Parent 1.45% Series E Senior Notes | May 2013 | (300.0 |) May 2018 | Repaid at maturity on May 1, 2018 |
| Yankee Gas 4.13% Series O First Mortgage Bonds | September 2018 | 50.0 | October 2048 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 |
| NSTAR Gas 4.09% Series P First Mortgage Bonds | September 2018 | 100.0 | October 2048 | Repaid short-term borrowings |
| Yankee Gas 6.90% Series J First Mortgage Bonds | October 2018 | (100.0 |) October 2018 | Repaid at maturity on October 1, 2018 |

(1) These notes are part of the same series issued by Eversource parent in March 2016. The aggregate outstanding principal amount for these notes is now \$450 million.

On October 10, 2018, PSNH delivered a redemption notice for its \$89.3 million adjustable rate 2001 Series A Pollution Control Revenue Bonds. The bonds, which are scheduled to mature on May 1, 2021, will be redeemed on November 28, 2018 at a redemption price of \$89.3 million. The bonds are classified as Long-Term Debt on the balance sheet as of September 30, 2018.

As a result of the Eversource parent debt issuances in January 2018, \$446.8 million of current portion of long-term debt related to two Eversource parent issuances maturing in 2018 and \$201.2 million of commercial paper borrowings were reclassified to Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2017.

7. RATE REDUCTION BONDS AND VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

Rate Reduction Bonds: PSNH Funding LLC 3 (PSNH Funding) is a bankruptcy remote, special purpose, wholly-owned subsidiary of PSNH. PSNH Funding was formed solely to issue rate reduction bonds (RRBs) to finance PSNH's unrecovered stranded costs associated with the divestiture of its generation assets.

On May 8, 2018, PSNH Funding issued \$635.7 million of securitized RRBs in multiple tranches with a weighted average interest rate of 3.66 percent, and final maturity dates ranging from 2026 to 2035. The RRBs are expected to be repaid by February 1, 2033. RRB payments consist of principal and interest and will be paid semi-annually, beginning on February 1, 2019. The RRBs were issued pursuant to a finance order issued by the NHPUC on January 30, 2018 to recover stranded costs resulting from the divestiture of PSNH's generation assets.

The proceeds were used to purchase PSNH's stranded cost asset-recovery property, including its vested property right to bill, collect and adjust a non-bypassable stranded cost recovery charge from PSNH's retail customers. The collections will be used to pay principal, interest and other costs in connection with the RRBs. The RRBs are secured by the stranded cost asset-recovery property. Cash collections from the stranded cost recovery charges and funds on deposit in trust accounts are the sole source of funds to satisfy the debt obligation. PSNH is not the owner of the RRBs, and PSNH Funding's assets and revenues are not available to pay PSNH's creditors. The RRBs are non-recourse senior secured obligations of PSNH Funding and are not insured or guaranteed by PSNH or Eversource Energy.

PSNH Funding is considered a variable interest entity (VIE) primarily because the equity capitalization is insufficient to support its operations. PSNH has the power to direct the significant activities of the VIE and is most closely associated with the VIE as compared to other interest holders. Therefore, PSNH is considered the primary beneficiary and consolidates PSNH Funding in its consolidated financial statements. The following tables summarize the impact of PSNH Funding on PSNH's balance sheet and income statement:

(Millions of Dollars)

| | | |
|--|---------------|---------|
| Balance Sheet: | As of | |
| | September 30, | |
| | 2018 | |
| Restricted Cash - Current Portion (included in Prepayments and Other Current Assets) | \$ | 26.9 |
| Restricted Cash - Long-Term Portion (included in Other Long-Term Assets) | | 3.2 |
| Securitized Stranded Cost (included in Regulatory Assets) | | 618.6 |
| Other Regulatory Liabilities (included in Regulatory Liabilities) | | 1.0 |
| Accrued Interest (included in Other Current Liabilities) | | 8.8 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds - Current Portion | | 52.3 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds - Long-Term Portion | | 583.3 |
| (Millions of Dollars) | | |
| Income Statement: | For the | For the |
| | Three | Nine |
| | Months | Months |

| | Ended September 30, 2018 | Ended September 30, 2018 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Amortization of RRB Principal (included in Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net) | \$ 10.2 | \$ 17.1 |
| Interest Expense on RRB Principal (included in Interest Expense) | 6.0 | 8.8 |

Variable Interest Entities - Other: The Company's variable interests outside of the consolidated group include contracts that are required by regulation and provide for regulatory recovery of contract costs and benefits through customer rates. Eversource, CL&P and NSTAR Electric hold variable interests in VIEs through agreements with certain entities that own single renewable energy or peaking generation power plants, with other independent power producers and with transmission businesses. Eversource, CL&P and NSTAR Electric do not control the activities that are economically significant to these VIEs or provide financial or other support to these VIEs. Therefore, Eversource, CL&P and NSTAR Electric do not consolidate these VIEs.

8. PENSION BENEFITS AND POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSION

Eversource provides defined benefit retirement plans ("Pension Plans") that cover eligible employees, including, among others, employees of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH. In addition to the Pension Plans, Eversource maintains non-qualified defined benefit retirement plans ("SERP Plans"), which provide benefits in excess of Internal Revenue Code limitations to eligible participants consisting of current and retired employees. Eversource also provides defined benefit postretirement plans (the "PBOP Plans") that provide life insurance and a health reimbursement arrangement created for the purpose of reimbursing retirees and dependents for health insurance premiums and certain medical expenses to eligible employees that met certain age and service eligibility requirements.

The components of net periodic benefit expense for the Pension, SERP and PBOP Plans are shown below. The service cost component of net periodic benefit expense and the intercompany allocations, less the capitalized portions, are included in Operations and Maintenance expense on the statements of income. The remaining components of net periodic benefit costs for pension, SERP and PBOP are included in Other Income, Net on the statements of income. Capitalized amounts relate to employees working on capital projects and are included in Property, Plant and Equipment, Net on the balance sheets. Pension, SERP and PBOP expense reflected in the statements of cash flows for CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH does not include the intercompany allocations or the corresponding capitalized and deferred portion, as these amounts are cash settled on a short-term basis.

| (Millions of Dollars) | Pension and SERP | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------|-------------------|--------|--|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 | | | |
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Service Cost | \$20.9 | \$5.2 | \$4.3 | \$2.7 | \$17.4 | \$4.6 | \$3.8 | \$2.4 |
| Interest Cost | 49.2 | 10.5 | 10.9 | 5.5 | 47.2 | 10.5 | 10.7 | 5.3 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (97.8) | (19.4) | (26.6) | (10.8) | (83.5) | (17.8) | (21.9) | (10.0) |
| Actuarial Loss | 35.7 | 7.1 | 10.1 | 3.3 | 33.9 | 6.8 | 10.4 | 3.0 |
| Prior Service Cost | 2.0 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense/(Income) | \$10.0 | \$3.6 | \$(1.2) | \$0.8 | \$16.2 | \$4.5 | \$3.2 | \$0.8 |
| Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$1.5 | \$1.6 | \$0.5 | N/A | \$2.4 | \$2.3 | \$0.8 |
| Capitalized Pension Expense | \$6.6 | \$2.0 | \$1.8 | \$0.8 | \$5.5 | \$2.4 | \$2.0 | \$0.4 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | Pension and SERP | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--------|-------------------|--------|---|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 | | | |
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Service Cost | \$64.2 | \$16.2 | \$13.1 | \$8.4 | \$53.8 | \$13.9 | \$11.7 | \$7.3 |
| Interest Cost | 147.1 | 31.4 | 32.6 | 16.4 | 140.7 | 31.3 | 31.9 | 15.9 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (293.8) | (59.7) | (78.3) | (32.6) | (250.5) | (53.9) | (65.8) | (29.9) |
| Actuarial Loss | 107.6 | 21.9 | 31.0 | 9.8 | 101.3 | 20.7 | 30.9 | 8.7 |
| Prior Service Cost | 6.0 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 3.4 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Expense/(Income) | \$31.1 | \$10.6 | \$(1.4) | \$2.2 | \$48.7 | \$13.1 | \$9.1 | \$2.4 |
| Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$4.5 | \$4.8 | \$1.4 | N/A | \$7.4 | \$6.9 | \$2.5 |
| Capitalized Pension Expense | \$20.2 | \$6.2 | \$5.8 | \$2.3 | \$16.5 | \$7.3 | \$5.7 | \$1.1 |

| (Millions of Dollars) | PBOP | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------|-------------------|---------|--|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017 | | | |
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Service Cost | \$2.5 | \$0.4 | \$0.5 | \$0.3 | \$2.4 | \$0.5 | \$0.4 | \$0.3 |
| Interest Cost | 7.7 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 0.8 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (18.2) | (2.6) | (8.1) | (1.5) | (16.0) | (2.4) | (7.2) | (1.4) |
| Actuarial Loss | 2.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.1 |
| Prior Service Cost/(Credit) | (6.0) | 0.3 | (4.3) | 0.1 | (5.3) | 0.3 | (4.3) | 0.2 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Income | \$(11.4) | \$— | \$(9.2) | \$— | \$(9.9) | \$(0.1) | \$(8.0) | \$— |
| Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$(0.3) | \$(0.3) | \$(0.1) | N/A | \$(0.2) | \$(0.2) | \$(0.1) |
| Capitalized PBOP Expense/(Income) | \$0.7 | \$0.1 | \$0.2 | \$0.1 | \$(4.8) | \$(0.1) | \$(4.1) | \$— |

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| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------|-------------------|---------|---|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Eversource | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Service Cost | \$7.5 | \$1.4 | \$1.6 | \$0.9 | \$7.1 | \$1.5 | \$1.4 | \$1.0 |
| Interest Cost | 23.0 | 4.4 | 6.5 | 2.5 | 20.3 | 4.0 | 6.5 | 2.3 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets | (54.2) | (7.8) | (24.4) | (4.5) | (47.8) | (7.3) | (21.6) | (4.1) |
| Actuarial Loss | 7.7 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 0.6 | 6.9 | 0.7 | 2.6 | 0.4 |
| Prior Service Cost/(Credit) | (17.6) | 0.8 | (12.7) | 0.4 | (16.1) | 0.8 | (12.8) | 0.4 |
| Total Net Periodic Benefit Income | \$(33.6) | \$— | \$(27.3) | \$(0.1) | \$(29.6) | \$(0.3) | \$(23.9) | \$— |
| Intercompany Allocations | N/A | \$(0.8) | \$(1.0) | \$(0.3) | N/A | \$(0.5) | \$(0.8) | \$(0.3) |
| Capitalized PBOP Expense/(Income) | \$2.3 | \$0.5 | \$0.7 | \$0.3 | \$(14.3) | \$(0.4) | \$(12.1) | \$— |

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

A. Environmental Matters

Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH are subject to environmental laws and regulations intended to mitigate or remove the effect of past operations and improve or maintain the quality of the environment. These laws and regulations require the removal or the remedy of the effect on the environment of the disposal or release of certain specified hazardous substances at current and former operating sites. Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH have an active environmental auditing and training program and each believes it is substantially in compliance with all enacted laws and regulations.

The number of environmental sites and related reserves for which remediation or long-term monitoring, preliminary site work or site assessment is being performed are as follows:

| | As of September 30, 2018 | | As of December 31, 2017 | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Number of Sites | Reserve (in millions) | Number of Sites | Reserve (in millions) |
| Eversource | 60 | \$ 66.6 | 59 | \$ 54.9 |
| CL&P | 14 | 5.0 | 14 | 4.7 |
| NSTAR Electric | 17 | 10.9 | 15 | 2.7 |
| PSNH | 9 | 5.5 | 10 | 5.7 |

The increase in the reserve balance was due primarily to the addition of an environmental site at NSTAR Electric and changes in cost estimates at certain MGP sites under investigation for which additional remediation will be required.

Included in the Eversource number of sites and reserve amounts above are former MGP sites that were operated several decades ago and manufactured gas from coal and other processes, which resulted in certain by-products remaining in the environment that may pose a potential risk to human health and the environment, for which Eversource may have potential liability. The reserve balances related to these former MGP sites were \$52.3 million and \$49.0 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, and related primarily to the natural gas business segment.

These reserve estimates are subjective in nature as they take into consideration several different remediation options at each specific site. The reliability and precision of these estimates can be affected by several factors, including new information concerning either the level of contamination at the site, the extent of Eversource's, CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's and PSNH's responsibility for remediation or the extent of remediation required, recently enacted laws and regulations, or changes in cost estimates due to certain economic factors. It is possible that new information or future developments could require a reassessment of the potential exposure to required environmental remediation. As this information becomes available, management will continue to assess the potential exposure and adjust the reserves accordingly.

B. Guarantees and Indemnifications

In the normal course of business, Eversource parent provides credit assurances on behalf of its subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, in the form of guarantees.

Eversource parent issued a guaranty on behalf of its subsidiary, NPT, under which, beginning at the time the Northern Pass Transmission line goes into commercial operation, Eversource parent will guarantee the financial obligations of NPT under the TSA with HQ in an amount not to exceed \$25 million. Eversource parent's obligations under the

guaranty expire upon the full, final and indefeasible payment of the guaranteed obligations. Eversource parent has also entered into a guaranty on behalf of NPT under which Eversource parent will guarantee NPT's obligations under a facility with a financial institution pursuant to which NPT may request letters of credit in an aggregate amount of up to approximately \$14 million.

Eversource parent has also guaranteed certain indemnification and other obligations as a result of the sales of former unregulated subsidiaries and the termination of an unregulated business, with maximum exposures either not specified or not material.

Management does not anticipate a material impact to net income or cash flows as a result of these various guarantees and indemnifications. The following table summarizes Eversource parent's exposure to guarantees and indemnifications of its subsidiaries to external parties, as of September 30, 2018:

| Company | Description | Maximum Exposure (in millions) | Expiration Dates |
|---|--|--------------------------------|------------------|
| On behalf of subsidiaries: | | | |
| Eversource Gas Transmission LLC | Access Northeast Project Capital Contributions Guaranty ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 184.9 | 2021 |
| Various | Surety Bonds ⁽²⁾ | 42.7 | 2018 - 2019 |
| Eversource Service and Rocky River Realty Company | Lease Payments for Vehicles and Real Estate | 6.6 | 2019 - 2024 |

⁽¹⁾ Eversource parent issued a declining balance guaranty on behalf of its subsidiary, Eversource Gas Transmission LLC, to guarantee the payment of the subsidiary's capital contributions for its investment in the Access Northeast project. The guaranty decreases as capital contributions are made. The guaranty will expire upon the earlier of the full performance of the guaranteed obligations or December 31, 2021.

⁽²⁾ Surety bond expiration dates reflect termination dates, the majority of which will be renewed or extended. Certain surety bonds contain credit ratings triggers that would require Eversource parent to post collateral in the event that the unsecured debt credit ratings of Eversource parent are downgraded.

C. Spent Nuclear Fuel Obligations - Yankee Companies

CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH have plant closure and fuel storage cost obligations to the Yankee Companies, which have each completed the physical decommissioning of their respective nuclear facilities and are now engaged in the long-term storage of their spent fuel. The Yankee Companies collect these costs through wholesale, FERC-approved rates charged under power purchase agreements with several New England utilities, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH. These companies in turn recover these costs from their customers through state regulatory commission-approved retail rates. The Yankee Companies have collected or are currently collecting amounts that management believes are adequate to recover the remaining plant closure and fuel storage cost estimates for the respective plants. Management believes CL&P and NSTAR Electric will recover their shares of these obligations from their customers. PSNH has recovered its total share of these costs from its customers.

Spent Nuclear Fuel Litigation:

The Yankee Companies have filed complaints against the DOE in the Court of Federal Claims seeking monetary damages resulting from the DOE's failure to provide for a permanent facility to store spent nuclear fuel pursuant to the terms of the 1983 spent fuel and high level waste disposal contracts between the Yankee Companies and the DOE. The court had previously awarded the Yankee Companies damages for Phase I, II and III of litigation resulting from the DOE's failure to meet its contractual obligations. These Phases covered damages incurred in the years 1998 through 2012, and the awarded damages have been received by the Yankee Companies with certain amounts of the damages refunded to their customers.

DOE Phase IV Damages - On May 22, 2017, each of the Yankee Companies filed subsequent lawsuits against the DOE in the Court of Federal

Claims seeking monetary damages totaling approximately \$100 million for CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC, resulting from the DOE's failure to begin accepting spent nuclear fuel for disposal covering the years from 2013 to 2016 ("DOE Phase IV"). The DOE Phase IV trial is now expected to begin in early 2019.

D. FERC ROE Complaints

Four separate complaints have been filed at the FERC by combinations of New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates, consumer groups, municipal parties and other parties (collectively the "Complainants"). In each of the first three complaints, the Complainants challenged the NETOs' base ROE of 11.14 percent that had been utilized since 2005 and sought an order to reduce it prospectively from the date of the final FERC order and for the separate 15-month complaint periods. In the fourth complaint, filed April 29, 2016, the Complainants challenged the NETOs' base ROE of 10.57 percent and the maximum ROE for transmission incentive ("incentive cap") of 11.74 percent, asserting that these ROEs were unjust and unreasonable.

A summary of the four separate complaints and the base ROEs pertinent to those complaints were as follows:

| Complaint | 15-Month Time Period of Complaint (Beginning as of Complaint Filing Date) | Original Base ROE Authorized by FERC at Time of Complaint Filing Date ⁽¹⁾ | Base ROE Subsequently Authorized by FERC for First Complaint Period and also Effective from October 16, 2014 through April 14, 2017 ⁽¹⁾ | Reserve (Pre-Tax and Excluding Interest) as of September 30, 2018 (in millions) |
|-----------|---|--|--|---|
| First | 10/1/2011 - 12/31/2012 | 11.14% | 10.57% | \$— ⁽²⁾ |
| Second | 12/27/2012 - 3/26/2014 | 11.14% | N/A | 39.1 ⁽³⁾ |
| Third | 7/31/2014 - 10/30/2015 | 11.14% | 10.57% | — |
| Fourth | 4/29/2016 - 7/28/2017 | 10.57% | 10.57% | — |

The ROE billed during the period October 1, 2011 through October 15, 2014 consisted of a base ROE of 11.14 (1)percent and incentives up to 13.1 percent. On October 16, 2014, the FERC set the base ROE at 10.57 percent and an incentive cap at 11.74 percent for the first complaint period. This was also effective for all prospective billings to customers beginning October 16, 2014. This FERC order was vacated on April 14, 2017.

(2) All amounts associated with the first complaint period have been refunded, which totaled \$38.9 million (pre-tax and excluding interest) at Eversource and reflected both the base ROE and incentive cap prescribed by the FERC order. The refund consisted of \$22.4 million for CL&P, \$13.7 million for NSTAR Electric and \$2.8 million for PSNH.

(3) The reserve represents the difference between the billed rates during the second complaint period and a 10.57 percent base ROE and 11.74 percent incentive cap. The reserve consisted of \$21.4 million for CL&P, \$14.6 million for NSTAR Electric and \$3.1 million for PSNH as of September 30, 2018.

In response to appeals of the October 16, 2014 FERC decision in the first complaint filed by the NETOs and the Complainants, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (the "Court") issued a decision on April 14, 2017 vacating and remanding the FERC's decision. The Court found that the FERC failed to make an explicit finding that the 11.14 percent base ROE was unjust and unreasonable, as required under Section 206 of the Federal Power Act, before it set a new base ROE. The Court also found that the FERC did not provide a rational connection between the record evidence and its decision to select the midpoint of the upper half of the zone of reasonableness for the new base ROE.

On October 16, 2018, FERC issued an order on all four complaints describing how it intends to address the issues that were remanded by the Court. FERC proposed a new framework to determine (1) whether an existing ROE is unjust and unreasonable and, if so, (2) how to calculate a replacement ROE. The parties to these proceedings were directed to submit briefs on this new proposed framework and how they would apply them in each of the four complaint proceedings. Briefs and reply briefs will be filed in the first quarter of 2019.

The FERC order included illustrative calculations for the first complaint, using FERC's proposed frameworks with financial data from that complaint. Those preliminary calculations indicated that for the first complaint period, for the NETOs that FERC concludes are of average financial risk, (1) a preliminary range of presumptively just and reasonable base ROEs is 9.60 percent to 10.99 percent; (2) the pre-existing base ROE of 11.14 percent is therefore unjust and unreasonable; (3) the preliminary just and reasonable base ROE is 10.41 percent; and (4) the preliminary incentive cap on total ROE is 13.08 percent. If the results of these illustrative calculations were included in a final FERC order, then the 10.41 percent base ROE and a 13.08 percent incentive cap would not have a significant impact on our financial statements for the first complaint period.

Although the order provided illustrative calculations, FERC stated that these calculations are merely preliminary. The FERC's preliminary calculations are not binding and do not represent what we believe to be the most likely outcome of a final FERC order, as significant changes to the methodology by FERC are possible as a result of the parties' arguments and calculations in the briefing process. Until FERC issues a final decision on each of these four complaints, there is significant uncertainty, and at this time, the Company cannot reasonably estimate a range of gain or loss for any of the four complaint proceedings. The October 16, 2018 FERC order does not provide a reasonable basis for a change to the reserve or recognized ROEs for any of the complaint periods.

Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH currently record revenues at the 10.57 percent base ROE and incentive cap at 11.74 percent established in the October 16, 2014 FERC order.

The average impact of a 10 basis point change to the base ROE for each of the 15-month complaint periods would affect Eversource's after-tax earnings by approximately \$3 million.

E. Eversource and NSTAR Electric Boston Harbor Civil Action

On July 15, 2016, the United States Attorney on behalf of the United States Army Corps of Engineers filed a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts under provisions of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and the Clean Water Act against NSTAR Electric, HEEC, and the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (together with NSTAR Electric and HEEC, the "Defendants"). The action alleged that the Defendants failed to comply with certain permitting requirements related to the placement of the HEEC-owned electric distribution cable beneath Boston Harbor. The action sought an order to compel HEEC to comply with cable depth requirements in the United States Army Corps of Engineers' permit or alternatively to remove the electric distribution cable and cease unauthorized work in U.S. waterways. The action also sought civil penalties and other costs.

The parties reached a settlement pursuant to which HEEC agreed to install a new 115kV distribution cable across Boston Harbor to Deer Island, utilizing a different route, and remove portions of the existing cable. Upon the installation and completion of the new cable and the removal of the portions of the existing cable, all issues surrounding the current permit from the United States Army Corps of Engineers are expected to be resolved, and such litigation is expected to be dismissed with prejudice.

In 2017, as a result of the settlement, NSTAR Electric expensed \$4.9 million (pre-tax) of previously incurred capitalized costs associated with engineering work performed on the existing cable that will no longer be used. In addition, NSTAR Electric agreed to provide a rate base credit of \$17.5 million to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for the new cable. This negotiated credit resulted in the initial \$17.5 million of construction costs on the new cable being expensed as incurred, all of which were fully expensed by June 30, 2018. Construction of the new cable is underway and is expected to be completed in 2019.

10. ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

In June 2015, Eversource and PSNH entered into the 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement, pursuant to which PSNH agreed to divest its generation assets, subject to NHPUC approval. The NHPUC approved this agreement as well as the final divestiture plan and auction process in the second half of 2016. On October 11, 2017, PSNH entered into two Purchase and Sale Agreements with private investors, one to sell its thermal generation assets at a purchase price of \$175 million, subject to adjustment, (the "Thermal Agreement") and a second to sell its hydroelectric generation assets at a purchase price of \$83 million, subject to adjustment (the "Hydro Agreement"). The NHPUC approved these agreements in late November 2017, at which time the Company classified these assets as held for sale.

On January 10, 2018, PSNH completed the sale of its thermal generation assets pursuant to the Thermal Agreement. In accordance with the Thermal Agreement, the original purchase price of \$175 million was adjusted to reflect working capital adjustments, closing date adjustments and proration of taxes and fees prior to closing, totaling \$40.9 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$134.1 million. In the second quarter of 2018, the purchase price was further adjusted by \$17.3 million relating to the valuation of certain allowances. As a result of these adjustments, net proceeds from the sale of the thermal assets totaled \$116.8 million.

On July 16, 2018, FERC issued its order approving the transfer of PSNH's six hydroelectric licenses to private investors. On August 26, 2018, PSNH completed the sale of its hydroelectric generation assets pursuant to the Hydro Agreement. In accordance with the Hydro Agreement, the original purchase price of \$83 million was adjusted to reflect contractual adjustments totaling \$5.7 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$77.3 million. The difference between the carrying value of the hydroelectric generation assets and the sale proceeds resulted in a gain of \$17.2 million. An estimated gain from the sale of these assets was included as an offset to the total stranded costs associated with the sale of generation assets.

On May 8, 2018, PSNH Funding issued \$635.7 million of securitized RRBs to finance PSNH's unrecovered stranded costs associated with the divestiture of its generation assets, which included the deferred costs resulting from the sale of the thermal generation assets. These bonds are secured by a non-bypassable charge billed to PSNH's customers. As of September 30, 2018, unamortized securitized stranded costs totaled \$618.6 million and are included in Regulatory Assets on the Eversource and PSNH balance sheets. As of December 31, 2017, the deferred costs resulting from the thermal generation asset sale of \$516.1 million represented the difference between the carrying value and the fair value less cost to sell the thermal generation assets. For further information on the securitized RRB issuance, see Note 7, "Rate Reduction Bonds and Variable Interest Entities."

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, pre-tax income associated with the hydroelectric assets prior to the sale on August 26, 2018, was \$0.7 million and \$9.9 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, pre-tax income associated with PSNH's generation assets was \$14.6 million and \$44.7 million, respectively.

As of September 30, 2018, all generation assets had been sold and as a result, no generation assets were classified as held for sale. As of December 31, 2017, PSNH's generation assets held for sale, which were included in current assets on the Eversource and PSNH balance sheets, and were part of the Electric Distribution reportable segment, were as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | As of December 31, 2017 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Thermal Gross Plant | \$ 1,091.4 |
| Hydroelectric Gross Plant | 83.0 |

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|---|----------|
| Accumulated Depreciation | (575.4) |
| Net Plant | 599.0 |
| Fuel and Inventory | 87.7 |
| Materials and Supplies | 27.3 |
| Emissions Allowances | 19.1 |
| Other Assets | 2.6 |
| Deferred Costs from Thermal Generation Asset Sale | (516.1) |
| Total Generation Assets Held for Sale | \$219.6 |

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11. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each of the following financial instruments:

Preferred Stock, Long-Term Debt and Rate Reduction Bonds: The fair value of CL&P's and NSTAR Electric's preferred stock is based upon pricing models that incorporate interest rates and other market factors, valuations or trades of similar securities and cash flow projections. The fair value of long-term debt and RRB debt securities is based upon pricing models that incorporate quoted market prices for those issues or similar issues adjusted for market conditions, credit ratings of the respective companies and treasury benchmark yields. The fair values provided in the table below are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. Carrying amounts and estimated fair values are as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Eversource | | CL&P | | NSTAR Electric | | PSNH | |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| As of September 30, 2018: | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | \$155.6 | \$163.0 | \$116.2 | \$120.2 | \$43.0 | \$42.8 | \$— | \$— |
| Long-Term Debt | 12,538.8 | 12,517.4 | 3,253.6 | 3,420.4 | 2,944.6 | 2,990.0 | 894.1 | 904.3 |
| Rate Reduction Bonds | 635.7 | 631.3 | — | — | — | — | 635.7 | 631.3 |
| As of December 31, 2017: | | | | | | | | |
| Preferred Stock Not Subject to Mandatory Redemption | \$155.6 | \$160.8 | \$116.2 | \$116.5 | \$43.0 | \$44.3 | \$— | \$— |
| Long-Term Debt | 12,325.5 | 12,877.1 | 3,059.1 | 3,430.5 | 2,943.8 | 3,156.5 | 1,002.1 | 1,038.2 |

Derivative Instruments and Marketable Securities: Derivative instruments and investments in marketable securities are carried at fair value. For further information, see Note 4, "Derivative Instruments," and Note 5, "Marketable Securities," to the financial statements.

See Note 1F, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Fair Value Measurements," for the fair value measurement policy and the fair value hierarchy.

12. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS)

The changes in accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss) by component, net of tax, is as follows:

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------|----------|---|---|-----------------------|----------|
| | Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | Unrealized Losses on Marketable Securities | Defined Benefit Plans | Total | Cash Flow Hedging Instruments | Unrealized Gains on Marketable Securities | Defined Benefit Plans | Total |
| Balance as of Beginning of Period | \$(6.2) | \$— | \$(60.2) | \$(66.4) | \$(8.2) | \$0.4 | \$(57.5) | \$(65.3) |
| OCI Before Reclassifications | — | (0.7) | 2.6 | 1.9 | — | 0.7 | (3.5) | (2.8) |
| Amounts Reclassified from AOCI | 1.6 | — | 3.3 | 4.9 | 1.6 | — | 2.9 | 4.5 |
| Net OCI | 1.6 | (0.7) | 5.9 | 6.8 | 1.6 | 0.7 | (0.6) | 1.7 |
| Balance as of End of Period | \$(4.6) | \$(0.7) | \$(54.3) | \$(59.6) | \$(6.6) | \$1.1 | \$(58.1) | \$(63.6) |

Eversource's qualified cash flow hedging instruments represent interest rate swap agreements on debt issuances that were settled in prior years. The settlement amount was recorded in AOCI and is being amortized into Net Income over the term of the underlying debt instrument. CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH continue to amortize interest rate swaps settled in prior years from AOCI into Interest Expense over the remaining life of the associated long-term debt. Such interest rate swaps are not material to their respective financial statements.

Defined benefit plan OCI amounts before reclassifications relate to actuarial gains and losses that arose during the year and were recognized in AOCI. The unamortized actuarial gains and losses and prior service costs on the defined benefit plans are amortized from AOCI into Other Income, Net over the average future employee service period, and are reflected in amounts reclassified from AOCI. For further information, see Note 1G, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Other Income, Net," and Note 8, "Pension Benefits and Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pension."

13. COMMON SHARES

The following table sets forth the Eversource parent common shares and the shares of common stock of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH that were authorized and issued, as well as the respective per share par values:

| | Shares | | Issued as of | |
|----------------|---|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | Authorized as of September 30, 2018 and | Par Value | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 |
| Eversource | \$5 380,000,000 | | 333,878,402 | 333,878,402 |
| CL&P | \$10 24,500,000 | | 6,035,205 | 6,035,205 |
| NSTAR Electric | \$1 100,000,000 | | 200 | 200 |
| PSNH | \$1 100,000,000 | | 301 | 301 |

As of both September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were 16,992,594 Eversource common shares held as treasury shares. As of both September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were 316,885,808 Eversource common shares outstanding.

14. COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

Dividends on the preferred stock of CL&P and NSTAR Electric totaled \$1.9 million for each of the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 and \$5.6 million for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017. These dividends were presented as Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests on the Eversource statements of income. Noncontrolling Interest – Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries on the Eversource balance sheets totaled \$155.6 million as of September 30, 2018 and December 31, 2017. On the Eversource balance sheets, Common Shareholders' Equity was fully attributable to Eversource parent and Noncontrolling Interest – Preferred Stock of Subsidiaries was fully attributable to the noncontrolling interest.

15. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic EPS is computed based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during each period.

Diluted EPS is computed on the basis of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the potential dilutive effect of certain share-based compensation awards as if they were converted into common shares.

The dilutive effect of unvested RSU and performance share awards is calculated using the treasury stock method.

RSU and performance share awards are included in basic weighted average common shares outstanding as of the date that all necessary vesting conditions have been satisfied.

The following table sets forth the components of basic and diluted EPS:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 |
| Eversource (Millions of Dollars, except share information) | | | | |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders | \$289.4 | \$ 260.4 | \$801.7 | \$ 750.6 |
| Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 317,360,317 | 317,393,029 | 317,367,357 | 317,415,848 |
| Dilutive Effect | 607,201 | 556,367 | 581,246 | 591,194 |
| Diluted | 317,967,518 | 317,949,396 | 317,948,603 | 318,007,042 |

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|-------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|
| Basic EPS | \$0.91 | \$ 0.82 | \$2.53 | \$ 2.36 |
| Diluted EPS | \$0.91 | \$ 0.82 | \$2.52 | \$ 2.36 |

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16. REVENUES

On January 1, 2018, Eversource, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, adopted ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" using the modified retrospective approach. The core principle of this accounting guidance is that revenue is recognized when promised goods or services (referred to as performance obligations) are transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new standard uses a five-step model for recognizing and measuring revenue from contracts with customers, which includes identifying the contract with the customer, identifying the performance obligations promised within the contract, determining the transaction price (the amount of consideration to which the company expects to be entitled), allocating the transaction price to the performance obligations and recognizing revenue when (or as) the performance obligation is satisfied.

The following table presents operating revenues disaggregated by revenue source:

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | | | Eliminations | Total |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | | | |
| Revenue from Contracts with Customers | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Tariff Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$1,111.7 | \$ 42.8 | \$ — | \$ 41.2 | \$— | \$— | | \$1,195.7 |
| Commercial | 789.6 | 40.8 | — | 17.9 | — | (1.2) |) | 847.1 |
| Industrial | 98.7 | 18.9 | — | 1.3 | — | (2.6) |) | 116.3 |
| Total Retail Tariff Sales Revenue | 2,000.0 | 102.5 | — | 60.4 | — | (3.8) |) | 2,159.1 |
| Wholesale Transmission Revenue | — | — | 364.5 | — | 11.7 | (300.2) |) | 76.0 |
| Wholesale Market Sales Revenue | 48.8 | 11.4 | — | 1.3 | — | — | | 61.5 |
| Other Revenue from Contracts with Customers | 20.2 | (0.5) |) 3.1 | 1.9 | 212.9 | (213.5) |) | 24.1 |
| Reserve for Revenue Subject to Refund | 5.2 | (3.5) |) — | (1.3) |) — | — | | 0.4 |
| Total Revenue from Contracts with Customers | 2,074.2 | 109.9 | 367.6 | 62.3 | 224.6 | (517.5) |) | 2,321.1 |
| Alternative Revenue Programs | (51.6) |) (1.5) |) (37.0) |) 1.1 | — | 33.8 | (55.2) |) |
| Other Revenue | 4.8 | 0.6 | — | 0.1 | — | — | | 5.5 |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$2,027.4 | \$ 109.0 | \$ 330.6 | \$ 63.5 | \$224.6 | \$ (483.7) |) | \$2,271.4 |
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | | | | | |
| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | Eliminations | Total | |
| Revenue from Contracts with Customers | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Tariff Sales | | | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$2,900.4 | \$ 395.9 | \$ — | \$ 100.9 | \$— | \$— | | \$3,397.2 |
| Commercial | 2,023.0 | 245.4 | — | 47.9 | — | (3.4) |) | 2,312.9 |
| Industrial | 268.6 | 71.9 | — | 3.4 | — | (7.5) |) | 336.4 |
| Total Retail Tariff Sales Revenue | 5,192.0 | 713.2 | — | 152.2 | — | (10.9) |) | 6,046.5 |
| Wholesale Transmission Revenue | — | — | 988.9 | — | 34.4 | (826.9) |) | 196.4 |
| Wholesale Market Sales Revenue | 141.4 | 41.4 | — | 3.1 | — | — | | 185.9 |
| | 54.4 | (1.4) |) 9.4 | 5.4 | 658.1 | (659.8) |) | 66.1 |

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Other Revenue from Contracts with Customers

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|-----------|
| Reserve for Revenue Subject to Refund | (21.2) | (11.5) | — | (3.3) | — | — | (36.0) |
| Total Revenue from Contracts with Customers | 5,366.6 | 741.7 | 998.3 | 157.4 | 692.5 | (1,497.6) | 6,458.9 |
| Alternative Revenue Programs | (57.2) | (3.2) | (45.3) | 3.7 | — | 41.5 | (60.5) |
| Other Revenue | 12.4 | 2.0 | — | 0.4 | — | — | 14.8 |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$5,321.8 | \$ 740.5 | \$ 953.0 | \$ 161.5 | \$692.5 | \$(1,456.1) | \$6,413.2 |

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| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 | | |
|---|---|----------------|---------|--|----------------|----------|
| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
| Revenue from Contracts with Customers | | | | | | |
| Retail Tariff Sales | | | | | | |
| Residential | \$539.6 | \$414.8 | \$157.3 | \$1,410.0 | \$1,071.6 | \$418.8 |
| Commercial | 259.0 | 443.8 | 87.3 | 702.2 | 1,083.8 | 238.4 |
| Industrial | 39.4 | 38.0 | 21.3 | 111.8 | 96.9 | 59.9 |
| Total Retail Tariff Sales Revenue | 838.0 | 896.6 | 265.9 | 2,224.0 | 2,252.3 | 717.1 |
| Wholesale Transmission Revenue | 179.1 | 128.3 | 57.1 | 469.8 | 367.7 | 151.4 |
| Wholesale Market Sales Revenue | 13.3 | 18.1 | 17.4 | 34.3 | 56.4 | 52.3 |
| Other Revenue from Contracts with Customers | 9.3 | 10.3 | 4.0 | 25.0 | 27.9 | 11.4 |
| Reserve for Revenue Subject to Refund | 8.3 | — | (3.1) | (8.3) | (3.7) | (9.2) |
| Total Revenue from Contracts with Customers | 1,048.0 | 1,053.3 | 341.3 | 2,744.8 | 2,700.6 | 923.0 |
| Alternative Revenue Programs | (64.3) | (15.4) | (8.9) | (68.4) | (15.6) | (18.5) |
| Other Revenue | 2.8 | 1.8 | 0.2 | 6.5 | 5.1 | 0.8 |
| Eliminations | (121.5) | (100.2) | (42.4) | (338.0) | (289.8) | (112.6) |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$865.0 | \$939.5 | \$290.2 | \$2,344.9 | \$2,400.3 | \$792.7 |

Retail Tariff Sales: Regulated utilities provide products and services to their regulated customers under rates, pricing, payment terms and conditions of service, regulated by each state regulatory agency. The arrangement whereby a utility provides commodity service to a customer for a price approved by the respective state regulatory commission is referred to as a tariff sale contract, and the tariff governs all aspects of the provision of regulated services by utilities. The majority of revenue for Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH is derived from regulated retail tariff sales for the sale and distribution of electricity, natural gas and water to residential, commercial and industrial retail customers.

The utility's performance obligation for the regulated tariff sales is to provide electricity, natural gas or water to the customer as demanded.

The promise to provide the commodity represents a single performance obligation, as it is a promise to transfer a series of distinct goods or services that are substantially the same and that have the same pattern of transfer to the customer. Revenue is recognized over time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the utility, and the utility satisfies its performance obligation. Revenue is recognized based on the output method as there is a directly observable output to the customer (electricity, natural gas or water units delivered to the customer and immediately consumed). Each Eversource utility is entitled to be compensated for performance completed to date (service taken by the customer) until service is terminated.

In regulated tariff sales, the transaction prices are the rates approved by the respective state regulatory commissions.

In general, rates can only be changed through formal proceedings with the state regulatory commissions. These rates are designed to recover the costs to provide service to customers and include a return on investment. Regulatory commission-approved tracking mechanisms are included in these rates and are also used to recover, on a fully-reconciling basis, certain costs, such as the procurement of energy supply, retail transmission charges, energy efficiency program costs, net metering for distributed generation, and restructuring and stranded costs. These tracking mechanisms result in rates being changed periodically to ensure recovery of actual costs incurred.

Customers may elect to purchase electricity from each Eversource electric utility or may contract separately with a competitive third party supplier. Revenue is not recorded for the sale of the electricity commodity to customers who have contracted separately with these suppliers, only the delivery to a customer, as the utility is acting as an agent on

behalf of the third party supplier.

Wholesale Transmission Revenues: The Eversource electric transmission-owning companies (CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH) each own and maintain transmission facilities that are part of an interstate power transmission grid over which electricity is transmitted throughout New England. CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, as well as most other New England utilities, are parties to a series of agreements that provide for coordinated planning and operation of the region's transmission facilities and the rules by which they acquire transmission services. The Eversource electric transmission-owning companies have a combination of FERC-approved regional and local formula rates that work in tandem to recover all their transmission costs. These rates are part of the ISO-NE Tariff. Regional rates recover the costs of higher voltage transmission facilities that benefit the region and are collected from all New England transmission customers, including the Eversource distribution businesses. Eversource's local rates recover the companies' total transmission revenue requirements, less revenues received from regional rates and other sources, and are collected from Eversource's distribution businesses and other transmission customers. The distribution businesses of Eversource, in turn, recover the FERC approved charges from retail customers through annual or semiannual tracking mechanisms, which are retail tariff sales.

The utility's performance obligation for regulated wholesale transmission sales is to provide transmission services to the customer as demanded. The promise to provide transmission service represents a single performance obligation. The transaction prices are the transmission rate formulas as defined by the ISO-NE Tariff and are regulated and established by FERC. Wholesale transmission revenue is recognized over time as the performance obligation is completed, which occurs as transmission services are provided to customers. The revenue is recognized based on the output method. Each Eversource utility is entitled to be compensated for performance completed to date (e.g., use of the transmission system by the customer).

Wholesale Market Sales Revenues: Wholesale market sales transactions include sales of energy and energy-related products into the ISO-NE wholesale electricity market, sales of natural gas to third party marketers, and also the sale of RECs to various counterparties. ISO-NE oversees the region's wholesale electricity market and administers the transactions and terms and conditions, including payment terms, which are established in the ISO-NE tariff, between the buyers and sellers in the market. Pricing is set by the wholesale market. The wholesale transactions in the ISO-NE market occur on a day-ahead basis or a real-time basis (daily) and are, therefore, short-term. Transactions are tracked and reported by ISO-NE net by the hour, which is the net hourly position of energy sales and purchases by each market participant. Beginning in the first quarter of 2018, the performance obligation for ISO-NE energy transactions is defined to be the net by hour transaction. Revenue is recognized when the performance obligation for these energy sales transactions is satisfied, when the sale occurs and the energy is transferred to the customer. For sales of natural gas, transportation, and natural gas pipeline capacity to third party marketers, revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied at the point in time the sale occurs and the natural gas or related product is transferred to the marketer. RECs are sold to various counterparties, and revenue is recognized when the performance obligation is satisfied upon transfer of title to the customer through the New England Power Pool Generation Information System.

Other Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Other revenue from contracts with customers primarily includes property rentals that are not deemed leases. These revenues are generally recognized on a straight-line basis over time as the service is provided to the customer.

Reserve for Revenue Subject to Refund: Current base rates include an estimate of income taxes, which was based on the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate in effect at the time of the rate proceeding. Eversource established a liability, recorded as a reduction to revenue, to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, until rates billed to customers reflect the lower federal tax rate. Eversource expects to refund these amounts to customers through various rate mechanisms in the future, depending on regulatory outcomes, and CL&P began refunding these amounts in the third quarter of 2018.

NSTAR Electric (effective February 1, 2018), CL&P (effective May 1, 2018) and NSTAR Gas (effective July 1, 2018) lowered distribution rates charged to customers to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate. PSNH will adjust distribution rates to reflect the lower federal income tax rate, effective July 1, 2019, or earlier if a rate case is filed for rates effective prior to July 1, 2019. As part of Yankee Gas' rate case settlement, if approved, distribution rates will be adjusted to reflect the lower federal income tax rate, effective November 15, 2018.

Alternative Revenue Programs: In accordance with accounting guidance for rate-regulated operations, certain of Eversource's utilities' rate making mechanisms qualify as alternative revenue programs ("ARPs") if they meet specified criteria, in which case revenues may be recognized prior to billing based on allowed levels of collection in rates. Eversource's utility companies recognize revenue and record a regulatory asset or liability once the condition or event allowing for the automatic adjustment of future rates occurs. ARP revenues include both the recognition of the deferral adjustment to ARP revenues, when the regulator-specified condition or event allowing for additional billing or refund has occurred, and an equal and offsetting reversal of the ARP deferral to revenues as those amounts are reflected in the price of service in subsequent periods.

Eversource's ARPs include the revenue decoupling mechanism and the annual reconciliation adjustment to transmission formula rates, described below.

Certain Eversource electric, natural gas and water companies, including CL&P and NSTAR Electric, have revenue decoupling mechanisms approved by a regulatory commission ("decoupled companies"). Decoupled companies' distribution revenues are not directly based on sales volumes. The decoupled companies reconcile their annual base

distribution rate recovery to pre-established levels of baseline distribution delivery service revenues, with any difference between the allowed level of distribution revenue and the actual amount realized adjusted through subsequent rates.

The transmission formula rates provide for the annual reconciliation and recovery or refund of estimated costs to actual costs. The financial impacts of differences between actual and estimated costs are deferred for future recovery from, or refund to, transmission customers. This transmission deferral reconciles billed transmission revenues to the revenue requirement for our transmission businesses.

Other Revenues: Other Revenues include certain fees charged to customers and lease revenue that are not considered revenue from contracts with customers.

Intercompany Eliminations: Intercompany eliminations are primarily related to the Eversource electric transmission revenues that are derived from ISO-NE regional transmission charges to the distribution businesses of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH that recover the costs of the wholesale transmission business, and revenues from Eversource's service company. Intercompany revenues and expenses between the Eversource wholesale transmission businesses and the Eversource distribution businesses and from Eversource's service company are eliminated in consolidation and included in "Eliminations" in the table above.

Receivables: Receivables, Net on the balance sheet include trade receivables from our retail customers and receivables arising from ISO-NE billing related to wholesale transmission contracts and wholesale market transactions, sales of natural gas and capacity to marketers, sales of RECs, and property rentals. In general, retail tariff customers and wholesale transmission customers are billed monthly and the payment terms are generally due and payable upon receipt of the bill.

Unbilled Revenues on the balance sheet represent estimated amounts due from retail customers for electricity, natural gas or water delivered to customers but not yet billed. The utility company has satisfied its performance obligation and the customer has received and consumed the commodity as of the balance sheet date, and therefore, the utility company records revenue for those services in the period the services were provided. Only the passage of time is required before the company is entitled to payment for the satisfaction of the performance obligation. Payment from customers is due monthly as services are rendered and amounts are billed. Actual amounts billed to customers when meter readings become available may vary from the estimated amount.

Unbilled revenues are recognized by allocating estimated unbilled sales volumes to the respective customer classes, and then applying an estimated rate by customer class to those sales volumes. Unbilled revenue estimates reflect seasonality, weather, customer usage patterns, customer rates in effect for customer classes, and the timing of customer billing. The companies that have a decoupling mechanism record a regulatory deferral to reflect the actual allowed amount of revenue associated with their respective decoupled distribution rate design.

Practical Expedients: Eversource has elected practical expedients in the accounting guidance that allow the company to record revenue in the amount that the company has a right to invoice, if that amount corresponds directly with the value to the customer of the company's performance to date, and not to disclose related unsatisfied performance obligations. Retail and wholesale transmission tariff sales fall into this category, as these sales are recognized as revenue in the period the utility provides the service and completes the performance obligation, which is the same as the monthly amount billed to customers. There are no other material revenue streams for which Eversource has unsatisfied performance obligations.

17. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Presentation: Eversource is organized among the Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission, Natural Gas Distribution and Water Distribution reportable segments and Other based on a combination of factors, including the characteristics of each segments' services, the sources of operating revenues and expenses and the regulatory environment in which each segment operates. These reportable segments represent substantially all of Eversource's total consolidated revenues. Revenues from the sale of electricity, natural gas and water primarily are derived from residential, commercial and industrial customers and are not dependent on any single customer. The Electric Distribution reportable segment includes the results of PSNH's generation facilities prior to sales in January and August 2018, and NSTAR Electric's solar power facilities. Eversource's reportable segments are determined based upon the level at which Eversource's chief operating decision maker assesses performance and makes decisions about the allocation of company resources. On December 4, 2017, Eversource acquired Aquarion, which was considered to be a new operating segment, water distribution. Though the water distribution segment does not meet quantitative thresholds under the segment reporting accounting guidance, based on qualitative factors including the nature of the water distribution business, Water Distribution was deemed a reportable segment beginning in the first quarter of 2018.

The remainder of Eversource's operations is presented as Other in the tables below and primarily consists of 1) the equity in earnings of Eversource parent from its subsidiaries and intercompany interest income, both of which are eliminated in consolidation, and interest expense related to the debt of Eversource parent, 2) the revenues and expenses of Eversource Service, most of which are eliminated in consolidation, 3) the operations of CYAPC and YAEC, and 4) the results of other unregulated subsidiaries, which are not part of its core business. In addition, Other in the tables below includes Eversource parent's equity ownership interests in certain natural gas pipeline projects owned by Enbridge, Inc., the Bay State Wind project, a renewable energy investment fund, and two companies that transmit hydroelectricity imported from the Hydro-Quebec system in Canada. In the ordinary course of business, Yankee Gas and NSTAR Gas purchase natural gas transmission services from the Enbridge, Inc. natural gas pipeline projects described above. These affiliate transaction costs total approximately \$62.5 million annually and are

classified as Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission on the Eversource statements of income.

Each of Eversource's subsidiaries, including CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, has one reportable segment.

Cash flows used for investments in plant included in the segment information below are cash capital expenditures that do not include amounts incurred but not paid, cost of removal, AFUDC related to equity funds, and the capitalized portions of pension and PBOP expense.

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Eversource's segment information is as follows:

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 ⁽¹⁾

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Operating Revenues | \$2,027.4 | \$ 109.0 | \$ 330.6 | \$ 63.5 | \$ 224.6 | \$(483.7) | \$2,271.4 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (206.1) | (13.9) | (58.3) | (11.7) | (12.0) | 0.6 | (301.4) |
| Other Operating Expenses | (1,562.2) | (102.4) | (96.7) | (25.5) | (200.9) | 483.7 | (1,504.0) |
| Operating Income/(Loss) | \$259.1 | \$(7.3) | \$ 175.6 | \$ 26.3 | \$11.7 | \$0.6 | \$466.0 |
| Interest Expense | \$(52.4) | \$(11.3) | \$(30.3) | \$(8.5) | \$(30.5) | \$7.8 | \$(125.2) |
| Other Income, Net | 32.2 | 1.5 | 9.0 | 0.7 | 251.7 | (278.4) | 16.7 |
| Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to Common Shareholders | 173.8 | (12.6) | 109.5 | 17.6 | 271.1 | (270.0) | 289.4 |

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 ⁽¹⁾

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Operating Revenues | \$5,321.8 | \$ 740.5 | \$ 953.0 | \$ 161.5 | \$ 692.5 | \$(1,456.1) | \$6,413.2 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (486.0) | (59.6) | (171.8) | (34.6) | (35.9) | 1.7 | (786.2) |
| Other Operating Expenses | (4,238.6) | (585.7) | (268.7) | (73.9) | (617.2) | 1,457.0 | (4,327.1) |
| Operating Income | \$597.2 | \$ 95.2 | \$ 512.5 | \$ 53.0 | \$39.4 | \$2.6 | \$1,299.9 |
| Interest Expense | \$(152.0) | \$(33.7) | \$(89.9) | \$(25.5) | \$(94.8) | \$23.2 | \$(372.7) |
| Other Income/(Loss), Net | 70.9 | 5.1 | 26.7 | (0.4) | 913.8 | (915.4) | 100.7 |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders | 379.3 | 50.2 | 329.6 | 26.3 | 905.9 | (889.6) | 801.7 |
| Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant | 717.4 | 245.5 | 735.8 | 68.1 | 118.3 | — | 1,885.1 |

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2017

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|
| Operating Revenues | \$1,547.1 | \$ 109.2 | \$ 328.5 | \$ — | —\$224.2 | \$(220.5) | \$1,988.5 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (159.6) | (15.2) | (52.6) | — | (9.5) | 0.6 | (236.3) |
| Other Operating Expenses | (1,095.2) | (96.2) | (95.5) | — | (190.1) | 220.1 | (1,256.9) |
| Operating Income/(Loss) | \$292.3 | \$(2.2) | \$ 180.4 | \$ — | —\$24.6 | \$0.2 | \$495.3 |
| Interest Expense | \$(51.3) | \$(10.8) | \$(29.2) | \$ — | —\$(21.8) | \$4.4 | \$(108.7) |
| Other Income, Net | 14.2 | 1.0 | 8.5 | — | 267.6 | (262.8) | 28.5 |
| Net Income/(Loss) Attributable to Common Shareholders | 157.4 | (6.2) | 99.0 | — | 268.4 | (258.2) | 260.4 |

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Operating Revenues | \$4,224.2 | \$ 698.8 | \$ 970.0 | \$ — | —\$677.5 | \$(714.0) | \$5,856.5 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | (394.9) | (54.8) | (154.5) | — | (26.7) | 1.7 | (629.2) |

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|--|------------|------------|------------|----|------------|----------|------------|
| Other Operating Expenses | (3,076.1) | (537.3) | (280.6) | — | (602.9) | 714.0 | (3,782.9) |
| Operating Income | \$753.2 | \$ 106.7 | \$ 534.9 | \$ | —\$47.9 | \$ 1.7 | \$1,444.4 |
| Interest Expense | \$(149.0) | \$ (32.3) | \$ (86.1) | \$ | —\$(63.1) | \$ 11.0 | \$(319.5) |
| Other Income, Net | 35.3 | 2.9 | 20.3 | — | 854.4 | (833.7) | 79.2 |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders | 393.4 | 49.1 | 289.6 | — | 839.5 | (821.0) | 750.6 |
| Cash Flows Used for Investments in Plant | 752.4 | 209.8 | 575.6 | — | 104.5 | — | 1,642.3 |

Effective January 1, 2018, upon implementation of the new revenue accounting guidance, the electric distribution segment is presented gross and intercompany transmission billings are presented in the eliminations column, as Eversource believes that the electric distribution segment acts as a principal, rather than an agent, in its contracts (1) with retail customers. Retail customers contract directly with the electric distribution utility and do not differentiate between distribution and transmission services. Therefore, the electric distribution segment revenues, which are derived from retail customer billings, are presented gross of the eliminations. Prior to 2018, the electric distribution segment presented intercompany electric transmission billings net, based on indicators of net presentation prior to the new revenue guidance. See Note 16, "Revenues," regarding accounting for revenues.

The following table summarizes Eversource's segmented total assets:

| Eversource (Millions of Dollars) | Electric Distribution | Natural Gas Distribution | Electric Transmission | Water Distribution | Other | Eliminations | Total |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| As of September 30, 2018 | \$ 21,189.0 | \$ 3,747.4 | \$ 10,077.5 | \$ 2,240.3 | \$ 16,979.4 | \$(16,717.9) | \$ 37,515.7 |
| As of December 31, 2017 | 19,250.4 | 3,595.2 | 9,401.2 | 2,470.0 | 15,933.8 | (14,430.2) | 36,220.4 |

18. ACQUISITION OF AQUARION

On December 4, 2017, Eversource acquired Aquarion for a purchase price of \$1.675 billion, consisting of approximately \$880 million in cash and \$795 million of assumed Aquarion debt. Aquarion is a holding company that owns three separate regulated water utility subsidiaries engaged in the water collection, treatment and distribution business that operate in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. These regulated utilities collect, treat and distribute water to residential, commercial and industrial customers, to other utilities for resale, and for private and municipal fire protection. Aquarion and its subsidiaries became wholly-owned subsidiaries of Eversource, and Eversource's consolidated financial information includes Aquarion and its subsidiaries' activity beginning December 4, 2017. The approximate \$880 million cash purchase price included the \$745 million equity purchase price plus a \$135 million shareholder loan that was repaid at closing.

Purchase Price Allocation: The purchase price allocation reflects a measurement period adjustment recorded in the first quarter of 2018 to revise the fair value of Aquarion's regulated debt. The \$7.9 million increase to the fair value of Long-Term Debt (including the current portion) and corresponding increase to Regulatory Assets, included within Other Noncurrent Assets, excluding Goodwill in the table below, will be amortized over the life of the related debt.

The allocation of the cash purchase price is as follows:

(Millions of Dollars)

| | | | |
|---|--------|---------|---|
| Current Assets | \$ | 41.2 | |
| PP&E | | 1,034.9 | |
| Goodwill | | 907.9 | |
| Other Noncurrent Assets, excluding Goodwill | | 215.5 | |
| Current Liabilities | (121.9 | |) |
| Noncurrent Liabilities | (421.6 | |) |
| Long-Term Debt | (778.3 | |) |
| Total Cash Purchase Price | \$ | 877.7 | |

EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and related combined notes included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018, as well as the Eversource 2017 Form 10-K. References in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q to "Eversource," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to Eversource Energy and its consolidated subsidiaries. All per-share amounts are reported on a diluted basis. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Eversource, NSTAR Electric and PSNH and the unaudited condensed financial statements of CL&P are herein collectively referred to as the "financial statements."

Refer to the Glossary of Terms included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for abbreviations and acronyms used throughout this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

The only common equity securities that are publicly traded are common shares of Eversource. The earnings and EPS of each business discussed below do not represent a direct legal interest in the assets and liabilities of such business but rather represent a direct interest in our assets and liabilities as a whole. EPS by business is a financial measure not recognized under GAAP calculated by dividing the Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders of each business by the weighted average diluted Eversource common shares outstanding for the period. We use this non-GAAP financial measure to evaluate and provide details of earnings results by business. We believe that the non-GAAP presentation is a meaningful representation of our financial performance and provides additional and useful information to readers of this report in analyzing historical and future performance by business. This non-GAAP financial measure should not be considered as an alternative to reported Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders or EPS determined in accordance with GAAP as an indicator of operating performance.

From time to time, we make statements concerning our expectations, beliefs, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, assumptions of future events, future financial performance or growth and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. You can generally identify our forward-looking statements through the use of words or phrases such as "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "project," "believe," "forecast," "should," "could," and other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on the current expectations, estimates, assumptions or projections of management and are not guarantees of future performance. These expectations, estimates, assumptions or projections may vary materially from actual results. Accordingly, any such statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to, and are accompanied by, the following important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in our forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to:

- cyberattacks or breaches, including those resulting in the compromise of the confidentiality of our proprietary information and the personal information of our customers,
- acts of war or terrorism, physical attacks or grid disturbances that may damage and disrupt our transmission and distribution systems,
- ability or inability to commence and complete our major strategic development projects and opportunities,
- actions or inaction of local, state and federal regulatory, public policy and taxing bodies,
- substandard performance of third-party suppliers and service providers,
- fluctuations in weather patterns, including extreme weather due to climate change,
- changes in business conditions, which could include disruptive technology related to our current or future business model,

increased conservation measures of customers and development of alternative energy sources,
contamination of, or disruption in, our water supplies,
changes in economic conditions, including impact on interest rates, tax policies, and customer demand and payment ability,
changes in levels or timing of capital expenditures,
disruptions in the capital markets or other events that make our access to necessary capital more difficult or costly,
changes in laws, regulations or regulatory policy, including compliance with environmental laws and regulations,
changes in accounting standards and financial reporting regulations,
actions of rating agencies, and
other presently unknown or unforeseen factors.

Other risk factors are detailed in our reports filed with the SEC and updated as necessary, and we encourage you to consult such disclosures.

All such factors are difficult to predict and contain uncertainties that may materially affect our actual results, many of which are beyond our control. You should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, as each speaks only as of the date on which such statement is made, and, except as required by federal securities laws, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which such statement is made or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for us to predict all of such factors, nor can we assess the impact of each such factor on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. For more information, see Item 1A, Risk Factors, included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in Eversource's 2017 combined Annual Report on Form 10-K.

This combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and Eversource's 2017 combined Annual Report on Form 10-K also describe material contingencies and critical accounting policies in the accompanying Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Combined Notes to Financial Statements. We encourage you to review these items.

Financial Condition and Business Analysis

Executive Summary

The following items in this executive summary are explained in more detail in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

Earnings Overview:

We earned \$289.4 million, or \$0.91 per share, in the third quarter of 2018, and \$801.7 million, or \$2.52 per share, in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$260.4 million, or \$0.82 per share, in the third quarter of 2017, and \$750.6 million, or \$2.36 per share, in the first nine months of 2017.

- Our electric distribution segment earned \$173.8 million, or \$0.55 per share, in the third quarter of 2018, and \$379.3 million, or \$1.19 per share, in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$157.4 million, or \$0.50 per share, in the third quarter of 2017, and \$393.4 million, or \$1.24 per share, in the first nine months of 2017. Our electric transmission segment earned \$109.5 million, or \$0.34 per share, in the third quarter of 2018, and \$329.6 million, or \$1.04 per share, in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$99.0 million, or \$0.31 per share, in the third quarter of 2017, and \$289.6 million, or \$0.91 per share, in the first nine months of 2017. Our natural gas distribution segment had a net loss of \$12.6 million, or \$0.04 per share, in the third quarter of 2018, and earnings of \$50.2 million, or \$0.16 per share, in the first nine months of 2018, compared with a net loss of \$6.2 million, or \$0.02 per share, in the third quarter of 2017, and earnings of \$49.1 million, or \$0.15 per share, in the first nine months of 2017. Our water distribution segment earned \$17.6 million, or \$0.06 per share in the third quarter of 2018, and \$26.3 million, or \$0.08 per share, in the first nine months of 2018.
- Eversource parent and other companies earned \$1.1 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$16.3 million, or \$0.05 per share, in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$10.2 million, or \$0.03 per share, in the third quarter of 2017 and \$18.5 million, or \$0.06 per share, in the first nine months of 2017.

Liquidity:

Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$1.41 billion in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$1.48 billion in the first nine months of 2017. Investments in property, plant and equipment totaled \$1.89 billion in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$1.64 billion in the first nine months of 2017. Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$59.1 million as of September 30, 2018, compared with \$38.2 million as of December 31, 2017.

In the third quarter of 2018, we issued \$150 million of new long-term debt, consisting of \$50 million by Yankee Gas and \$100 million by NSTAR Gas. Proceeds from these new issuances were used primarily to repay short-term borrowings and repay long-term debt at maturity.

On September 10, 2018, our Board of Trustees approved a common share dividend payment of \$0.505 per share, which was paid on September 28, 2018, to shareholders of record as of September 21, 2018.

Strategic, Legislative, Regulatory, Policy and Other Items:

On October 16, 2018, FERC issued an order on all four complaints describing how it intends to address the issues that were remanded by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. FERC proposed a new framework to determine (1) whether an existing ROE is unjust and unreasonable and, if so, (2) how to calculate a replacement ROE. The parties to these proceedings were directed to submit briefs on this new proposed framework and how they would apply them in

each of the four complaint proceedings. Briefs and reply briefs will be filed in the first quarter of 2019.

In the third quarter of 2018, we recorded an other-than-temporary impairment charge to our investment in the Access Northeast project of \$32.9 million pre-tax (\$26 million after-tax), representing the full carrying value of our equity method investment. As a result of certain non-Eversource natural gas related events in eastern Massachusetts in September 2018 that resulted in widespread damage, compounded by the failure to secure Massachusetts legislation to date, we believe there is significant uncertainty around the future timing of, and ability to secure, needed legislative changes affecting the natural gas industry and pipeline expansion, which may significantly delay the completion of the Access Northeast project.

On August 26, 2018, PSNH completed the sale of its hydroelectric generation assets. In accordance with the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated October 11, 2017, the original purchase price of \$83 million was adjusted to reflect contractual adjustments totaling \$5.7 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$77.3 million. As of August 26, 2018, PSNH no longer owns any generation facilities.

Earnings Overview

Consolidated: Below is a summary of our earnings by business, which also reconciles the non-GAAP financial measure of EPS by business to the most directly comparable GAAP measure of diluted EPS, for the third quarter and the first nine months of 2018 and 2017.

| (Millions of Dollars, Except Per Share Amounts) | For the Three Months Ended | | | | For the Nine Months Ended | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | September 30, 2018 | | 2017 | | September 30, 2018 | | 2017 | |
| | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders (GAAP) | \$289.4 | \$0.91 | \$260.4 | \$0.82 | \$801.7 | \$2.52 | \$750.6 | \$2.36 |
| Regulated Companies | \$288.3 | \$0.91 | \$250.2 | \$0.79 | \$785.4 | \$2.47 | \$732.1 | \$2.30 |
| Eversource Parent and Other Companies | 1.1 | — | 10.2 | 0.03 | 16.3 | 0.05 | 18.5 | 0.06 |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders (GAAP) | \$289.4 | \$0.91 | \$260.4 | \$0.82 | \$801.7 | \$2.52 | \$750.6 | \$2.36 |

Regulated Companies: Our regulated companies comprise the electric distribution (including NSTAR Electric's solar power facilities and PSNH's generation facilities prior to sale), electric transmission, natural gas distribution and water distribution segments. A summary of our segment earnings and EPS is as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars, Except Per Share Amounts) | For the Three Months Ended | | | | For the Nine Months Ended | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|
| | September 30, 2018 | | 2017 | | September 30, 2018 | | 2017 | |
| | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share | Amount | Per Share |
| Electric Distribution | \$173.8 | \$0.55 | \$157.4 | \$0.50 | \$379.3 | \$1.19 | \$393.4 | \$1.24 |
| Electric Transmission | 109.5 | 0.34 | 99.0 | 0.31 | 329.6 | 1.04 | 289.6 | 0.91 |
| Natural Gas Distribution | (12.6) | (0.04) | (6.2) | (0.02) | 50.2 | 0.16 | 49.1 | 0.15 |
| Water Distribution | 17.6 | 0.06 | N/A | N/A | 26.3 | 0.08 | N/A | N/A |
| Net Income - Regulated Companies | \$288.3 | \$0.91 | \$250.2 | \$0.79 | \$785.4 | \$2.47 | \$732.1 | \$2.30 |

Our electric distribution segment earnings increased \$16.4 million in the third quarter of 2018, as compared to the third quarter of 2017, due primarily to the impact of the CL&P base distribution rate increase effective May 1, 2018, the recognition of carrying charges on PSNH storm costs approved for recovery, higher sales volumes at PSNH, higher non-service income from our benefit plans, and a gain on the sale of property at PSNH. Earnings were also favorably impacted by lower income tax expense, net of lower distribution revenues resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The earnings increase was partially offset by higher operations and maintenance expense, lower generation earnings at PSNH due to the sale of its thermal and hydroelectric generation assets in 2018, higher depreciation expense and higher property and other tax expense.

Our electric distribution segment earnings decreased \$14.1 million in the first nine months of 2018, as compared to the first nine months of 2017, due primarily to lower generation earnings at PSNH due to the sales of its thermal and hydroelectric generation assets in 2018, higher operations and maintenance expense, higher depreciation expense and higher property and other tax expense. The earnings decrease was partially offset by higher non-service income from our benefit plans, the impact of the CL&P base distribution rate increase effective May 1, 2018, the recognition of carrying charges on PSNH storm costs approved for recovery, and a gain on the sale of property at PSNH. Earnings were also favorably impacted by lower income tax expense, net of lower distribution revenues resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Our electric transmission segment earnings increased \$10.5 million and \$40.0 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2018, respectively, as compared to the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, due primarily to a higher transmission rate base as a result of our continued investment in our transmission infrastructure.

Our natural gas distribution segment earnings decreased \$6.4 million in the third quarter of 2018, as compared to the third quarter of 2017, due primarily to higher operations and maintenance expense.

Our natural gas distribution segment earnings increased \$1.1 million in the first nine months of 2018, as compared to the first nine months of 2017, due primarily to an increase in sales volumes and demand revenues driven by colder January and April weather in Connecticut in 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, as well as growth in new customer base, partially offset by higher operations and maintenance expense and higher depreciation expense.

Our third quarter and first nine months of 2018 water distribution segment results reflect the earnings of the Aquarion water distribution business, which was acquired on December 4, 2017.

Eversource Parent and Other Companies: Eversource parent and other companies had earnings of \$1.1 million in the third quarter of 2018 and \$16.3 million in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$10.2 million in the third quarter of 2017 and \$18.5 million in the first nine months of 2017. The decrease in earnings in both periods was due primarily to a pre-tax \$32.9 million (\$26 million after-tax) other-than-temporary impairment to our equity method investment in the Access Northeast project and higher interest expense, partially offset by a lower effective tax rate due primarily to an \$18 million aggregate after-tax benefit resulting from both federal and Connecticut tax law changes. Earnings in the first nine months were also favorably impacted by increased unrealized gains on our investment in a renewable energy fund and an income tax benefit associated with our investments. For further information on the impairment of our Access Northeast project, see "Business Development and Capital Expenditures - Natural Gas Transmission Business" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Electric, Natural Gas and Water Sales Volumes: Weather, fluctuations in energy supply costs, conservation measures (including utility-sponsored energy efficiency programs), and economic conditions affect customer energy usage and water consumption. Industrial sales volumes are less sensitive to temperature variations than residential and commercial sales volumes. In our service territories, weather impacts both electric and water sales volumes during the summer and both electric and natural gas sales volumes during the winter; however, natural gas sales volumes are more sensitive to temperature variations than are electric sales volumes. Customer heating or cooling usage may not directly correlate with historical levels or with the level of degree-days that occur.

Fluctuations in retail electric sales volumes at PSNH and natural gas sales volumes at Yankee Gas impact earnings ("Traditional" in the table below). For CL&P, NSTAR Electric (effective February 1, 2018, as a result of the DPU-approved rate case decision) and NSTAR Gas, fluctuations in retail sales volumes do not impact earnings due to their respective regulatory commission-approved distribution revenue decoupling mechanisms ("Decoupled" in the table below). These distribution revenues are decoupled from their customer sales volumes, which breaks the relationship between sales volumes and revenues recognized. Fluctuations in water sales volumes largely do not impact earnings as our Connecticut water distribution business is decoupled.

A 2016 DPU-approved energy efficiency plan at NSTAR Electric authorized recovery of LBR in its eastern Massachusetts service territory until LBR was covered under a decoupled rate structure, which occurred on February 1, 2018. NSTAR Electric recognized LBR of \$7.0 million in the first nine months of 2018, compared to \$18.8 million and \$54.7 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017, and no longer has an LBR mechanism effective February 1, 2018.

A summary of our retail electric GWh sales volumes, our firm natural gas MMcf sales volumes, and our water MG sales volumes, and percentage changes, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to 2017, is as follows:

| | Electric | | | Firm Natural Gas | | | | Water | | |
|---|---------------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|-------|---------------------------------|
| | Sales Volumes (GWh) | | Percentage Increase | Sales Volumes (MMcf) | | Percentage Increase/ (Decrease) | | Sales Volumes (MG) | | Percentage Increase/ (Decrease) |
| 2018 | 2017 ⁽¹⁾ | 2018 | | 2017 | 2018 | | | 2017 ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Three Months Ended September 30: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traditional | 2,206 | 2,020 | 9.2 % | 5,984 | 5,550 | 7.8 % | | 732 | 706 | 3.7 % |
| Decoupled | 13,110 | 12,076 | 8.6 % | 4,674 | 4,828 | (3.2) % | | 7,118 | 7,257 | (1.9) % |
| Special Contracts ⁽³⁾ | N/A | N/A | N/A | 684 | 1,147 | (40.4) % | | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total - Decoupled and Special Contracts | 13,110 | 12,076 | 8.6 % | 5,358 | 5,975 | (10.3) % | | 7,118 | 7,257 | (1.9) % |

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|--|--------|--------|-----|---|--------|--------|--------|----|--------|--------|-------|----|
| Total Sales Volumes | 15,316 | 14,096 | 8.7 | % | 11,342 | 11,525 | (1.6) |)% | 7,850 | 7,963 | (1.4) |)% |
| Nine Months Ended September 30: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traditional | 7,857 | 7,542 | 4.2 | % | 35,745 | 32,233 | 10.9 | % | 1,684 | 1,608 | 4.7 | % |
| Decoupled | 32,814 | 31,889 | 2.9 | % | 35,358 | 33,958 | 4.1 | % | 16,491 | 17,084 | (3.5) |)% |
| Special Contracts ⁽³⁾ | N/A | N/A | N/A | | 2,222 | 3,495 | (36.4) |)% | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Total - Decoupled and Special Contracts | 32,814 | 31,889 | 2.9 | % | 37,580 | 37,453 | 0.3 | % | 16,491 | 17,084 | (3.5) |)% |
| Total Sales Volumes | 40,671 | 39,431 | 3.1 | % | 73,325 | 69,686 | 5.2 | % | 18,175 | 18,692 | (2.8) |)% |

In 2017 and in the month of January 2018, NSTAR Electric operated under two different rate structures (traditional (1) and decoupled) based on its service territory geography. Effective February 1, 2018, NSTAR Electric operated entirely under a decoupled rate structure. The 2017 sales volumes for NSTAR Electric have been recast to present February through September 2017 as decoupled, to conform to the 2018 presentation for comparative purposes.

(2) Eversource acquired its water distribution business on December 4, 2017. Prior year sales volumes have been presented for comparative purposes.

Special contracts are unique to Yankee Gas natural gas distribution customers who take service under such an (3) arrangement and generally specify the amount of distribution revenue to be paid to Yankee Gas regardless of the customers' usage.

Traditional retail electric sales volumes were higher in the third quarter of 2018, as compared to the third quarter of 2017, due primarily to warmer summer weather in 2018. Traditional retail electric sales volumes were higher in the first nine months of 2018, as compared to the first nine months of 2017, due primarily to warmer summer weather in 2018 and colder weather in January 2018 at NSTAR Electric (prior to its decoupled rate structure). Cooling degree days in the third quarter and first nine months of 2018 were 50.3 percent and 28.3 percent higher in New Hampshire, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2017. Heating degree days in January of 2018 were 21.7 percent higher in the Boston metropolitan, as compared to January 2017.

Our firm natural gas sales volumes are subject to many of the same influences as our retail electric sales volumes. In addition, they have benefited from customer growth in our natural gas distribution segment. Traditional firm natural gas sales volumes were higher in the first nine months of 2018, as compared to the first nine months of 2017, due primarily to colder January and April weather in 2018. Heating degree days in the first nine months of 2018 were 4.1 percent higher in Connecticut, as compared to the first nine months of 2017.

Liquidity

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$59.1 million as of September 30, 2018, compared with \$38.2 million as of December 31, 2017.

Short-Term Debt - Commercial Paper Programs and Credit Agreements: Eversource parent has a \$1.45 billion commercial paper program allowing Eversource parent to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. Eversource parent, CL&P, PSNH, NSTAR Gas and Yankee Gas are also parties to a five-year \$1.45 billion revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility terminates on December 8, 2022 and serves to backstop Eversource parent's \$1.45 billion commercial paper program.

NSTAR Electric has a \$650 million commercial paper program allowing NSTAR Electric to issue commercial paper as a form of short-term debt. NSTAR Electric is also a party to a five-year \$650 million revolving credit facility. The revolving credit facility terminates on December 8, 2022 and serves to backstop NSTAR Electric's \$650 million commercial paper program.

There were no borrowings outstanding on either the Eversource parent or NSTAR Electric revolving credit facilities as of September 30, 2018 or December 31, 2017. Eversource's water distribution segment has a \$100 million revolving credit facility, which expires on August 19, 2019, and there were no amounts outstanding as of September 30, 2018 and \$76.0 million outstanding as of December 31, 2017.

The amount of borrowings outstanding and available under the commercial paper programs were as follows:

| | Borrowings Outstanding as of | | Available Borrowing Capacity as of | | Weighted-Average Interest Rate as of | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | September 30, 2018 | December 31, 2017 | | |
| (Millions of Dollars) | | | | | | | | |
| Eversource Parent Commercial Paper Program | \$826.7 | \$ 979.3 | \$623.3 | \$ 470.7 | 2.34 % | 1.86 % | | |
| NSTAR Electric Commercial Paper Program | 240.5 | 234.0 | 409.5 | 416.0 | 2.17 % | 1.55 % | | |

Amounts outstanding under the commercial paper programs and revolving credit facility are included in Notes Payable for Eversource and NSTAR Electric and are classified in current liabilities on the balance sheets as all borrowings are outstanding for no more than 364 days at one time. As a result of the Eversource parent long-term debt issuances on January 8, 2018, the net proceeds of which were used to repay short-term borrowings outstanding under its commercial paper program, \$201.2 million of commercial paper borrowings under the Eversource parent commercial paper program were reclassified as Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2017.

As of September 30, 2018, there were intercompany loans from Eversource parent of \$45.9 million to CL&P, \$46.6 million to PSNH and \$16.0 million to Harbor Electric Energy Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NSTAR Electric. Intercompany loans from Eversource parent to other Eversource subsidiaries primarily included \$196.9 million to Eversource Service, \$108.0 million to Aquarion, and \$117.2 million to NSTAR Gas as of September 30, 2018. As of December 31, 2017, there were intercompany loans from Eversource parent of \$69.5 million to CL&P and \$262.9 million to PSNH. Intercompany loans from Eversource parent to other Eversource subsidiaries primarily included \$115.9 million to Eversource Service and \$198.0 million to NSTAR Gas as of December 31, 2017. These intercompany loans from Eversource parent are included in Notes Payable to Eversource Parent and are classified in current liabilities on the respective subsidiary's balance sheets. Intercompany loans from Eversource parent are eliminated in consolidation on Eversource's balance sheets.

Long-Term Debt: The following table summarizes long-term debt issuances and repayments:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Issue Date | Issuances/(Repayments) | Maturity Date | Use of Proceeds for Issuances/ Repayment Information |
|--|----------------|------------------------|---------------|---|
| CL&P: | | | | |
| 4.00% 2018 Series A First Mortgage Bonds | March 2018 | \$ 500.0 | April 2048 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 and repaid short-term borrowings |
| 5.65% 2008 Series A First Mortgage Bonds | May 2008 | (300.0) | May 2018 | Repaid at maturity on May 1, 2018 |
| PSNH: | | | | |
| 6.00% 2008 Series O First Mortgage Bonds | May 2008 | (110.0) | May 2018 | Repaid at maturity on May 1, 2018 |
| Other: | | | | |
| Eversource Parent 2.50% Series I Senior Notes ⁽¹⁾ | January 2018 | 200.0 | March 2021 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 and repaid short-term borrowings |
| Eversource Parent 3.30% Series M Senior Notes | January 2018 | 450.0 | January 2028 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 |
| Eversource Parent 1.60% Series G Senior Notes | January 2015 | (150.0) | January 2018 | Repaid at maturity on January 15, 2018 |
| Eversource Parent 1.45% Series E Senior Notes | May 2013 | (300.0) | May 2018 | Repaid at maturity on May 1, 2018 |
| Yankee Gas 4.13% Series O First Mortgage Bonds | September 2018 | 50.0 | October 2048 | Repaid long-term debt that matured in 2018 |
| NSTAR Gas 4.09% Series P First Mortgage Bonds | September 2018 | 100.0 | October 2048 | Repaid short-term borrowings |
| Yankee Gas 6.90% Series J First Mortgage Bonds | October 2018 | (100.0) | October 2018 | Repaid at maturity on October 1, 2018 |

(1) These notes are part of the same series issued by Eversource parent in March 2016. The aggregate outstanding principal amount for these notes is now \$450 million.

On October 10, 2018, PSNH delivered a redemption notice for its \$89.3 million adjustable rate 2001 Series A Pollution Control Revenue Bonds. The bonds, which are scheduled to mature on May 1, 2021, will be redeemed on November 28, 2018 at a redemption price of \$89.3 million. The bonds are classified as Long-Term Debt on the balance sheet as of September 30, 2018.

Rate Reduction Bonds: PSNH Funding LLC 3 (PSNH Funding) is a bankruptcy remote, special purpose, wholly-owned subsidiary of PSNH. PSNH Funding was formed solely to issue RRBs to finance PSNH's unrecovered stranded costs associated with the divestiture of its generation assets.

On May 8, 2018, PSNH Funding issued \$635.7 million of securitized RRBs in multiple tranches with a weighted average interest rate of 3.66 percent, and final maturity dates ranging from 2026 to 2035. The RRBs are expected to be repaid by February 1, 2033. RRB payments consist of principal and interest and will be paid semi-annually, beginning on February 1, 2019. The RRBs were issued pursuant to a finance order issued by the NHPUC on January 30, 2018 to recover stranded costs resulting from the divestiture of PSNH's generation assets.

The proceeds were used to purchase PSNH's stranded cost asset-recovery property, including its vested property right to bill, collect and adjust a non-bypassable stranded cost recovery charge from PSNH's retail customers. The collections will be used to pay principal, interest and other costs in connection with the RRBs. The RRBs are secured by the stranded cost asset-recovery property. Cash collections from the stranded cost recovery charges and funds on

deposit in trust accounts are the sole source of funds to satisfy the debt obligation. PSNH is not the owner of the RRBs, and PSNH Funding's assets and revenues are not available to pay PSNH's creditors. The RRBs are non-recourse senior secured obligations of PSNH Funding and are not insured or guaranteed by PSNH or Eversource Energy.

Cash Flows: Cash flows provided by operating activities totaled \$1.41 billion in the first nine months of 2018, compared with \$1.48 billion in the first nine months of 2017. The decrease in operating cash flows was due primarily to cash payments made in 2018 for storm restoration costs of approximately \$228 million, an increase of \$67.4 million in income tax payments made in the first nine months of 2018, as compared to 2017, and the unfavorable impacts related to the timing of payments of our working capital items, including accounts receivable. Partially offsetting these unfavorable impacts were the timing of cash collected for regulatory tracking mechanisms and a decrease of \$9.0 million in 2018 of pension and PBOP contributions.

We believe the future operating cash flows of Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, along with our existing borrowing availability and access to financial markets for the issuance of new long-term debt, will be sufficient to meet any working capital and future operating requirements, and capital investment forecast opportunities.

On September 10, 2018, our Board of Trustees approved a common share dividend payment of \$0.505 per share, which was paid on September 28, 2018, to shareholders of record as of September 21, 2018. In the first nine months of 2018, we paid cash dividends of \$480.1 million, compared with \$451.6 million paid in the first nine months of 2017.

In the first nine months of 2018, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH paid \$60.0 million, \$161.0 million, and \$150.0 million, respectively, in common stock dividends to Eversource parent. In the first nine months of 2018, PSNH returned \$530 million of capital to Eversource parent.

Investments in Property, Plant and Equipment on the statements of cash flows do not include amounts incurred on capital projects but not yet paid, cost of removal, AFUDC related to equity funds, and the capitalized and deferred portions of pension and PBOP expense. In the first nine months of 2018, investments for Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric, and PSNH were \$1.89 billion, \$660.7 million, \$539.0 million, and \$236.2 million respectively.

Business Development and Capital Expenditures

Our consolidated capital expenditures, including amounts incurred but not paid, cost of removal, AFUDC, and the capitalized and deferred portions of pension and PBOP expense (all of which are non-cash factors), totaled \$1.96 billion in the first nine months of 2018, compared to \$1.69 billion in the first nine months of 2017. These amounts included \$113.9 million and \$97.8 million in the first nine months of 2018 and 2017, respectively, related to information technology and facilities upgrades and enhancements, primarily at Eversource Service and The Rocky River Realty Company.

Offshore Wind Projects: Bay State Wind is a proposed offshore wind project being jointly developed by Eversource and Denmark-based Ørsted. Bay State Wind will be located in a 300-square-mile area of the Atlantic Ocean approximately 25 miles off the coast of Massachusetts that has the ultimate potential to generate at least 2,000 MW of clean, renewable energy. Eversource and Ørsted each hold a 50 percent ownership interest in Bay State Wind.

Based on current clean energy requirements in New England and New York, future solicitations for offshore wind are expected to occur in late 2018 and early 2019. Bay State Wind expects to participate, or has submitted proposals, in some or all of the following opportunities:

Connecticut issued an RFP for zero carbon resources for up to 12 terawatt hours, in which nuclear and clean energy resources, including offshore wind, are eligible to participate. Bay State Wind submitted its bid in September 2018. We currently expect a decision in late 2018 or early 2019.

Massachusetts' second offshore wind RFP for 400 MW to 800 MW is expected to be issued no later than mid-2019.

New York has a goal to procure 2,400 MW of offshore wind by 2030. The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority ("NYSERDA") issued a draft RFP for 800 MW in September 2018, and the final RFP is expected to be issued in the fourth quarter of 2018. NYSERDA has the authority to award more than 800 MW in the first solicitation if sufficient attractive offers are received. Contracts are expected to be awarded in 2019.

Bay State Wind had previously participated in certain other New England RFPs earlier this year and was not selected.

Natural Gas Transmission Business: Access Northeast is a natural gas pipeline and storage project being developed jointly by Eversource, Enbridge, Inc. ("Enbridge") and National Grid plc ("National Grid"), through Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC ("AGT"). Eversource owns a 40 percent interest in the project, which is accounted for as an equity method investment.

In 2015 and 2016, AGT sought to secure long-term natural gas pipeline capacity contracts with EDCs in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island. Subsequently, in 2016, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court and the NHPUC each ruled that state statutes precluded the state regulatory agencies from approving those contracts in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, respectively. The New Hampshire Supreme Court overruled the NHPUC decision in May 2018. Legislative changes are needed in Massachusetts to allow the DPU to approve natural gas pipeline capacity contracts. No such changes have occurred during any legislative session in 2017 or 2018.

In September 2018, certain non-Eversource natural gas related events in eastern Massachusetts resulted in widespread property and system damage, personal injuries, and a fatality. As a result of these events, compounded by the failure to secure Massachusetts legislation to date, we believe there is significant uncertainty around the future timing of, and ability to secure, needed legislative change affecting the natural gas industry and pipeline expansion, which may significantly delay the completion of the Access Northeast project.

Eversource identified the September 2018 natural gas related event, compounded by the adverse legislative environment, as negative evidence that indicated potential impairment. Our impairment assessment uses a discounted cash flow income approach, including consideration of the severity and duration of any decline in fair value of our investment in the project, and involves significant management judgment and estimation, including projections of the project's discounted cash flows and assumptions about exit price. As of September 30, 2018, management determined that the future cash flows of the Access Northeast project are uncertain and can no longer be reasonably estimated and that the book value of our equity method investment is not recoverable. As a result, for the three months ended September 30, 2018, Eversource recorded an other-than-temporary impairment of \$32.9 million within Other Income, Net on our statement of income, representing the full carrying value of our equity method investment.

Electric Transmission Business: Our consolidated electric transmission business capital expenditures increased by \$124.4 million in the first nine months of 2018, as compared to the first nine months of 2017. A summary of electric transmission capital expenditures by company is as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| CL&P | \$346.7 | \$300.7 |
| NSTAR Electric | 210.8 | 179.4 |
| PSNH | 142.1 | 87.4 |
| NPT | 24.4 | 32.1 |
| Total Electric Transmission Segment | \$724.0 | \$599.6 |

Northern Pass: Northern Pass is Eversource's planned 1,090 MW HVDC transmission line that will interconnect from the Québec-New Hampshire border to Franklin, New Hampshire and an associated alternating current radial transmission line between Franklin and Deerfield, New Hampshire.

Northern Pass has achieved several key milestones, including receiving the following major permits:

- NHPUC approval on February 12, 2018 for the proposed lease of certain land and easement rights from PSNH to NPT, concluding that the lease is in the public interest;

- U.S. Forest Service Record of Decision on January 5, 2018, which allows NPT to install approximately 11 miles of underground transmission lines along existing roads through the White Mountain National Forest;

- Province of Québec permit granted to HQ on December 21, 2017 to construct the hydroelectric transmission line that will connect at the border of New Hampshire;

- DOE Record of Decision and Presidential Permit on November 16, 2017, which will allow construction of transmission facilities at the Québec-New Hampshire border; and

- DOE final Environmental Impact Statement issued on August 10, 2017, which concluded that the proposed Northern Pass route is the preferred alternative, providing substantial benefits with only minimal impacts.

On January 25, 2018, Northern Pass was selected from the 46 proposal packages submitted as the winning bidder in the Massachusetts clean energy request for proposal ("RFP"), which successfully positioned Northern Pass to provide a firm delivery of hydropower to Massachusetts. On February 1, 2018, the NHSEC voted to deny Northern Pass' siting application. On March 28, 2018, the Massachusetts EDCs, in coordination with the DOER and an independent evaluator, notified Northern Pass that the EDCs had terminated its selection and all contract negotiations.

On March 30, 2018, the NHSEC released its written decision confirming its denial. On April 27, 2018, NPT filed a motion for rehearing with the NHSEC and on July 12, 2018, the NHSEC issued its written decision denying Northern Pass' motion for rehearing. On August 10, 2018, NPT filed an appeal to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, based on the NHSEC's failure to follow applicable law in its review of the project. On October 12, 2018, the New Hampshire Supreme Court accepted this appeal and directed the NHSEC to transmit the record of its proceedings to the Court by December 11, 2018. The Supreme Court has not yet issued a schedule for the balance of the appeal process. In parallel, NPT intends to continue to pursue all available options to secure NHSEC approval and to construct the project.

The March 2018 NHSEC decision denying Northern Pass' siting application caused us to review the recoverability of our Northern Pass project costs in the first quarter of 2018. In this recoverability review, we estimated undiscounted expected project cash flows and compared the result to our estimated project costs to determine whether the recorded amount was recoverable. Our undiscounted cash flows were substantially in excess of our estimated project costs. We completed this analysis and concluded that our project costs were recoverable as of March 31, 2018, based on our expectation that the Northern Pass project remains probable of being placed in service. The events that occurred subsequent to March 31, 2018 did not require an additional review of recoverability of the Northern Pass project costs as of September 30, 2018, which were approximately \$302 million.

Consistent with Eversource's and HQ's long-term relationship to bring clean energy into New England, Eversource and HQ remain committed to Northern Pass and the many benefits this project will bring to our customers and the region. If, as a result of future events and changes in circumstances, a new recoverability review were to conclude that our project costs are not recoverable, then we would reduce Northern Pass' project costs to the estimated fair value, which could result in most of our \$302 million of capitalized project costs being impaired. Such an impairment could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

Greater Boston Reliability Solution: In February 2015, ISO-NE selected the Greater Boston and New Hampshire Solution (the "Solution"), proposed by Eversource and National Grid, to satisfy the requirements identified in the Greater Boston study. The Solution consists of a portfolio of electric transmission upgrades in southern New Hampshire and northern Massachusetts and continuing into the greater Boston metropolitan area, of which 28 upgrades are in Eversource's service territory. The NHSEC issued its written order approving the New Hampshire upgrades on October 4, 2016. All the New Hampshire upgrades, including the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project, have been completed and placed in service. We are currently pursuing the necessary regulatory and siting application approvals in Massachusetts. To date, we have received approval for five of these projects from the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board. Construction has also begun on multiple projects, several of which have been placed in service. Most upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of 2019. One project is now expected to be in service by the end of 2020 and another project by mid-2021. We estimate our portion of the investment in the Solution will be approximately \$560 million, of which \$311.4 million has been capitalized through September 30, 2018.

GHCC: The Greater Hartford Central Connecticut ("GHCC") projects, which have been approved by ISO-NE, consist of 27 projects with an expected investment of approximately \$350 million that are scheduled to be placed in service through 2019. As of September 30, 2018, 21 projects have been placed in service, and six projects are in active construction. As of September 30, 2018, CL&P had capitalized \$226.5 million in costs associated with GHCC.

Seacoast Reliability Project: On April 12, 2016, PSNH filed a siting application with the NHSEC for the Seacoast Reliability Project, a 13-mile, 115kV transmission line within several New Hampshire communities, which proposes to use a combination of overhead, underground and underwater line design to help meet the growing demand for electricity in the Seacoast region. In June 2016, the NHSEC accepted the application as complete. On February 28, 2018, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services issued a final decision and recommended approval of the application to the NHSEC. On July 1, 2018, PSNH filed with the NHSEC, per its order, a more detailed review of potential construction methods for installing the underwater line. The review supports the original proposed method of embedding the cable in the floor of the bay as cost effective with minimal environmental impacts. The NHSEC decision is expected in early 2019. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2019. We estimate the investment in this project to be approximately \$84 million, of which PSNH had capitalized \$29.4 million in costs through September 30, 2018.

Distribution Business: A summary of distribution capital expenditures is as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------|--------|-----------|
| | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH | Total Electric | Natural Gas | Water | Total |
| 2018 | | | | | | | |
| Basic Business | \$199.5 | \$144.6 | \$57.4 | \$401.5 | \$52.7 | \$10.9 | \$465.1 |
| Aging Infrastructure | 100.7 | 79.7 | 61.6 | 242.0 | 166.3 | 51.4 | 459.7 |
| Load Growth and Other | 59.5 | 39.3 | 9.1 | 107.9 | 38.2 | 1.8 | 147.9 |
| Total Distribution | 359.7 | 263.6 | 128.1 | 751.4 | 257.2 | 64.1 | 1,072.7 |
| Generation and Solar | — | 48.1 | 0.9 | 49.0 | — | — | 49.0 |
| Total | \$359.7 | \$311.7 | \$129.0 | \$800.4 | \$257.2 | \$64.1 | \$1,121.7 |
| 2017 | | | | | | | |
| Basic Business | \$161.8 | \$126.7 | \$52.5 | \$341.0 | \$51.3 | N/A | \$392.3 |
| Aging Infrastructure | 127.4 | 65.9 | 63.9 | 257.2 | 149.6 | N/A | 406.8 |
| Load Growth and Other | 41.0 | 51.7 | 14.1 | 106.8 | 30.6 | N/A | 137.4 |
| Total Distribution | 330.2 | 244.3 | 130.5 | 705.0 | 231.5 | N/A | 936.5 |
| Generation and Solar | — | 45.5 | 6.7 | 52.2 | — | N/A | 52.2 |
| Total | \$330.2 | \$289.8 | \$137.2 | \$757.2 | \$231.5 | N/A | \$988.7 |

For the electric distribution business, basic business includes the purchase of meters, tools, vehicles, information technology, transformer replacements, equipment facilities, and the relocation of plant. Aging infrastructure relates to reliability and the replacement of overhead lines, plant substations, underground cable replacement, and equipment failures. Load growth and other includes requests for new business and capacity additions on distribution lines and substation additions and expansions.

For the natural gas distribution business, basic business addresses daily operational needs including meters, pipe relocations due to public works projects, vehicles, and tools. Aging infrastructure projects seek to improve the reliability of the system through enhancements related to cast iron and bare steel replacement of main and services, corrosion mediation, and station upgrades. Load growth and other reflects growth in existing service territories including new developments, installation of services, and expansion.

For the water distribution business, basic business addresses daily operational needs including periodic meter replacement, water main relocation, facility maintenance, and tools. Aging infrastructure relates to reliability and the replacement of water mains, regulators, storage tanks, pumping stations, wellfields, reservoirs, and treatment facilities. Load growth and other reflects growth in our territory including improvements to acquisitions, installation of new services, and interconnections of systems.

FERC Regulatory Matters

FERC Transmission Rate Settlement: On December 28, 2015, FERC initiated a proceeding to review the New England transmission owners' (NETOs) regional and local transmission rates due to a lack of transparency. The FERC also found that the formula rates generally lacked sufficient details to determine how costs are derived and recovered in rates. This proceeding was set for hearing but held in abeyance to provide time for settlement judge procedures. On August 17, 2018, a signed Settlement Agreement between twenty-eight parties, including all six New England state regulatory commissions, the NETOs (including CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH) and other settling parties, was filed at the FERC. The Settlement Agreement includes, among other things, a new formula rate template, effective on January 1, 2020, in which all regional and local transmission revenue requirements will be determined through a single formula rate. The Settlement Agreement will need to be certified to the FERC by the Settlement Administrative Law Judge and then ordered on by the FERC.

FERC ROE Complaints: Four separate complaints have been filed at the FERC by combinations of New England state attorneys general, state regulatory commissions, consumer advocates, consumer groups, municipal parties and other parties (collectively the "Complainants"). In each of the first three complaints, filed on October 1, 2011, December 27, 2012, and July 31, 2014, respectively, the Complainants challenged the NETOs' base ROE of 11.14 percent that had been utilized since 2005 and sought an order to reduce it prospectively from the date of the final FERC order and for the separate 15-month complaint periods. In the fourth complaint, filed April 29, 2016, the Complainants challenged the NETOs' base ROE of 10.57 percent and the maximum ROE for transmission incentive ("incentive cap") of 11.74 percent, asserting that these ROEs were unjust and unreasonable.

On October 16, 2014, the FERC set the base ROE at 10.57 percent and the incentive cap at 11.74 percent for the first complaint period. This was also effective for all prospective billings to customers beginning October 16, 2014. This FERC order was vacated on April 14, 2017 by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (the "Court").

The ROE billed during the period October 1, 2011 (beginning of the first complaint period) through October 15, 2014 consisted of a base ROE of 11.14 percent and incentives up to 13.1 percent. All amounts associated with the first complaint period have been refunded. Eversource has recorded a reserve of \$39.1 million (pre-tax and excluding interest) for the second complaint period as of September 30, 2018. This reserve represents the difference between the billed rates during the second complaint period and a 10.57 percent base ROE and 11.74 percent incentive cap. The reserve consisted of \$21.4 million for CL&P, \$14.6 million for NSTAR Electric and \$3.1 million for PSNH as of September 30, 2018.

On October 16, 2018, FERC issued an order on all four complaints describing how it intends to address the issues that were remanded by the Court. FERC proposed a new framework to determine (1) whether an existing ROE is unjust and unreasonable and, if so, (2) how to calculate a replacement ROE. The parties to these proceedings were directed to submit briefs on this new proposed framework and how they would apply them in each of the four complaint proceedings. Briefs and reply briefs will be filed in the first quarter of 2019.

The FERC order included illustrative calculations for the first complaint, using FERC's proposed frameworks with financial data from that complaint. Those preliminary calculations indicated that for the first complaint period, for the NETOs that FERC concludes are of average financial risk, (1) a preliminary range of presumptively just and reasonable base ROEs is 9.60 percent to 10.99 percent; (2) the pre-existing base ROE of 11.14 percent is therefore unjust and unreasonable; (3) the preliminary just and reasonable base ROE is 10.41 percent; and (4) the preliminary incentive cap on total ROE is 13.08 percent. If the results of these illustrative calculations were included in a final FERC order, then the 10.41 percent base ROE and a 13.08 percent incentive cap would not have a significant impact on our financial statements for the first complaint period.

Although the order provided illustrative calculations, FERC stated that these calculations are merely preliminary. The FERC's preliminary calculations are not binding and do not represent what we believe to be the most likely outcome of a final FERC order, as significant changes to the methodology by FERC are possible as a result of the parties' arguments and calculations in the briefing process. Until FERC issues a final decision on each of these four complaints, there is significant uncertainty, and at this time, the Company cannot reasonably estimate a range of gain or loss for any of the four complaint proceedings. The October 16, 2018 FERC order does not provide a reasonable basis for a change to the reserve or recognized ROEs for any of the complaint periods.

Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH currently record revenues at the 10.57 percent base ROE and incentive cap at 11.74 percent established in the October 16, 2014 FERC order.

The average impact of a 10 basis point change to the base ROE for each of the 15-month complaint periods would affect Eversource's after-tax earnings by approximately \$3 million.

U.S. Federal Corporate Income Taxes: On March 15, 2018, the FERC issued a notice of inquiry requesting comments from FERC-regulated utilities on whether and how the FERC should address changes in ADIT as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Effective January 1, 2018, the local transmission service rates were updated to reflect the lower U.S. federal corporate income tax rate that resulted from the act, which impacts only the revenue requirements we currently bill customers, not the excess ADIT. On June 28, 2018, FERC granted a one-time tariff waiver related to the federal corporate income tax rate so that effective June 1, 2018, the regional transmission service rates reflect the reduced federal corporate income tax rate at 21 percent.

Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters

Electric, Natural Gas and Water Base Distribution Rates:

The regulated companies' distribution rates are set by their respective state regulatory commissions, and their tariffs include mechanisms for periodically adjusting their rates for the recovery of specific incurred costs. Other than as described below, for the first nine months of 2018, changes made to the regulated companies' rates did not have a material impact on their earnings, financial position, or cash flows. For further information, see "Financial Condition and Business Analysis – Regulatory Developments and Rate Matters" included in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of the Eversource 2017 Form 10-K.

U.S. Federal Corporate Income Taxes:

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act became law, which amended existing federal tax rules to reduce the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent effective January 1, 2018. For our regulated companies, the most significant changes are (1) the benefit of incurring a lower federal income tax expense, which we expect to be passed back to customers once reflected in rates, depending on regulatory outcomes, and (2) the provisional regulated excess ADIT liabilities that we expect will benefit our customers in future periods, which were estimated to be approximately \$2.9 billion and included in regulatory liabilities as of September 30, 2018.

Eversource established a liability, recorded as a reduction to revenue, to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal corporate income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, until rates billed to customers reflect the lower federal tax rate. As of September 30, 2018, this liability, net of amounts refunded to customers, was \$36.2 million.

For information on filings with regulatory commissions and the impact to customer rates, see "Connecticut," "Massachusetts," and "New Hampshire" sections below and "FERC Regulatory Matters - U.S. Federal Corporate Income Taxes" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Connecticut:

CL&P Rate Case Settlement: On April 18, 2018, PURA approved the distribution rate case settlement agreement that was reached by CL&P, the Prosecutorial Unit of PURA, and the OCC on December 15, 2017, as amended on March 23, 2018. The distribution rate case settlement agreement included, among other things, rate increases of \$64.3 million, \$31.1 million, and \$29.2 million, effective May 1, 2018, 2019, and 2020, respectively, an authorized regulatory ROE of 9.25 percent, 53 percent common equity in CL&P's capital structure, and a new capital tracker, effective July 1, 2018, for core capital additions in excess of \$270 million per rate year and also for capital additions for system resiliency and grid modernization. The new capital tracker also included a provision to return to customers the impact of a lower federal corporate income tax rate from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act from January through April 2018, offset by the impacts of rate base growth since the previous rate case for the same period. In addition, the distribution rates charged to customers were adjusted to reflect the prospective impacts of a lower federal income tax rate from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Amounts related to the excess ADIT liabilities will be incorporated into the May 1, 2019 distribution rate change. The settlement agreement also incorporated \$18.6 million of rate base recovery for catastrophic storms occurring after December 31, 2016, subject to a future storm filing.

Yankee Gas Rate Case Settlement: On June 15, 2018, Yankee Gas filed its rate case application with PURA. On September 21, 2018, an amended settlement agreement was reached with the Office of Consumer Counsel and the prosecutorial division of the PURA and filed for approval by PURA, which included revised rate increases of \$1.4

million, \$15.8 million and \$13.0 million, for rate years beginning November 15, 2018, January 1, 2020, and January 1, 2021, respectively. As part of the settlement, Yankee Gas proposed to continue its ongoing natural gas system expansion program, implement a Distribution Integrity Management Program cost recovery mechanism that includes recovery of approximately \$26 million to \$37 million of capital additions annually in excess of \$150 million included in rate base per year, implement a revenue decoupling rate mechanism, and recover merger costs. The settlement agreement includes a regulatory ROE of 9.3 percent. In addition, the distribution rates to be charged to customers will be adjusted to reflect the prospective impacts of the lower federal corporate income tax rate, the overcollection of the lower income tax rate from January 1, 2018, and the excess ADIT from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The settlement results in new rates effective November 15, 2018. A final decision from PURA is expected in late 2018.

Massachusetts:

U.S. Federal Corporate Income Taxes: The DPU opened an investigation into the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Massachusetts regulated utilities. On June 29, 2018, the DPU issued a decision ordering NSTAR Gas to lower rates effective July 1, 2018 by an annualized \$7.3 million. For NSTAR Electric, lower rates due to the reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate were effective February 1, 2018. A second phase of the investigation will address the excess ADIT issue and any potential refunds for the periods January 1, 2018 to the effective dates of the rate changes that have occurred. On September 19, 2018, NSTAR Electric submitted a filing to the DPU to adjust rates to refund the excess ADIT to customers, effective January 1, 2019. NSTAR Gas' excess ADIT is pending DPU approval.

New Hampshire:

Generation Divestiture: In June 2015, Eversource and PSNH entered into the 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement, pursuant to which PSNH agreed to divest its generation assets, subject to NHPUC approval. The NHPUC approved this agreement as well as the final divestiture plan and auction process in the second half of 2016. On October 11, 2017, PSNH entered into two Purchase and Sale Agreements with private investors, one to sell its thermal generation assets at a purchase price of \$175 million, subject to adjustment, (the "Thermal Agreement") and a second to sell its hydroelectric generation assets at a purchase price of \$83 million, subject to adjustment (the "Hydro Agreement"). The NHPUC approved these agreements in late November 2017.

On January 10, 2018, PSNH completed the sale of its thermal generation assets pursuant to the Thermal Agreement. In accordance with the Thermal Agreement, the original purchase price of \$175 million was adjusted to reflect working capital adjustments, closing date adjustments and proration of taxes and fees prior to closing, totaling \$40.9 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$134.1 million. In the second quarter of 2018, the purchase price was further adjusted by \$17.3 million relating to the valuation of certain allowances. As a result of these adjustments, net proceeds from the sale of the thermal assets totaled \$116.8 million.

On July 16, 2018, FERC issued its order approving the transfer of PSNH's six hydroelectric licenses to private investors. On August 26, 2018, PSNH completed the sale of its hydroelectric generation assets pursuant to the Hydro Agreement. In accordance with the Hydro Agreement, the original purchase price of \$83 million was adjusted to reflect contractual adjustments totaling \$5.7 million, resulting in net proceeds of \$77.3 million. The difference between the carrying value of the hydroelectric generation assets and the sale proceeds resulted in a gain of \$17.2 million. An estimated gain from the sale of these assets was included as an offset to the total stranded costs associated with the sale of generation assets.

On May 8, 2018, PSNH Funding issued \$635.7 million of securitized RRBs pursuant to a finance order issued by the NHPUC on January 30, 2018 to recover stranded costs resulting from the divestiture of PSNH's generation assets. These bonds are secured by a non-bypassable charge billed to PSNH's customers. PSNH recorded regulatory assets and other deferred costs in connection with the generation asset divestiture and the securitization of stranded costs, which are probable of recovery through collection of the non-bypassable charge. For further information on the securitized RRB issuance, see "Liquidity - Rate Reduction Bonds" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

U.S. Federal Corporate Income Taxes: On September 27, 2018, the NHPUC issued a decision on the impact of the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate reduction from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The NHPUC concluded that the tax law change qualified as an exogenous event, as defined in the 2015 Public Service Company of New Hampshire Restructuring and Rate Stabilization Agreement, and that the benefit of incurring the lower federal income tax expense would be passed back to customers with carrying charges. Distribution rates are to reflect the deferred excess ADIT, the impact of the lower federal income tax rate, and the overcollection of the lower income tax rate from January 1, 2018 to the rate adjustment effective date of July 1, 2019, or earlier if a rate case is filed for rates effective prior to July 1, 2019. As of September 30, 2018, PSNH has recorded a reserve of \$9.4 million to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal corporate income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018.

2011 through 2013 Storm Costs: On September 17, 2018, the NHPUC approved the recovery of \$49 million, plus carrying charges, in storm costs incurred from August 2011 through March 2013 and the transfer of funding from PSNH's major storm funding reserve to offset those costs. The costs of these storms (excluding the equity return component of the carrying charges) were deferred as regulatory assets, and the funding reserve collected from

customers was accrued as a regulatory liability. The storm cost deferral is separate from the major storm funding reserve that is being collected from customers. As a result of the approval, PSNH recognized \$8.7 million (pre-tax) within Other Income, Net on our statement of income in the third quarter of 2018 for the equity return component of the carrying charges, which have been billed and collected. Storm costs incurred from March 2013 through 2016 are currently being audited by the NHPUC staff. As of September 30, 2018, the pre-tax equity return component of the carrying charges related to storms incurred after March 2013 was \$6.5 million, which will be recognized to earnings upon NHPUC approval of those storm costs.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates, assumptions and, at times, difficult, subjective or complex judgments. Changes in these estimates, assumptions and judgments, in and of themselves, could materially impact our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Our management communicates to and discusses with the Audit Committee of our Board of Trustees significant matters relating to critical accounting policies. Our critical accounting policies that we believed were the most critical in nature were reported in the Eversource 2017 Form 10-K. There have been no material changes with regard to these critical accounting policies.

See Note 1C, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Northern Pass," and Note 1D, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Impairment of Access Northeast," to the financial statements for further discussion of critical accounting estimates surrounding impairment analysis.

Other Matters

Accounting Standards: For information regarding new accounting standards, see Note 1B, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies – Accounting Standards," to the financial statements.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments: There have been no material contractual obligations identified and no material changes with regard to the contractual obligations and commercial commitments previously disclosed in the Eversource 2017 Form 10-K.

Web Site: Additional financial information is available through our website at www.eversource.com. We make available through our website a link to the SEC's EDGAR website (<http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html>), at which site Eversource's, CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's and PSNH's combined Annual Reports on Form 10-K, combined Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and any amendments to those reports may be reviewed. Information contained on the Company's website or that can be accessed through the website is not incorporated into and does not constitute a part of this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – EVERSOURCE ENERGY AND SUBSIDIARIES

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for Eversource for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|---|-----------|-------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2018 | 2017 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
| Operating Revenues | \$2,271.4 | \$1,988.5 | \$ 282.9 | \$6,413.2 | \$5,856.5 | \$ 556.7 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 842.3 | 651.8 | 190.5 | 2,443.0 | 1,955.1 | 487.9 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 344.5 | 307.7 | 36.8 | 970.9 | 956.3 | 14.6 |
| Depreciation | 208.7 | 194.5 | 14.2 | 612.1 | 571.2 | 40.9 |
| Amortization | 92.7 | 41.8 | 50.9 | 174.1 | 58.1 | 116.0 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 130.0 | 129.2 | 0.8 | 366.1 | 391.8 | (25.7) |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 187.2 | 168.2 | 19.0 | 547.1 | 479.6 | 67.5 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,805.4 | 1,493.2 | 312.2 | 5,113.3 | 4,412.1 | 701.2 |
| Operating Income | 466.0 | 495.3 | (29.3) | 1,299.9 | 1,444.4 | (144.5) |
| Interest Expense | 125.2 | 108.7 | 16.5 | 372.7 | 319.5 | 53.2 |
| Other Income, Net | 16.7 | 28.5 | (11.8) | 100.6 | 79.2 | 21.4 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 357.5 | 415.1 | (57.6) | 1,027.8 | 1,204.1 | (176.3) |
| Income Tax Expense | 66.2 | 152.8 | (86.6) | 220.5 | 447.9 | (227.4) |
| Net Income | 291.3 | 262.3 | 29.0 | 807.3 | 756.2 | 51.1 |
| Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 1.9 | 1.9 | — | 5.6 | 5.6 | — |
| Net Income Attributable to Common Shareholders | \$289.4 | \$260.4 | \$ 29.0 | \$801.7 | \$750.6 | \$ 51.1 |

Operating Revenues

Operating Revenues by segment increased/(decreased) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, as follows (the variance in electric distribution revenues reflects intercompany transmission billings in both periods):

| (Millions of Dollars) | Three Months Ended | Nine Months Ended |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Electric Distribution | \$210.3 | \$338.1 |
| Natural Gas Distribution | (0.2) | 41.7 |
| Electric Transmission | 2.1 | (17.0) |
| Water Distribution | 63.5 | 161.5 |
| Other | 0.4 | 15.0 |
| Eliminations | 6.8 | 17.4 |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$282.9 | \$556.7 |

Sales Volumes: A summary of our retail electric GWh sales volumes, our firm natural gas MMcf sales volumes, and our water MG sales volumes, and percentage changes, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to 2017, is as follows:

| Electric Sales Volumes (GWh) | Firm Natural Gas Sales Volumes (MMcf) | Water Sales Volumes (MG) |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Percentage Increase | Percentage Increase/Decrease | Percentage Increase/Decrease |

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| | 2018 | 2017 (1) | | | 2018 | 2017 | | | 2018 | 2017 (2) | | |
|--|--------|-------------|-----|---|--------|--------|--------|----|--------|-------------|-------|----|
| Three Months Ended September 30: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traditional | 2,206 | 2,020 | 9.2 | % | 5,984 | 5,550 | 7.8 | % | 732 | 706 | 3.7 | % |
| Decoupled | 13,110 | 12,076 | 8.6 | % | 4,674 | 4,828 | (3.2) |)% | 7,118 | 7,257 | (1.9) |)% |
| Special Contracts ⁽³⁾ | N/A | N/A | N/A | | 684 | 1,147 | (40.4) |)% | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Total - Decoupled and Special Contracts | 13,110 | 12,076 | 8.6 | % | 5,358 | 5,975 | (10.3) |)% | 7,118 | 7,257 | (1.9) |)% |
| Total Sales Volumes | 15,316 | 14,096 | 8.7 | % | 11,342 | 11,525 | (1.6) |)% | 7,850 | 7,963 | (1.4) |)% |
| Nine Months Ended September 30: | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Traditional | 7,857 | 7,542 | 4.2 | % | 35,745 | 32,233 | 10.9 | % | 1,684 | 1,608 | 4.7 | % |
| Decoupled | 32,814 | 31,889 | 2.9 | % | 35,358 | 33,958 | 4.1 | % | 16,491 | 17,084 | (3.5) |)% |
| Special Contracts ⁽³⁾ | N/A | N/A | N/A | | 2,222 | 3,495 | (36.4) |)% | N/A | N/A | N/A | |
| Total - Decoupled and Special Contracts | 32,814 | 31,889 | 2.9 | % | 37,580 | 37,453 | 0.3 | % | 16,491 | 17,084 | (3.5) |)% |
| Total Sales Volumes | 40,671 | 39,431 | 3.1 | % | 73,325 | 69,686 | 5.2 | % | 18,175 | 18,692 | (2.8) |)% |

(1) In 2017 and in the month of January 2018, NSTAR Electric operated under two different rate structures (traditional and decoupled) based on its service territory geography. Effective February 1, 2018, NSTAR Electric operated entirely under a decoupled rate structure. The 2017 sales volumes for NSTAR Electric have been recast to present February through September 2017 as decoupled, to conform to the 2018 presentation for comparative purposes.

(2) Eversource acquired its water distribution business on December 4, 2017. Prior year sales volumes have been presented for comparative purposes.

(3) Special contracts are unique to Yankee Gas natural gas distribution customers who take service under such an arrangement and generally specify the amount of distribution revenue to be paid to Yankee Gas regardless of the customers' usage.

Fluctuations in retail electric sales volumes at PSNH and natural gas sales volumes at Yankee Gas impact earnings ("Traditional" in the table above). For CL&P, NSTAR Electric (effective February 1, 2018, as a result of the DPU-approved rate case decision) and NSTAR Gas, fluctuations in retail sales volumes do not impact earnings due to their respective regulatory commission-approved distribution revenue decoupling mechanisms ("Decoupled" in the table above). Fluctuations in water sales volumes largely do not impact earnings as our Connecticut water distribution business is decoupled.

CL&P and NSTAR Electric reconcile their annual base distribution rate recovery amounts to their respective pre-established levels of baseline distribution delivery service revenues of approximately \$1.1 billion (effective May 1, 2018) and \$947 million, respectively. Any difference between the allowed level of distribution revenue and the actual amount realized during a 12-month period is adjusted through rates in the following period.

Three Months Ended: Operating Revenues, which primarily consist of base distribution revenues and tracked revenues further described below, increased \$282.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017.

Base Electric and Natural Gas Distribution Revenues:

Electric distribution revenues increased \$9.7 million due primarily to CL&P's base distribution rate increase as a result of the PURA-approved rate case settlement that became effective May 1, 2018 (a portion of which did not impact earnings) and an increase in non-decoupled sales volumes driven by warmer summer weather in 2018. The increase in revenues was partially offset by lower base distribution rates at NSTAR Electric, as per the DPU-approved rate case decision that became effective February 1, 2018. NSTAR Electric's rates were adjusted to reflect the new lower federal corporate income tax rate and the movement of certain costs from base distribution rates to fully-reconciled cost tracking mechanisms (most of which did not impact earnings).

Electric distribution revenues decreased \$3.1 million due to the liability established to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal corporate income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Effective February 1, 2018 for NSTAR Electric and May 1, 2018 for CL&P, rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate.

Base natural gas distribution revenues increased \$1.1 million due primarily to an increase in demand revenues. The increase in revenues was more than offset by a \$3.5 million decrease due to the liability established to reflect the impact of the reduction in federal corporate income tax rates, effective January 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2018 for NSTAR Gas, rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate.

Tracked Electric and Natural Gas Distribution Revenues: Tracked revenues consist of certain costs that are recovered from customers in rates through regulatory commission-approved cost tracking mechanisms and therefore, have no impact on earnings. Costs recovered through cost tracking mechanisms include energy supply procurement and other energy-related costs for our electric and natural gas customers, retail transmission charges, energy efficiency program costs, net metering for distributed generation, and restructuring and stranded cost recovery revenues (including securitized RRB charges). In addition, tracked revenues include certain incentives earned and carrying charges that are billed in rates to customers.

- Tracked electric distribution revenues increased as a result of an increase in electric energy supply costs (\$97.4 million), driven by increased average retail prices. In addition, there was an increase in stranded cost recovery revenues (\$31.7 million) and an increase in retail electric transmission charges (\$24.6 million).

Tracked natural gas distribution revenues increased as a result of an increase in natural gas supply costs (\$3.0 million).

Water: Water operating revenues totaled \$63.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 as a result of the acquisition of Aquarion on December 4, 2017.

Electric Transmission Revenues: The electric transmission segment revenues increased \$2.1 million due to an increase related to ongoing investments in our transmission infrastructure, partially offset by lower revenue requirements primarily related to the lower federal corporate income tax rate that was reflected in 2018 transmission revenues.

Nine Months Ended: Operating Revenues, which primarily consist of base distribution revenues and tracked revenues further described below, increased \$556.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017.

Base Electric and Natural Gas Distribution Revenues:

Electric distribution revenues decreased \$39.6 million due primarily to lower base distribution rates at NSTAR Electric, as per the DPU-approved rate case decision that became effective February 1, 2018. NSTAR Electric's rates were adjusted to reflect the new lower federal corporate income tax rate and the movement of certain costs from base distribution rates to fully-reconciled cost tracking mechanisms (most of which did not impact earnings). The decrease in revenues was partially offset by CL&P's base distribution rate increase as a result of the PURA-approved rate case settlement that became effective May 1, 2018 (a portion of which did not impact earnings), and an increase in non-decoupled sales volumes primarily driven by colder weather in January 2018 at NSTAR Electric (prior to its decoupled rate structure) and warmer summer weather in 2018 at PSNH. Effective February 1, 2018, NSTAR Electric operated entirely under a decoupled rate structure.

Electric distribution revenues also decreased \$29.5 million due to the liability established to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal corporate income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Effective February 1, 2018 for NSTAR Electric and May 1, 2018 for CL&P, rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate.

Base natural gas distribution revenues increased \$10.7 million due primarily to an increase in sales volumes and demand revenues driven by colder January and April weather in Connecticut in 2018, as well as growth in new customer base. The increase in revenues was more than offset by an \$11.5 million decrease due to the liability established to reflect the impact of the reduction in federal corporate income tax rates, effective January 1, 2018. Effective July 1, 2018 for NSTAR Gas, rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate.

Tracked Electric and Natural Gas Distribution Revenues: Tracked revenues consist of certain costs that are recovered from customers in rates through regulatory commission-approved cost tracking mechanisms and therefore, have no impact on earnings. Costs recovered through cost tracking mechanisms include energy supply procurement and other energy-related costs for our electric and natural gas customers, retail transmission charges, energy efficiency program costs, net metering for distributed generation, and restructuring and stranded cost recovery revenues (including securitized RRB charges). In addition, tracked revenues include certain incentives earned and carrying charges that are billed in rates to customers.

Tracked electric distribution revenues increased as a result of an increase in electric energy supply costs (\$234.1 million), driven by increased average retail prices. In addition, there was an increase in stranded cost recovery revenues (\$49.9 million) and an increase in retail electric transmission charges (\$57.4 million).

- Tracked natural gas distribution revenues increased as a result of an increase in natural gas supply costs (\$36.6 million) and an increase in energy efficiency program revenues (\$4.6 million).

Water: Water operating revenues totaled \$161.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as a result of the acquisition of Aquarion on December 4, 2017.

Electric Transmission Revenues: The electric transmission segment revenues decreased \$17.0 million due to lower revenue requirements primarily related to the lower federal corporate income tax rate that was reflected in 2018

transmission revenues, partially offset by an increase related to ongoing investments in our transmission infrastructure.

Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity, natural gas and water, on behalf of our customers. These supply costs are recovered from customers in rates through commission-approved cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, due primarily to the following:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Three Months Ended | Nine Months Ended |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Electric Distribution | \$ 145.8 | \$ 338.4 |
| Natural Gas Distribution | 2.9 | 31.0 |
| Transmission | 36.3 | 79.0 |
| Water Distribution | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Eliminations | 5.1 | 38.4 |
| Total Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | \$ 190.5 | \$ 487.9 |

The variance in electric distribution reflects intercompany transmission charges in both periods. The increase in purchased power expense at the electric distribution business for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, was driven primarily by higher prices associated with the procurement of energy supply. As a result of the sale of PSNH's thermal generation assets on January 10, 2018, and the sale of PSNH's hydroelectric assets on August 26, 2018, PSNH purchased power in place of its self-generation output in the first nine months of 2018. The increase in natural gas supply costs at our natural gas distribution business was due to higher average prices and sales volumes.

The increase in transmission costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, was primarily the result of an increase in costs billed by ISO-NE that support regional grid investment, and an increase in the retail transmission cost deferral, which reflects the actual costs of transmission service compared to estimated amounts billed to customers. This was partially offset by a decrease in Local Network Service charges, which reflect the cost of transmission service provided by Eversource over our local transmission network.

Operations and Maintenance expense includes tracked costs and costs that are part of base electric, natural gas and water distribution rates with changes impacting earnings (non-tracked costs). Operations and Maintenance expense increased/(decreased) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, due primarily to the following:

| (Millions of Dollars) | Three Months Ended | Nine Months Ended |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Base Electric Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs): | | |
| Employee-related expenses, including labor and benefits | \$ 26.4 | \$ 30.7 |
| Bad debt expense | 2.6 | 13.6 |
| Shared corporate costs (including computer software depreciation at Eversource Service) | (8.8) | 1.1 |
| Storm restoration costs | (3.3) | (11.4) |
| Operations-related expenses, including vegetation management, vehicles, and outside services (excluding storm restoration costs) | (1.8) | (12.9) |
| Other non-tracked operations and maintenance | 5.1 | 5.7 |
| Total Base Electric Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs) | 20.2 | 26.8 |
| Base Natural Gas Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs) | 3.8 | 11.3 |
| Water Distribution (Addition of Aquarion operations and maintenance expenses due to acquisition on December 4, 2017) | 20.5 | 59.4 |
| Tracked Costs (Electric Distribution, Electric Transmission and Natural Gas Distribution) - Decrease primarily due to lower PSNH generation operations expenses due to the 2018 sales of thermal and hydroelectric generation assets and lower transmission expenses | (16.5) | (78.2) |
| Other and eliminations: | | |
| Eversource Parent and Other Companies - other operations and maintenance | (1.2) | (1.1) |
| Eliminations | 10.0 | (3.6) |
| Total Operations and Maintenance | \$ 36.8 | \$ 14.6 |

Depreciation expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, due primarily to higher net plant in service balances and new depreciation rates effective with the CL&P distribution rate case settlement agreement. Partially offsetting these increases was lower depreciation expense at PSNH as a result of the sale of the thermal and hydroelectric generation assets in 2018.

Amortization expense includes the deferral of energy supply and energy-related costs included in certain commission-approved cost tracking mechanisms, and the amortization of certain costs. This deferral adjusts expense

to match the corresponding revenues. Amortization increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, due primarily to the deferral of energy supply and energy-related costs, which can fluctuate from period to period based on the timing of costs incurred and the related rate changes to recover these costs. Energy supply and energy-related costs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

Energy Efficiency Programs expense decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to a State of Connecticut policy change requiring CL&P to remit 2018 energy efficiency funds to the State of Connecticut. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, these amounts totaled \$10.7 million and \$36.1 million, respectively. These costs were collected from CL&P's customers and remitted to the State of Connecticut; as such we have classified these amounts as Taxes Other than Income Taxes. The costs for the majority of the state energy policy initiatives and expanded energy efficiency programs are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same periods in 2017, due primarily to a State of Connecticut policy change requiring CL&P to remit 2018 energy efficiency funds to the State of Connecticut (which totaled \$10.7 million and \$36.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively), as well as higher property taxes due to higher utility plant in service balances.

Interest Expense increased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to an increase in interest on long-term debt (\$5.9 million) as a result of new debt issuances, the addition of Aquarion interest in 2018 (\$6.4 million), interest expense on the 2018 RRB issuance (\$6.0 million) and an increase in interest on short-term borrowings (\$2.7 million), partially offset by higher AFUDC related to debt funds (\$1.9 million) and a decrease in regulatory deferrals, primarily at NSTAR Electric, which decreased interest expense (\$1.3 million).

Interest Expense increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to an increase in interest on long-term debt (\$29.0 million) as a result of new debt issuances, the addition of Aquarion interest in 2018 (\$19.2 million), interest expense on the 2018 RRB issuance (\$8.8 million) and an increase in interest on short-term borrowings (\$6.5 million), partially offset by higher AFUDC related to debt funds (\$5.9 million) and a decrease in regulatory deferrals, primarily at NSTAR Electric, which decreased interest expense (\$3.3 million).

Other Income, Net decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to a decrease in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates related to Eversource's equity investments (\$33.0 million) and changes in the market value related to deferred compensation plans (\$3.6 million). In the third quarter of 2018, Eversource recognized a \$32.9 million other-than-temporary impairment to our equity method investment in the Access Northeast project, which was reflected as a loss within equity in earnings. These decreases were partially offset by higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$2.8 million), the recognition of \$8.7 million of the equity return component of the carrying charges related to storms incurred from August 2011 through March 2013 at PSNH, an increase related to pension, SERP and PBOP non-service income components (\$7.5 million) and gains on the sale of property (\$5.0 million).

Other Income, Net increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$8.8 million), the recognition of \$8.7 million of the equity return component of the carrying charges related to storms incurred from August 2011 through March 2013 at PSNH, an increase related to pension, SERP and PBOP non-service income components (\$21.7 million) and gains on the sale of property (\$5.0 million). Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates related to Eversource's equity investments (\$23.4 million), driven by a \$32.9 million other-than-temporary impairment to our equity method investment in the Access Northeast project. The equity in earnings decrease was partially offset by increased unrealized gains on our investment in a renewable energy fund.

Income Tax Expense decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the new federal tax law enacted December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, reducing the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and lower pre-tax earnings (\$63.5 million), partially offset by higher state taxes (\$1.2 million). Income tax expense was further decreased by the impairment of Access Northeast (\$6.9 million), return to provision items (\$1.2 million), and an aggregate benefit relating to both federal tax reform impacts on the tax return compared to the provision estimate and remeasurement of a tax reserve based on new information from a change in Connecticut tax law (\$18.0 million), all partially offset by items that impact our tax rate as a result of regulatory treatment (flow-through items) and permanent differences (\$1.8 million).

Income Tax Expense decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to a reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and lower pre-tax earnings (\$198.9 million) and by the impairment of Access Northeast (\$6.9 million). Income tax expense was further decreased by return to provision items (\$1.2 million), an aggregate benefit relating to both federal tax reform impacts on the tax return compared to the provision estimate and remeasurement of a tax reserve based on new information from a change in Connecticut tax law (\$18.0 million), and by flow-through items and permanent differences (\$2.4 million).

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS –
 THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY
 NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARY
 PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AND SUBSIDIARIES

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| | CL&P | | | NSTAR Electric | | | PSNH | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2018 | 2017 | Increase/ (Decrease) | 2018 | 2017 | Increase/ (Decrease) |
| Operating Revenues | \$2,344.9 | \$2,173.6 | \$ 171.3 | \$2,400.3 | \$2,290.4 | \$ 109.9 | \$792.7 | \$733.6 | \$ 59.1 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | | | | | | | |
| Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | 850.8 | 711.2 | 139.6 | 981.9 | 799.0 | 182.9 | 294.0 | 179.3 | 114.7 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 355.5 | 361.1 | (5.6) | 344.5 | 346.5 | (2.0) | 153.3 | 195.6 | (42.3) |
| Depreciation | 208.9 | 184.3 | 24.6 | 205.2 | 204.4 | 0.8 | 69.5 | 95.3 | (25.8) |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net | 97.4 | 58.8 | 38.6 | 35.5 | 17.2 | 18.3 | 41.3 | (10.7) | 52.0 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 71.6 | 106.5 | (34.9) | 229.4 | 228.5 | 0.9 | 15.7 | 11.0 | 4.7 |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 267.7 | 223.4 | 44.3 | 145.7 | 130.6 | 15.1 | 59.8 | 67.0 | (7.2) |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,851.9 | 1,645.3 | 206.6 | 1,942.2 | 1,726.2 | 216.0 | 633.6 | 537.5 | 96.1 |
| Operating Income | 493.0 | 528.3 | (35.3) | 458.1 | 564.2 | (106.1) | 159.1 | 196.1 | (37.0) |
| Interest Expense | 113.1 | 106.6 | 6.5 | 80.8 | 88.7 | (7.9) | 44.0 | 38.7 | 5.3 |
| Other Income, Net | 20.7 | 15.4 | 5.3 | 40.6 | 24.6 | 16.0 | 24.3 | 7.3 | 17.0 |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 400.6 | 437.1 | (36.5) | 417.9 | 500.1 | (82.2) | 139.4 | 164.7 | (25.3) |
| Income Tax Expense | 102.0 | 159.5 | (57.5) | 112.2 | 196.0 | (83.8) | 37.9 | 65.1 | (27.2) |
| Net Income | \$298.6 | \$277.6 | \$ 21.0 | \$305.7 | \$304.1 | \$ 1.6 | \$101.5 | \$99.6 | \$ 1.9 |

Operating Revenues

Sales Volumes: A summary of our retail electric GWh sales volumes was as follows:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|----------------|--|--------|----------|---------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | Increase | Percent |
| CL&P | 16,376 | 15,812 | 564 | 3.6 % |
| NSTAR Electric | 18,314 | 17,784 | 530 | 3.0 % |
| PSNH | 5,981 | 5,835 | 146 | 2.5 % |

Fluctuations in retail electric sales volumes at PSNH impact earnings. For CL&P and NSTAR Electric (effective February 1, 2018, as a result of the DPU-approved rate case decision), fluctuations in retail electric sales volumes do not impact earnings due to their respective regulatory commission-approved distribution revenue decoupling mechanisms.

CL&P and NSTAR Electric reconcile their annual base distribution rate recovery amounts to their respective pre-established levels of baseline distribution delivery service revenues of approximately \$1.1 billion (effective May 1, 2018) and \$947 million, respectively. Any difference between the allowed level of distribution revenue and the

actual amount realized during a 12-month period is adjusted through rates in the following period.

Operating Revenues: Operating Revenues, which consist of base distribution revenues and tracked revenues further described below, increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, as follows:

| (Millions of Dollars) | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|
| Operating Revenues | \$171.3 | \$109.9 | \$59.1 |

Base Distribution Revenues:

CL&P's distribution revenues increased \$17.0 million due primarily to the impact of its base distribution rate increase as a result of the PURA-approved rate case settlement that became effective May 1, 2018 (a portion of which did not impact earnings).

NSTAR Electric's distribution revenues decreased \$60.9 million due primarily to lower base distribution rates at NSTAR Electric, as per the DPU-approved rate case decision that became effective February 1, 2018. NSTAR Electric's rates were adjusted to reflect the new lower federal corporate income tax rate and the movement of certain costs from base distribution rates to fully-reconciled cost tracking mechanisms (most of which did not impact earnings). The decrease in revenues was partially offset by an increase in January 2018 sales volumes, as compared to January 2017, primarily driven by the colder weather. Effective February 1, 2018, NSTAR Electric operated entirely under a decoupled rate structure, and changes in sales volumes no longer impact earnings.

- PSNH's base distribution revenues increased \$4.3 million primarily as a result of an increase in sales volumes in 2018, partially offset by a rate change due to the completion of the full recovery of certain costs in revenues. The rate change did not impact earnings.

Distribution revenues decreased \$16.6 million at CL&P, \$3.7 million at NSTAR Electric and \$9.2 million at PSNH due to the liability established to reflect the difference between the 35 percent federal corporate income tax rate included in rates charged to customers and the 21 percent federal corporate income tax rate, effective January 1, 2018 as a result of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Effective February 1, 2018 for NSTAR Electric and May 1, 2018 for CL&P, rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate.

Tracked Revenues: Tracked revenues consist of certain costs that are recovered from customers in rates through commission-approved cost tracking mechanisms and therefore have no impact on earnings. Costs recovered through cost tracking mechanisms include energy supply procurement and other energy-related costs, retail transmission charges, energy efficiency program costs, net metering for distributed generation and restructuring and stranded cost recovery revenues (including securitized RRB charges). In addition, tracked revenues include certain incentives earned and carrying charges that are billed in rates to customers. Tracked revenues increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

| (Millions of Dollars) | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
|--|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Energy supply procurement | \$156.3 | \$ 80.6 | \$(2.8) |
| Retail transmission | (5.1) | 62.2 | 0.3 |
| Stranded cost recovery | 2.3 | (17.0) | 64.6 |
| Other distribution tracking mechanisms | 2.0 | 45.0 | 6.7 |

Transmission Revenues: Transmission revenues decreased \$8.4 million and \$13.4 million at CL&P and NSTAR Electric, respectively, due to lower revenue requirements primarily related to the lower federal corporate income tax rate that was reflected in 2018 transmission revenues, partially offset by an increase related to ongoing investments in our transmission infrastructure.

Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity on behalf of CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH's customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in commission-approved cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission expense increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

| (Millions of Dollars) | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Purchased Power Costs | \$121.0 | \$ 107.5 | \$109.9 |
| Transmission Costs | 9.5 | 62.1 | 7.4 |

| | | | |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Eliminations | 9.1 | 13.3 | (2.6) |
| Total Purchased Power, Fuel and Transmission | \$139.6 | \$182.9 | \$114.7 |

Purchased Power Costs: Included in purchased power costs are the costs associated with providing electric generation service supply to all customers who have not migrated to third party suppliers.

• The increase at CL&P was due primarily to an increase in the price and volume of power procured on behalf of our customers.

• The increase at NSTAR Electric was due primarily to an increase in the price of power procured on behalf of our customers.

• The increase at PSNH was due primarily to higher purchased power energy expenses that are recovered as a component of the Energy Service tracking mechanism. As a result of the sale of its thermal generation assets on January 10, 2018 and its hydroelectric generation assets on August 26, 2018, PSNH purchased power in place of its self-generation output in the first nine months of 2018.

Transmission Costs: Included in transmission costs are charges that recover the cost of transporting electricity over high-voltage lines from generating plants to substations, including costs allocated by ISO-NE to maintain the wholesale electric market. The increase in transmission costs at CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH was primarily the result of an increase in costs billed by ISO-NE that support regional grid investment and an increase in the retail transmission cost deferral, which reflects the actual costs of transmission service compared to estimated amounts billed to customers. This was partially offset by a decrease in Local Network Service charges, which reflect the cost of transmission service.

Operations and Maintenance expense includes tracked costs and costs that are part of base distribution rates with changes impacting earnings (non-tracked costs). Operations and Maintenance expense increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

| (Millions of Dollars) | CL&P | NSTAR Electric | PSNH |
|--|----------|-------------------|-----------|
| Base Electric Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs): | | | |
| Employee-related expenses, including labor and benefits | \$16.7 | \$11.5 | \$2.5 |
| Bad debt expense | 6.6 | 7.1 | (0.1) |
| Storm restoration costs | (10.5) | 0.1 | (1.0) |
| Operations-related expenses, including vegetation management, vehicles, and outside services (excluding storm restoration costs) | (9.0) | (0.4) | (3.5) |
| Other non-tracked operations and maintenance | (2.1) | 9.7 | (0.8) |
| Total Base Electric Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs) | 1.7 | 28.0 | (2.9) |
| Tracked Costs: | | | |
| Decrease of PSNH generation operations expenses due to the 2018 sales of thermal and hydroelectric generation assets | — | — | (36.3) |
| Transmission expenses | (9.8) | (10.2) | (1.7) |
| Other tracked operations and maintenance | 2.5 | (19.8) | (1.4) |
| Total Tracked Costs | (7.3) | (30.0) | (39.4) |
| Total Operations and Maintenance | \$(5.6) | \$(2.0) | \$(42.3) |

Depreciation increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

• The increase at CL&P was due primarily to higher net plant in service balances and the implementation of new depreciation rates effective with the CL&P distribution rate case settlement agreement.

• The increase at NSTAR Electric was due to higher net plant in service balances, offset by lower depreciation composite rates.

• The decrease at PSNH was due to the sale of the thermal and hydroelectric generation assets in 2018.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net expense includes the deferral of energy supply and energy-related costs included in certain regulatory-approved cost tracking mechanisms, and the amortization of certain costs. This deferral adjusts expense to match the corresponding revenues. Amortization of Regulatory Assets/(Liabilities), Net increased at CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the deferral adjustment of energy supply and energy-related costs, which can fluctuate from period to period based on the timing of costs incurred and related rate changes to recover these costs. In addition, the increase at PSNH includes amortization of the securitized asset rate reduction bonds in 2018. Energy supply and energy-related costs, which are the primary drivers of amortization, are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

Energy Efficiency Programs expense includes costs for various state energy policy initiatives and expanded energy efficiency programs, the majority of which are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings. Energy Efficiency Programs expense increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

• The decrease at CL&P was due primarily to a State of Connecticut policy change requiring CL&P to remit 2018 energy efficiency funds to the State of Connecticut. In the first nine months of 2018, this amount totaled \$36.1 million. These costs were collected from CL&P's customers and remitted to the State of Connecticut; as such we have classified this amount as Taxes Other than Income Taxes.

The increase at PSNH was due to the deferral adjustment, which reflects the actual costs of energy efficiency programs compared to the estimated amounts billed to customers and the timing of the recovery of energy efficiency costs.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

- The increase at CL&P was due primarily to a State of Connecticut policy change requiring CL&P to remit 2018 energy efficiency funds to the State of Connecticut (which totaled \$36.1 million for the first nine months of 2018), as well as higher property taxes due to higher utility plant balances and higher gross earnings taxes (the costs of which are tracked).
- The increase at NSTAR Electric was due primarily to higher property taxes due to higher utility plant balances. The decrease at PSNH was due primarily to the absence of property taxes as a result of the sales of its thermal and hydroelectric generation assets in 2018, and a 2018 refund of disputed property taxes for prior years from the Town of Bow, New Hampshire, partially offset by higher property taxes due to higher utility distribution plant balances.

Interest Expense increased/(decreased) for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

The increase at CL&P was due primarily to higher interest on long-term debt as a result of new debt issuances (\$5.9 million).

The decrease at NSTAR Electric was due primarily to a decrease in regulatory deferrals, which decreased interest expense (\$5.6 million) and lower interest on long-term debt (\$4.3 million), partially offset by an increase in interest expense on short-term borrowings (\$3.3 million).

The increase at PSNH was due primarily to interest on RRBs (\$8.8 million) and higher interest on short-term borrowings (\$1.2 million), partially offset by lower interest on long-term debt (\$4.8 million).

Other Income, Net increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

The increase at CL&P was due to an increase related to pension, SERP and PBOP non-service income components (\$6.0 million) and higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$1.2 million).

The increase at NSTAR Electric was due to an increase related to pension, SERP and PBOP non-service income components (\$12.3 million) and higher AFUDC related to equity funds (\$4.8 million), partially offset by amounts related to officer's life insurance policies (\$1.5 million).

The increase at PSNH was due to the recognition of \$8.7 million of the equity return component of the carrying charges related to storms incurred from August 2011 through March 2013, a gain on the sale of property (\$4.4 million), interest income primarily related to a 2018 refund of disputed property taxes for prior years (\$2.6 million), and an increase related to pension, SERP and PBOP non-service income components (\$1.9 million).

Income Tax Expense decreased for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

The decrease at CL&P was due primarily to the new federal tax law enacted December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, reducing the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and lower pre-tax earnings (\$68.9 million) and state taxes (\$5.4 million). This decrease was partially offset by return to provision items (\$11.1 million) and by items that impact our tax rate as a result of regulatory treatment (flow-through items) and permanent differences (\$5.7 million).

The decrease at NSTAR Electric was due primarily to a reduction in the federal corporate tax rate and lower pre-tax earnings (\$87.3 million), partially offset by return to provision items (\$1.2 million) and by flow-through items and permanent differences (\$2.3 million).

The decrease at PSNH was due primarily to a reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate and lower pre-tax earnings (\$28.3 million) and flow-through items and permanent differences (\$1.7 million), partially offset by state taxes (\$2.8 million).

EARNINGS SUMMARY

CL&P's earnings increased \$21.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the impact of the CL&P base distribution rate increase effective May 1, 2018, an increase in transmission earnings driven by a higher transmission rate base, and higher non-service income from our benefit plans. Earnings were also favorably impacted by lower income tax expense, net of lower distribution revenues resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The earnings increase was partially offset by higher depreciation expense, higher property and other tax expense, and higher interest expense.

NSTAR Electric's earnings increased \$1.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to an increase in transmission earnings driven by a higher transmission rate base, higher non-service income from our benefit plans, lower interest expense, and lower depreciation expense. Earnings were also favorably impacted by lower income tax expense, net of lower distribution revenues resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The earnings increase was partially offset by higher operations and maintenance expense and higher property tax expense.

PSNH's earnings increased \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to an increase in transmission earnings driven by a higher transmission rate base, the recognition of carrying charges on storm costs approved for recovery, a gain on the sale of property, lower operations and maintenance expense, higher sales volumes, and lower property tax expense due to the 2018 refund of disputed property taxes for prior tax years. Earnings were also favorably impacted by lower income tax expense, net of lower distribution revenues resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The earnings increase was partially offset by lower generation earnings due to the sales of its thermal and hydroelectric generation assets in 2018, and higher depreciation expense.

LIQUIDITY

Cash Flows: CL&P had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$451.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to \$625.1 million in the same period of 2017. The decrease in operating cash flows was due primarily to cash payments made in the first nine months of 2018 for storm restoration costs of approximately \$120 million, an increase in pension contributions of \$39.3 million and the timing of collections and payments related to our working capital items, including accounts receivable and accounts payable. Partially offsetting these unfavorable impacts were an increase related to the timing of cash collected for regulatory tracking mechanisms and income tax payments made in 2018 of \$3.6 million, compared to income tax payments made in 2017 of \$19.8 million.

NSTAR Electric had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$574.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to \$505.8 million in the same period of 2017. The increase in operating cash flows was due primarily to the timing of cash collected for regulatory tracking mechanisms, a decrease of \$22.6 million in Pension and PBOP contributions, and the timing of payments related to our working capital items. Partially offsetting these favorable impacts were cash payments made for storm restoration costs of approximately \$93 million and income tax payments made in 2018 of \$42.4 million, compared to income tax payments made in 2017 of \$25.9 million.

PSNH had cash flows provided by operating activities of \$217.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to \$263.9 million in the same period of 2017. The decrease in operating cash flows was due primarily to the timing of cash collected for regulatory tracking mechanisms and collections and payments of our working capital items.

For further information on CL&P's, NSTAR Electric's and PSNH's liquidity and capital resources, see "Liquidity" and "Business Development and Capital Expenditures" included in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS – THE CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

The following provides the amounts and variances in operating revenues and expense line items in the statements of income for CL&P for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 included in this combined Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

| (Millions of Dollars) | For the Three Months Ended | | |
|--|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| | September 30, | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | Increase/(Decrease) |
| Operating Revenues | \$865.0 | \$774.8 | \$ 90.2 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Purchased Power and Transmission | 314.6 | 259.0 | 55.6 |
| Operations and Maintenance | 128.5 | 123.5 | 5.0 |
| Depreciation | 72.0 | 63.7 | 8.3 |
| Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net | 54.0 | 34.6 | 19.4 |
| Energy Efficiency Programs | 30.2 | 37.7 | (7.5) |
| Taxes Other Than Income Taxes | 93.0 | 79.2 | 13.8 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 692.3 | 597.7 | 94.6 |
| Operating Income | 172.7 | 177.1 | (4.4) |
| Interest Expense | 37.6 | 36.3 | 1.3 |
| Other Income, Net | 7.0 | 7.9 | (0.9) |
| Income Before Income Tax Expense | 142.1 | 148.7 | (6.6) |
| Income Tax Expense | 41.8 | 52.6 | (10.8) |
| Net Income | \$100.3 | \$96.1 | \$ 4.2 |

Operating Revenues

Sales Volumes: A summary of CL&P's retail electric GWh sales volumes was as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | |
|-----------|----------------------------|------|------------------|
| | September 30, | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | Increase Percent |
| CL&P6,153 | 5,644 | 509 | 9.0 % |

Fluctuations in retail electric sales volumes do not impact earnings due to its PURA-approved distribution revenue decoupling mechanism.

Operating Revenues: Operating Revenues, which consist of base distribution revenues and tracked revenues further described below, increased \$90.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017.

Base Distribution Revenues: CL&P's distribution revenues increased \$11.4 million due primarily to the impact of its base distribution rate increase as a result of the PURA-approved rate case settlement that became effective May 1, 2018 (a portion of which did not impact earnings). Effective May 1, 2018, CL&P's rates charged to customers have been adjusted to reflect the new federal corporate income tax rate of 21 percent.

Tracked Revenues: Fluctuations in the overall level of operating revenues are primarily related to tracked revenues. Tracked revenues consist of certain costs that are recovered from customers in rates through PURA-approved cost tracking mechanisms and therefore have no impact on earnings. Costs recovered through cost tracking mechanisms include energy supply procurement and other energy-related costs, retail transmission charges, energy efficiency program costs, and restructuring and stranded cost recovery revenues. In addition, tracked revenues include certain incentives earned and carrying charges that are billed in rates to customers. Tracked revenues increased/(decreased)

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for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

(Millions of Dollars)

| | |
|--|--------|
| Energy supply procurement | \$64.6 |
| Retail transmission | (9.3) |
| Other distribution tracking mechanisms | 8.9 |

Purchased Power and Transmission expense includes costs associated with purchasing electricity on behalf of CL&P's customers. These energy supply costs are recovered from customers in PURA-approved cost tracking mechanisms, which have no impact on earnings (tracked costs). Purchased Power and Transmission expense increased/(decreased) for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:

(Millions of Dollars)

| | |
|--|--------|
| Purchased Power Costs | \$56.8 |
| Transmission Costs | (3.3) |
| Eliminations | 2.1 |
| Total Purchased Power and Transmission | \$55.6 |

The increase in purchased power costs was due primarily to an increase in both the price and volume of power procured on behalf of our customers. The decrease in transmission costs was the result of a decrease in the retail transmission cost deferral, which reflects the actual costs of transmission service compared to estimated amounts billed to customers, and a decrease in Local Network Service charges, which reflect the cost of transmission service. This was partially offset by an increase in costs billed by ISO-NE that support regional grid investment.

Operations and Maintenance expense includes tracked costs and costs that are part of base distribution rates with changes impacting earnings (non-tracked costs). Operations and Maintenance expense increased/(decreased) for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the following:
(Millions of Dollars)

| | |
|---|--------|
| Base Electric Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs): | |
| Employee-related expenses, including labor and benefits | \$12.2 |
| Storm restoration costs | (6.0) |
| Other non-tracked operations and maintenance | (0.6) |
| Total Base Electric Distribution (Non-Tracked Costs) | 5.6 |
| Total Tracked Costs | (0.6) |
| Total Operations and Maintenance | \$5.0 |

Depreciation expense increased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to higher net plant in service balances and the implementation of new depreciation rates effective with the CL&P distribution rate case settlement agreement.

Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net expense includes the deferral of energy supply and energy-related costs included in certain regulatory-approved cost tracking mechanisms, and the amortization of certain costs. This deferral adjusts expenses to match the corresponding revenues. Amortization of Regulatory Assets, Net increased at CL&P for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the deferral adjustment of energy supply and energy-related costs, which can fluctuate from period to period based on the timing of costs incurred and related rate changes to recover these costs. Energy supply and energy-related costs, which are the primary drivers of amortization, are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings.

Energy Efficiency Programs expense includes costs for state energy policy initiatives and expanded energy efficiency programs, the majority of which are recovered from customers in rates and have no impact on earnings. Energy Efficiency Programs expense decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to a State of Connecticut policy change requiring CL&P to remit 2018 energy efficiency funds to the State of Connecticut. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, this amount totaled \$10.7 million. These costs were collected from CL&P's customers and remitted to the State of Connecticut; as such we have classified this amount as Taxes Other than Income Taxes.

Taxes Other Than Income Taxes increased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to a State of Connecticut policy change requiring CL&P to remit 2018 energy efficiency funds to the State of Connecticut (which totaled \$10.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018), as well as higher property taxes due to higher utility plant balances and higher gross earnings taxes (the costs of which are tracked).

Income Tax Expense decreased for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the new federal tax law enacted December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, reducing the federal corporate income tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent and lower pre-tax earnings (\$22.2 million) and state taxes (\$1.7 million). This decrease was partially offset by return to provision items (\$11.1 million) and items that impact our tax rate as a result of regulatory treatment (flow-through items) and permanent differences (\$2.0 million).

EARNINGS SUMMARY

CL&P's earnings increased \$4.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in 2017, due primarily to the impact of the CL&P base distribution rate increase effective May 1, 2018. Earnings were also favorably impacted by lower income tax expense, net of lower distribution revenues resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The earnings increase was partially offset by higher operations and maintenance expense, higher depreciation expense, and higher property and other tax expense.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market Risk Information

Commodity Price Risk Management: Our Regulated companies enter into energy contracts to serve our customers and the economic impacts of those contracts are passed on to our customers. Accordingly, the Regulated companies have no exposure to loss of future earnings or fair values due to these market risk-sensitive instruments. Eversource's Energy Supply Risk Committee, comprised of senior officers, reviews and approves all large scale energy related transactions entered into by its Regulated companies.

Other Risk Management Activities

Interest Rate Risk Management: We manage our interest rate risk exposure in accordance with our written policies and procedures by maintaining a mix of fixed and variable rate long-term debt.

Credit Risk Management: Credit risk relates to the risk of loss that we would incur as a result of non-performance by counterparties pursuant to the terms of our contractual obligations. We serve a wide variety of customers and transact with suppliers that include IPPs, industrial companies, natural gas and electric utilities, oil and gas producers, financial institutions, and other energy marketers. Margin accounts exist within this diverse group, and we realize interest receipts and payments related to balances outstanding in these margin accounts. This wide customer and supplier mix generates a need for a variety of contractual structures, products and terms that, in turn, require us to manage the portfolio of market risk inherent in those transactions in a manner consistent with the parameters established by our risk management process.

Our Regulated companies are subject to credit risk from certain long-term or high-volume supply contracts with energy marketing companies. Our Regulated companies manage the credit risk with these counterparties in accordance with established credit risk practices and monitor contracting risks, including credit risk. As of September 30, 2018, our Regulated companies held collateral (letters of credit or cash) of \$5 million from counterparties related to our standard service contracts. As of September 30, 2018, Eversource had \$24.6 million of cash posted with ISO-NE related to energy transactions.

We have provided additional disclosures regarding interest rate risk management and credit risk management in Part II, Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," in Eversource's 2017 Form 10-K, which is incorporated herein by reference. There have been no additional risks identified and no material changes with regard to the items previously disclosed in the Eversource 2017 Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Management, on behalf of Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH, evaluated the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2018 to determine whether they are effective in ensuring that the disclosure of required information is made timely and in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations of the SEC. This evaluation was made under management's supervision and with management's participation, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. There are inherent limitations of disclosure controls and procedures, including the possibility of human error and the circumventing or overriding of the controls and procedures. Accordingly, even effective disclosure controls and procedures can only provide reasonable assurance of achieving their control objectives. The principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded, based on their review, that the disclosure controls and procedures of Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH

are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (i) is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and regulations and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to management, including the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

There have been no changes in internal controls over financial reporting for Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR Electric and PSNH during the quarter ended September 30, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are parties to various legal proceedings. We have disclosed these legal proceedings in Part I, Item 3, "Legal Proceedings," and elsewhere in our 2017 Form 10-K. These disclosures are incorporated herein by reference.

As previously disclosed, each of the Yankee Companies filed subsequent lawsuits against the DOE in the Court of Federal Claims on May 22, 2017 seeking monetary damages totaling approximately \$100 million for CYAPC, YAEC and MYAPC, covering the years from 2013 to 2016 ("DOE Phase IV"). The DOE Phase IV trial is now expected to begin in early 2019. For a further discussion of the Yankee Companies v. U.S. Department of Energy, see Part I, Item 3, "Legal Proceedings" of our 2017 Form 10-K.

Other than as set forth above, there have been no additional material legal proceedings identified and no further material changes with regard to the legal proceedings previously disclosed in our 2017 Form 10-K.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

We are subject to a variety of significant risks in addition to the matters set forth under our forward-looking statements section in Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We have identified a number of these risk factors in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in our 2017 Form 10-K, which risk factors are incorporated herein by reference. These risk factors should be considered carefully in evaluating our risk profile. There have been no additional risk factors identified and no material changes with regard to the risk factors previously disclosed in our 2017 Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table discloses purchases of our common shares made by us or on our behalf for the periods shown below. The common shares purchased consist of open market purchases made by the Company or an independent agent. These share transactions related to shares awarded under the Company's Incentive Plan and Dividend Reinvestment Plan and matching contributions under the Eversource 401k Plan.

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans and Programs (at month end) |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| July 1 - July 31, 2018 | 2,751 | \$ 59.43 | — | — |
| August 1 - August 31, 2018 | 3,546 | 61.75 | — | — |
| September 1 - September 30, 2018 | 6,069 | 61.85 | — | — |
| Total | 12,366 | \$ 61.28 | — | — |

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Each document described below is filed herewith, unless designated with an asterisk (*), which exhibits are incorporated by reference by the registrant under whose name the exhibit appears.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|----------------|-------------|
|----------------|-------------|

Listing of Exhibits (Eversource)

- | | |
|------|---|
| 12 | <u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</u> |
| 31 | <u>Certification by the Chief Executive Officer of Eversource Energy pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification by the Chief Financial Officer of Eversource Energy pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 32 | <u>Certification by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Eversource Energy pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |

Listing of Exhibits (CL&P)

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|------|--|
| 12 | <u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</u> |
| 31 | <u>Certification by the Chairman of The Connecticut Light and Power Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification by the Chief Financial Officer of The Connecticut Light and Power Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 32 | <u>Certification by the Chairman and the Chief Financial Officer of The Connecticut Light and Power Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |

Listing of Exhibits (NSTAR Electric Company)

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|------|---|
| 12 | <u>Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges</u> |
| 31 | <u>Certification by the Chairman of NSTAR Electric Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 31.1 | <u>Certification by the Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR Electric Company pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |
| 32 | <u>Certification by the Chairman and the Chief Financial Officer of NSTAR Electric Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002</u> |

Listing of Exhibits (PSNH)

12 Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges

31 Certification by the Chairman of Public Service Company of New Hampshire pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

31.1 Certification by the Chief Financial Officer of Public Service Company of New Hampshire pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

32 Certification by the Chairman and the Chief Financial Officer of Public Service Company of New Hampshire pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

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Listing of Exhibits (Eversource, CL&P, NSTAR
Electric, PSNH)

101.INS XBRL Instance Document

101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema

101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

EVERSOURCE ENERGY

November 6, 2018 By: /s/ Jay S. Buth
Jay S. Buth
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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 CONNECTICUT LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

November 6, 2018 By: /s/ Jay S. Buth
Jay S. Buth
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY

November 6, 2018 By: /s/ Jay S. Buth
Jay S. Buth
Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

SIGNATURE

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

November 6, 2018 By: /s/ Jay S. Buth

Jay S. Buth

Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer