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CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION REPORTS SECOND QUARTER 2018 RESULTS

- Second quarter net income rose 5.6 percent to \$6.4 million or \$0.39 per share
- Profitable growth in the natural gas, electric and propane distribution and natural gas transmission businesses continued to drive increased earnings for the quarter and year-todate
- The Company has paid or reserved a total of \$5.4 million in refunds to regulated energy customers from the pass-through of lower Federal income taxes
- The Northwest Florida Pipeline expansion project was completed and placed into service during the quarter
- Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's ("Eastern Shore") \$117 million pipeline expansion project and associated earnings remains on track
- The 2018 capital spending forecast has been increased from \$181.6 million to \$216.4 million based on additional profitable opportunities identified across the Company

<u>Dover, Delaware</u> — Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) ("Chesapeake Utilities" or the "Company") today announced second quarter financial results. The Company's net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 was \$6.4 million, compared to \$6.0 million for the same quarter of 2017. Earnings per share ("EPS") for the quarter ended June 30, 2018 were \$0.39, compared to \$0.37 per share for the same quarter of 2017. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, the Company reported net income of \$33.2 million, or \$2.03 per share. This represents an increase of \$8.1 million or \$0.49 per share compared to the same period in 2017. The second quarter of 2018 and year-to-date EPS reflect the impact of a \$0.09 charge for nonrecurring separation expenses associated with a former executive. Absent that charge, earnings for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2018 would have been \$0.48 and \$2.12, respectively.

Higher quarterly and year-to-date earnings reflect the benefits of investments in system expansions and reliability and continued growth in regulated natural gas and electric operations, as well as enhanced profitability and growth from the Company's propane operations and the benefit of the lower effective tax rate from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act ("TCJA") on Unregulated Energy earnings. The results also reflect more normal weather during the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2018. Weather during the first half of 2018 was 1.8 percent warmer than normal compared to 22.2 percent warmer than normal during the first six months of 2017. A detailed discussion of operating results begins on page 3.

"Results for the second quarter and year-to-date highlight the strong leadership team we have built at Chesapeake Utilities and the dedication of our employees to achieving our earnings, capital investment and return targets," stated Michael P. McMasters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "Our business units continue to execute on our growth and expansion initiatives including the

completion of the Northwest Florida Pipeline expansion project, significant progress on the construction of Eastern Shore's largest ever expansion project, as well as several other projects that support attainment of our strategic growth targets in future years," Mr. McMasters added. "I am very excited about the potential growth opportunities we have in front of us, the leadership we have in place to accomplish our strategic plan and our energized employees' ability to turn these opportunities into executable projects that will continue to drive our future earnings growth and further increase shareholder value," he concluded.

Significant Items Impacting Earnings

Results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 were impacted by the following significant items:

For the period ended June 30,	Second quarter				Year-to-date				
	Net Income			EPS	Net Income			EPS	
(in thousands, except per share data)									
Reported (GAAP) Earnings	\$	6,387	\$	0.39	\$	33,241	\$	2.03	
Less: Realized Mark-to-Market ("MTM") gain						(4,008)		(0.24)	
Add: Nonrecurring separation expenses associated with a former executive		1,421		0.09		1,421		0.09	
Adjusted (Non-GAAP) Earnings*	\$	7,808	\$	0.48	\$	30,654	\$	1.88	

Excluding the one-time separation expenses for a former executive, earnings for the second quarter of 2018 would have been \$0.48 per share, an increase of 29.7 percent over EPS for the same quarter in 2017. Excluding both the one-time separation expenses and the realized MTM gain recorded by Peninsula Energy Services Company, Inc. ("PESCO") during the first quarter, EPS for the six months ended June 30, 2018 would have been \$1.88, an increase of 22.1 percent over EPS of \$1.54 for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

*This press release includes references to non-Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") financial measures, including gross margin, adjusted earnings and Adjusted EPS. A "non-GAAP financial measure" is generally defined as a numerical measure of a company's historical or future performance that includes or excludes amounts, or that is subject to adjustments, so as to be different from the most directly comparable measure calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP. Our management believes certain non-GAAP financial measures, when considered together with GAAP financial measures, provide information that is useful to investors in understanding period-over-period operating results separate and apart from items that may, or could, have a disproportionately positive or negative impact on results in any particular period.

The Company calculates "gross margin" by deducting the cost of sales from operating revenue. Cost of sales includes the purchased fuel cost for natural gas, electricity and propane, and the cost of labor spent on direct revenue-producing activities and excludes depreciation, amortization and accretion. Other companies may calculate gross margin in a different manner. Gross margin should not be considered an alternative to operating income or net income, both of which are determined in accordance with GAAP. The Company believes that gross margin, although a non-GAAP measure, is useful and meaningful to investors as a basis for making investment decisions. It provides investors with information that demonstrates the profitability achieved by the Company under its allowed rates for regulated operations and under its competitive pricing structures for unregulated businesses. The Company's management uses gross margin in measuring its business units' performance. This press release also includes gross margin that excludes the impact of unusual items, such as one-time impact from the enactment of the TCJA. The Company calculates "adjusted earnings" by adjusting reported (GAAP) earnings to exclude the impact of certain significant non-cash items, including the impact of realized MTM gains (losses) and one-time charges, such as severance charges, and calculates "adjusted EPS" by dividing adjusted earnings by the weighted average common shares outstanding.

Operating Results for the Quarters Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

Consolidated Results

	Three Mon	nth	s Ended		
(in thousands)	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017	Change	Percent Change
Gross margin before the TCJA impact	\$ 69,545	\$	60,411	\$ 9,134	15.1 %
Impact of the TCJA reserves for customer refunds	(2,284)		_	(2,284)	N/A
Gross margin	67,261		60,411	6,850	11.3 %
Depreciation, amortization and property taxes	13,749		12,752	997	7.8 %
Nonrecurring separation expenses	1,548		_	1,548	N/A
Other operating expenses	38,716		33,598	5,118	15.2 %
Operating income	\$ 13,248	\$	14,061	\$ (813)	(5.8)%

Operating income during the second quarter of 2018 decreased by \$813,000, or 5.8 percent, compared to the same period in 2017. The most significant driver of the decrease was the pass-through of lower tax rates to regulated energy customers as a result of the TCJA. While the pass-through reduced margin and operating income by approximately \$2.3 million, it was offset by an equal reduction in income taxes. Excluding the impact of the pass-through of refunds, operating income increased by \$1.5 million, or 10.5 percent, driven by higher gross margin of \$9.1 million, or 15.1 percent.

Regulated Energy Segment

	 Three Mo	nth	s Ended		
(in thousands)	June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017	Change	Percent Change
Gross margin before the TCJA impact	\$ 52,778	\$	46,829	\$ 5,949	12.7%
Impact of the TCJA reserves for customer refunds	(2,284)			(2,284)	N/A
Gross margin	50,494		46,829	3,665	7.8%
Depreciation, amortization and property taxes	11,161		10,438	723	6.9%
Other operating expenses	25,029		22,305	2,724	12.2%
Operating income	\$ 14,304	\$	14,086	\$ 218	1.5%

As a result of the implementation of settled rates for Eastern Shore, continued system expansions, customer growth across the Company's regulated operations and more normal weather conditions, operating income for the Regulated Energy segment increased by \$218,000, or 1.5 percent, in the second quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. This increase was driven by a \$5.9 million increase in gross margin, before the impact of the TCJA reserve discussed above, offset by \$3.4 million in higher depreciation and other operating expenses associated with the margin growth. As discussed above, second quarter gross margin and operating income were also impacted by customer refunds of \$2.3 million, associated with the TCJA, which were offset by an equal reduction in income tax expenses. Excluding the estimated customer refunds associated with the TCJA, operating income increased by \$2.5 million, or 17.8 percent.

The significant components of the increase in gross margin are shown below:

(in thousands)	Mar	gin Impact
Implementation of Eastern Shore settled rates	\$	2,365
Service expansions		1,652
Natural gas growth (including customer and consumption growth but excluding service expansions)		1,575
Return to more normal weather		359
Florida electric reliability/modernization program		352
Gas Reliability and Infrastructure Program ("GRIP") in Florida		306
Other		(660)
Total		5,949
Less: TCJA reserve impact for regulated entities*		(2,284)
Quarter over quarter increase in gross margin	\$	3,665

*As a result of the TCJA, an estimated amount of \$2.3 million was reserved or refunded to customers during the second quarter of 2018 to reflect the impact of lower tax rates on the Company's regulated businesses. In some jurisdictions, refunds have been made to customers, while in other jurisdictions, the Company has established reserves until final agreements are approved and permanent changes are made to customer rates. The reserves and lower customer rates are equal to the estimated reduction in Federal income taxes due to the TCJA and have no material impact on after-tax earnings from the Regulated Energy segment.

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

(in thousands)	Other Operating Expenses
Higher outside services, facilities and maintenance costs due to growth	\$ 1,166
Higher payroll expense (increased staffing and annual salary increases)	1,019
Higher depreciation, amortization and property taxes associated with recent capital projects	722
Higher incentive compensation costs (based on period-over-period results)	384
Other	 156
Quarter over quarter increase in other operating expenses	\$ 3,447

At the present time, we expect the current expense run rate to continue for the remainder of the year.

Unregulated Energy Segment

Three Months Ended June 30. June 30. Percent (in thousands) Change 2018 2017 Change 3,179 23.1% Gross margin 16,915 \$ 13,736 \$ Depreciation, amortization and property taxes 2,553 2,272 281 12.4% Other operating expenses 13,872 11,462 2,410 21.0% 488 Operating income 490 \$ 2 \$ N.M.

Operating income for the Unregulated Energy segment increased by \$488,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was driven by a \$3.2 million, or 23.1 percent, increase in gross margin, which was partially offset by \$2.7 million in higher operating expenses associated with growth. The improvement in operating income is largely a result of continued growth and colder weather at the propane operations and higher margins at PESCO.

The significant components of the increase in gross margin are shown below:

(in thousands)	Margin Impact
Nonrecurring margin increase for PESCO (see the discussion included later for the margin drivers)	\$ 1,092
Propane delivery operations - additional customer consumption related to weather	806
Incremental margin from PESCO operations (see the discussion included later for the margin drivers)	592
Propane delivery operations - increased margin driven by growth and other factors	536
Aspire Energy of Ohio LLC ("Aspire Energy") - increased margins largely due to higher commodity pricing on natural gas liquid sales	207
Other	(54)
Quarter over quarter increase in gross margin	\$ 3,179

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

(in thousands)	OI	Other perating xpenses
Incremental operating expenses for PESCO	\$	764
Higher payroll expense (increased staffing and annual salary increases)(1)		515
Higher outside services, facilities and maintenance costs due to growth ⁽¹⁾		475
Higher incentive compensation costs (based on period-over-period results) ⁽¹⁾		427
Higher benefit and other employee-related expenses ⁽¹⁾		173
Higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs due to new capital investments(1)		131
Other ⁽¹⁾		206
Quarter over quarter increase in other operating expenses	\$	2,691

⁽¹⁾ Excluding incremental operating expenses at PESCO.

At the present time, we expect the current expense run rate to continue for the remainder of the year.

Operating Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

Consolidated Results

	Six Months Ended						
(in thousands)		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017		Change	Percent Change
Gross margin before the TCJA impact	\$	163,981	\$	144,573	\$	19,408	13.4%
Impact of the TCJA reserves for customer refunds		(5,421)		_		(5,421)	N/A
Gross margin		158,560		144,573		13,987	9.7%
Depreciation, amortization and property taxes		27,447		25,235		2,212	8.8%
Nonrecurring separation expenses		1,548		_		1,548	N/A
Other operating expenses		75,911		70,178		5,733	8.2%
Operating income	\$	53,654	\$	49,160	\$	4,494	9.1%

Operating income, during the six months ended June 30, 2018, increased by \$4.5 million, or 9.1 percent, compared to the same period in 2017. This increase was driven by a \$19.4 million, or 13.4 percent, increase in gross margin before the TCJA impact, which was partially offset by a \$2.2 million increase in depreciation, amortization and property taxes and a \$5.7 million increase in other operating expenses. Gross margin and operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2018, were also impacted by customer refunds of \$5.4 million, associated with the TCJA, which were offset by an equivalent reduction in income tax expenses for the Regulated Energy segment. Excluding the estimated customer refunds associated with the TCJA, operating income increased by \$9.9 million, or 20.2 percent.

Regulated Energy Segment

	Six Months Ended						
(in thousands)		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017		Change	Percent Change
Gross margin before the TCJA impact	\$	117,077	\$	104,239	\$	12,838	12.3%
Impact of the TCJA reserves for customer refunds		(5,421)				(5,421)	N/A
Gross margin		111,656		104,239		7,417	7.1%
Depreciation, amortization and property taxes		22,317		20,629		1,688	8.2%
Other operating expenses		48,324		46,129		2,195	4.8%
Operating income	\$	41,015	\$	37,481	\$	3,534	9.4%

As a result of the implementation of settled rates for Eastern Shore, continued system expansions, customer growth across the Company's regulated operations and more normal weather conditions, operating income for the Regulated Energy segment increased by \$3.5 million, or 9.4 percent, in the six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to the same period in 2017. This increase was driven by a \$12.8 million increase in gross margin before the impact of the TCJA reserve discussed above, which was partially offset by \$3.9 million in higher depreciation and other operating expenses associated with the margin growth. Excluding the estimated customer refunds associated with the TCJA, operating income increased by \$9.0 million, or 23.9 percent.

The significant components of the increase in gross margin are shown below:

(in thousands)	Mar	gin Impact
Implementation of Eastern Shore settled rates	\$	5,095
Natural gas growth (including customer and consumption growth but excluding service expansions)		3,342
Service expansions		2,316
Return to more normal weather		1,314
Florida electric reliability/modernization program		767
Florida GRIP		602
Other		(598)
Total		12,838
Less: TCJA reserve impact for regulated entities*		(5,421)
Period over period increase in gross margin	\$	7,417

^{*}As a result of the TCJA, an estimated amount of \$5.4 million was reserved or refunded to customers during the first six months of 2018 to reflect the impact of lower tax rates on the Company's regulated businesses. In some jurisdictions, refunds have been made to customers, while in other jurisdictions, the Company has established reserves until final agreements are approved and permanent changes are made to customer rates. The reserves and lower customer rates are equal to the estimated reduction in Federal income taxes due to the TCJA and have no material impact on after-tax earnings from the Regulated Energy segment.

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

(in thousands)	Other Operating Expenses
Higher depreciation, amortization and property taxes associated with recent capital projects	\$ 1,688
Higher payroll expense (increased staffing and annual salary increases)	1,399
Higher facilities and maintenance costs largely as a result of growth	1,149
Lower regulatory and outside services expenses as there were various regulatory proceedings (including Eastern Shore's rate case) in 2017	(1,056)
Higher incentive compensation costs (based on period-over-period results)	592
Other	111
Period over period increase in other operating expenses	\$ 3,883

Unregulated Energy Segment

	Six Months Ended						
(in thousands)		June 30, 2018		June 30, 2017		Change	Percent Change
Gross margin	\$	47,216	\$	40,555	\$	6,661	16.4%
Depreciation, amortization and property taxes		5,059		4,524		535	11.8%
Other operating expenses		27,983		24,454		3,529	14.4%
Operating income	\$	14,174	\$	11,577	\$	2,597	22.4%

Operating income for the Unregulated Energy segment increased by \$2.6 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018, compared to the same period in 2017. The increase was driven by a \$6.7 million, or 16.4 percent, increase in gross margin, which was partially offset by \$4.1 million in higher operating expenses associated with growth. The improvements in gross margin and operating income were driven primarily by more normal weather and continued growth within the Company's propane operations and at Aspire Energy.

The significant components of the increase in gross margin are shown below:

(in thousands)	Mar	gin Impact
Propane delivery operations - additional customer consumption - weather	\$	2,923
Propane delivery operations - increased margin driven by growth and other factors		1,789
Nonrecurring margin decrease at PESCO		(863)
Aspire Energy - customer consumption - weather		921
Aspire Energy - increased margin driven by growth and other factors		585
Growth in wholesale propane margins and sales		333
Incremental margin from PESCO operations		255
Other		718
Period over period increase in gross margin	\$	6,661

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses are as follows:

(in thousands)	 Other Operating Expenses
Incremental operating expenses for PESCO	\$ 1,715
Higher payroll expense (increased staffing and annual salary increases)(1)	996
Absence of Xeron Inc. ("Xeron") 2017 wind-down costs ⁽¹⁾	(870)
Higher vehicle, sales and advertising, other taxes and credit collections costs, largely driven by growth ⁽¹⁾	646
Higher incentive compensation costs (based on period-over-period results) ⁽¹⁾	594
Higher facilities and maintenance costs due to growth ⁽¹⁾	443
Higher depreciation, amortization and property taxes associated with recent capital investments(1)	266
Higher benefits and employee-related costs ⁽¹⁾	214
Other ⁽¹⁾	60
Period over period increase in other operating expenses	\$ 4,064

⁽¹⁾ Excluding incremental operating expenses at PESCO.

Matters discussed in this release may include forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Please refer to the Safe Harbor for Forward-Looking Statements in the Company's 2017 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information on the risks and uncertainties related to the Company's forward-looking statements.

Unless otherwise noted, earnings per share are presented on a diluted basis.

Conference Call

Chesapeake Utilities will host a conference call on Friday, August 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the Company's financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2018. To participate in this call, dial 855.801.6270 and reference Chesapeake Utilities' 2018 Second Quarter Results Conference Call. To access the replay recording of this call, the accompanying transcript, and other pertinent quarterly information, use the link CPK - Conference Call Audio Replay, or visit the Investors/Events and Presentations section of Company's website at www.chpk.com.

About Chesapeake Utilities Corporation

Chesapeake Utilities is a diversified energy company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission, gathering and processing, and marketing; electricity generation and distribution; propane gas distribution; and other businesses. Information about Chesapeake Utilities and its family of businesses is available at http://www.chpk.com or through its IR App.

Please note that Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is not affiliated with Chesapeake Energy, an oil and natural gas exploration company headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Financial Summary

(in thousands, except per share data)

	,	Three Moi	nths	Ended		Six Mont	hs	Ended
		Jun	e 30	,		Jun	e 30),
		2018		2017		2018		2017
Gross Margin								
Regulated Energy segment	\$	50,494	\$	46,829	\$	111,656	\$	104,239
Unregulated Energy segment		16,915		13,736		47,216		40,555
Other businesses and eliminations		(148)		(154)		(312)		(221)
Total Gross Margin	\$	67,261	\$	60,411	\$	158,560	\$	144,573
Operating Income								
Regulated Energy segment	\$	14,304	\$	14,086	\$	41,015	\$	37,481
Unregulated Energy segment		490		2		14,174		11,577
Other businesses and eliminations		(1,546)		(27)		(1,535)		102
Total Operating Income		13,248		14,061		53,654	_	49,160
Other Expense, net		(262)		(1,002)		(194)		(1,703)
Interest Charges		3,881		3,073		7,545		5,811
Pre-tax Income		9,105		9,986		45,915		41,646
Income Taxes		2,718		3,940		12,674		16,456
Net Income	\$	6,387	\$	6,046	\$	33,241	\$	25,190
Earnings Per Share of Common Stock			Φ.		_		Φ.	
Basic	\$	0.39	\$	0.37	\$		\$	1.54
Diluted	\$	0.39	\$	0.37	\$	2.03	\$	1.54

Financial Summary Highlights

Key variances, between the three months ended June 30, 2017 and 2018, included:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Pre-tax Income		Net Income	Earnings Per Share
Second Quarter of 2017 Reported Results	\$ 9,98	6 \$	6,046	
Adjusting for unusual items:				
One-time separation expenses associated with a former executive	(1,54	8)	(1,421)	(0.09)
Absence of Xeron expenses, including 2017 wind-down expenses	17	3	122	0.01
	(1,37	5)	(1,299)	(0.08)
Increased Gross Margins:				
Implementation of Eastern Shore settled rates* (1)	2,36	5	1,659	0.10
TCJA impact - refunds and reserves for future refunds to ratepayers ⁽²⁾	(2,28	4)	(1,602)	(0.10)
Service expansions*	1,65	2	1,158	0.07
Natural gas growth (including customer and consumption growth but excluding service expansions)	1,57	5	1,105	0.07
Return to normal weather	1,10	8	778	0.05
Nonrecurring margin increase at PESCO	1,09	2	766	0.05
Incremental margin from PESCO operations	59	2	415	0.03
Unregulated Energy growth excluding PESCO	50	3	353	0.02
Florida electric reliability/modernization program*	35	2	247	0.02
GRIP*	30	6	215	0.01
	7,26	1	5,094	0.32
Decreased (Increased) Other Operating Expenses:				
Higher outside services and facilities maintenance costs (3)	(1,60	2)	(1,124)	(0.07
Higher payroll expense (increased staffing and annual salary increases) (3)	(1,53	4)	(1,076)	(0.07)
Higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs due to new capital investments (3)	(84	8)	(595)	(0.04)
Higher incentive compensation costs (based on period-over-period results) (3)	(81	1)	(569)	(0.03
Incremental operating expenses for PESCO	(76	4)	(536)	(0.03)
Higher benefit and other employee-related expenses (3)	(36	5)	(256)	(0.02
	(5,92	4)	(4,156)	(0.26
Interest charges	(80	8)	(567)	(0.03)
Income taxes - including TCJA impact - decreased effective tax rate	_	_	1,295	0.08
Net other changes	(3	5)	(26)	(0.01)
	(84	3)	702	0.04
Second Quarter of 2018 Reported Results	\$ 9,10	<u>5</u> \$	6,387	\$ 0.39

⁽¹⁾ Excluding amounts refunded to customers associated with the TCJA, which are broken out separately and discussed in footnote 2.

^{(2) &}quot;TCJA impact - refunds and reserves for future refunds to ratepayers" represents the amounts that have already been refunded to customers or reserves established for future refunds to customers in the second quarter of 2018 as a result of lower taxes due to the TCJA. Refunds made to customers are offset by the corresponding decrease in federal income taxes and are expected to have no net impact on net income.

⁽³⁾ Excluding incremental operating expenses at PESCO.

^{*}See the Major Projects and Initiatives table later in this press release.

Key variances, between the six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2018, included:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Pre-tax Income	Net Income	Earnings Per Share
Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 Reported Results	\$ 41,646	\$ 25,190	
Adjusting for unusual items:			
One-time separation expenses associated with a former executive	(1,548)	(1,421)	(0.09)
Absence of Xeron expenses, including 2017 wind-down expenses	870	630	0.04
	(678)	(791)	(0.05)
Increased Gross Margins:			
TCJA impact - refunds and reserves for future refunds to ratepayers ⁽²⁾	(5,421)	(3,925)	(0.24)
Return to normal weather	5,159	3,735	0.23
Implementation of Eastern Shore settled rates* (1)	5,095	3,689	0.22
Natural gas growth (including customer and consumption growth but excluding service expansions)	3,342	2,420	0.15
Service expansions*	2,316	1,677	0.10
Unregulated Energy growth excluding PESCO	2,044	1,480	0.09
Nonrecurring margin decrease at PESCO	(863)	, ,	(0.04)
Florida electric reliability/modernization program*	767	555	0.03
GRIP*	602	436	0.03
Incremental margin from PESCO operations	255	185	0.01
	13,296	9,627	0.58
Decreased (Increased) Other Operating Expenses:			
Higher payroll expense (increased staffing and annual salary increases) (3)	(2,395)	(1,734)	(0.11)
Higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs due to new capital investments (3)	(1,949)	, , ,	(0.11)
Incremental operating expenses for PESCO	(1,715)	(1,242)	(0.08)
Higher facilities maintenance costs (3)	(1,554)		(0.07)
Lower regulatory and outside services costs (3)	1,298	940	0.06
Higher incentive compensation costs (based on period-over-period results) (3)	(1,187)	(859)	(0.05)
	(7,502)	(5,431)	(0.34)
Interest charges	(1,734)	(1,255)	(0.08)
Income taxes - including TCJA impact - decreased effective tax rate		5,262	0.32
Net other changes	887	639	0.06
	(847)	4,646	0.30
Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 Reported Results	\$ 45,915	\$ 33,241	\$ 2.03

⁽¹⁾ Excluding amounts refunded to customers associated with the TCJA, which are broken out separately and discussed in footnote 2.

^{(2) &}quot;TCJA impact - refunds and reserves for future refunds to ratepayers" represents amounts that have already been refunded to customers or reserves established for future refunds to customers in the first six months of 2018 as a result of lower taxes due to the TCJA. Refunds made to customers are offset by the corresponding decrease in federal income taxes and are expected to have no net impact on net income.

⁽³⁾ Excluding incremental operating expenses at PESCO.

^{*}See the Major Projects and Initiatives table later in this press release.

Recently Completed and Ongoing Major Projects and Initiatives

The Company constantly seeks and develops additional projects and initiatives in order to further increase shareholder value and serve its customers. The following represent the major projects recently completed and currently underway. In the future, the Company will add new projects to this table as projects are initiated.

						Gross	M	argin fo	r tl	ne Period			
	T	hree Mo	nth	s Ended	;	Six Mont	hs	Ended	,	Year Ended	Estin	ıate	for
		Jun	e 3	60,		June	e 3	0,	D	ecember 31,	Fi	sca	l
in thousands		2018		2017		2018		2017		2017	2018		2019
Florida GRIP	\$	3,647	\$	3,341	\$	7,211	\$	6,609	\$	13,454	\$ 14,287	\$	14,370
Eastern Shore Rate Case (1)		2,365		_		5,095		_		3,693	9,800		9,800
Florida Electric Reliability/Modernization Pilot Program ⁽¹⁾		352		_		767		_		94	1,558		1,558
New Smyrna Beach, Florida Project (1)		352		_		704		_		235	1,409		1,409
2017 Eastern Shore System Expansion Project - including interim services (1)		859		_		1,995		_		433	8,101		15,799
Northwest Florida Expansion Project (1)		870		_		870		_		_	3,484		6,500
(Palm Beach County) Belvedere, Florida Project (1)		_		_		_		_		_	635		1,131
Total	\$	8,445	\$	3,341	\$	16,642	\$	6,609	\$	17,909	\$ 39,274	\$	50,567

⁽¹⁾ Gross margin amounts included in this table have not been adjusted to reflect the impact of the TCJA. Any refunds and/or rate reductions implemented in the Company's regulated businesses will be offset by lower Federal income taxes due to the TCJA.

Ongoing Growth Initiatives

GRIP

GRIP is a natural gas pipe replacement program approved by the Florida PSC that allows automatic recovery in rates of capital related costs and a return on investment, associated with the replacement of mains and services. Since the program's inception in August 2012, we have invested \$120.1 million to replace 250 miles of qualifying distribution mains, including \$6.4 million during the first six months of 2018. GRIP generated additional gross margin of \$306,000 and \$602,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 compared to the same periods in 2017.

Regulatory Proceedings

Eastern Shore Rate Case/Settled Rates

Eastern Shore's rate case settlement agreement became final on April 1, 2018. The final agreement increases Eastern Shore's operating income by \$6.6 million consisting of \$9.8 million from increased rates and offset by the \$3.2 million in lower federal income taxes. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, Eastern Shore recognized incremental gross margin of approximately \$2.4 million and \$5.1 million, respectively. As of June 30, 2018, Eastern Shore refunded its customers a total of \$1.7 million related to the decrease in federal income taxes as a result of the TCJA. The settlement rates were effective January 1, 2018.

Florida Electric Reliability/Modernization Program

In December 2017, the Florida PSC approved a \$1.6 million annualized rate increase, effective January 2018, for the recovery of a limited number of investments and costs related to reliability, safety and modernization for the Florida Public Utilities Company's ("FPU") electric distribution system. This increase will continue through at least the last billing cycle of December 2019. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, additional margin of \$352,000 and \$767,000, respectively, was generated.

Major Projects and Initiatives Currently Underway

New Smyrna Beach, Florida Project

In the fourth quarter of 2017, the Company commenced construction of a 14-mile gas transmission pipeline to provide additional capacity to serve current and planned customer growth in the Company's New Smyrna Beach service area. The project was partially placed into service at the end of 2017 and is expected to be fully in service in September 2018. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, the project generated incremental gross margin of approximately \$352,000 and \$704,000, respectively.

2017 Eastern Shore System Expansion Project

In November 2017, Eastern Shore began construction of a \$117.0 million system expansion that will increase its capacity by 26 percent once completed. The Company has invested \$89.6 million through June 30, 2018 and expects to invest approximately \$24.8 million during the remainder of 2018 to substantially complete the project. The first phase of the project was placed into service in December 2017, and generated \$859,000 and \$2.0 million in incremental gross margin, including margin from interim services, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. With the exception of some minor facilities, the remaining segments are scheduled to be completed and begin generating margin during the second half of 2018. The project is expected to produce approximately \$15.8 million in gross margin in its first full year of service.

Northwest Florida Expansion Project

Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. ("Peninsula Pipeline"), has completed construction of transmission lines and the Company's Florida natural gas division has completed construction of lateral distribution lines to serve two large customers and other customers close to these facilities. This is the Company's first expansion of natural gas service into Northwest Florida. The project was placed into service in May 2018 and generated incremental gross margin of \$870,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018. The estimated annual gross margin from this project is \$6.5 million.

(Palm Beach County) Belvedere, Florida Project

Peninsula Pipeline is constructing a pipeline to bring gas directly to the Company's natural gas distribution system in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Company expects to complete this project by the end of the third quarter of 2018 and expects the project to generate \$1.1 million in annual gross margin.

Other major factors influencing gross margin

Weather and Consumption

Gross margin increased by \$1.1 million and \$5.2 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, as a result of colder temperatures, compared to the extremely warm temperatures experienced during the same period in 2017. While temperatures during the first half of 2018 were colder than 2017, temperatures were still warmer than normal, as shown in the table below. The Company estimates that it would have generated an additional \$2.4 million in gross margin if temperatures for the six months ended June 30, 2018 had been normal. The following table summarizes heating degree-days ("HDD") and cooling degree-days ("CDD") variances from the 10-year average HDD/CDD ("Normal") for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017.

	I nree Mont	ns Enaea		Six Months	s Enaea	
	June 3	30,		June 3	30,	
	2018	2017	Variance	2018	2017	Variance
Delmarva						
Actual HDD	424	288	136	2,719	2,246	473
10-Year Average HDD ("Delmarva Normal")	423	429	(6)	2,785	2,783	2
Variance from Delmarva Normal	1	(141)		(66)	(537)	
Florida			_			
Actual HDD	17	13	4	507	298	209
10-Year Average HDD ("Florida Normal")	16	19	(3)	533	555	(22)
Variance from Florida Normal	1	(6)	_	(26)	(257)	
Ohio			_			
Actual HDD	662	508	154	3,652	2,992	660
10-Year Average HDD ("Ohio Normal")	614	637	(23)	3,683	3,774	(91)
Variance from Ohio Normal	48	(129)	-	(31)	(782)	
Florida			_			
Actual CDD	952	935	17	1,091	1,080	11
10-Year Average CDD ("Florida CDD Normal")	969	955	14	1,058	1,037	21
Variance from Florida CDD Normal	(17)	(20)		33	43	

Three Months Ended

Six Months Ended

Natural Gas Distribution Customer and Consumption Growth

The Company's natural gas distribution operations generated \$1.6 million and \$3.3 million of additional margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. The breakdown of the increased margin is as follows:

	Three M	onths Ended	Six M	Ionths Ended
In thousands	June	e 30, 2018	Ju	ne 30, 2018
Customer growth:				
Residential	\$	351	\$	864
Commercial and industrial excluding new service in Northwest Florida		303		604
New service in Northwest Florida		276		305
Total customer growth		930		1,773
Volume growth:				
Residential		151		855
Commercial and industrial		387		1,026
Other - including unbilled revenue		107		(312)
Total volume growth		645		1,569
Total natural gas distribution growth	\$	1,575	\$	3,342

Customer growth for the Company's Delmarva Peninsula and Florida natural gas distribution operations generated \$930,000 and \$1.8 million in additional gross margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2017. The additional margin was generated from an approximately 3.8 percent increase in the average number of residential customers as well as growth in commercial and industrial customers on the Delmarva Peninsula in the second quarter and first six months of 2018, compared to the corresponding periods in 2017. Residential customer growth on the Delaware Peninsula has averaged 3.0 percent over the past five years. The

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Company's Florida natural gas distribution operations generated additional gross margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, due to growth in all customer classes and new service to customers in Northwest Florida.

The Company's Delmarva Peninsula and Florida natural gas distribution operations generated \$645,000 and \$1.6 million in additional gross margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2017 from higher sales to residential and commercial customers.

Propane Operations

The Company's Florida and Delmarva Peninsula propane operations generated \$1.6 million and \$5.7 million in incremental margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2017. A return to more normal temperatures accounted for \$806,000 and \$2.9 million of the margin increase during the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively. The balance of the increase reflects increased customer consumption driven by growth and other factors, higher sales and revenues from service contracts and increased wholesale sales activities.

PESCO

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, PESCO recorded a series of adjustments, MTM gains and recognized extraordinary costs, which impacted reported results. Excluding the impact of these items, PESCO's gross margin increased by \$592,000 and \$255,000 in the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2017. The total of the adjustments increased gross margin by \$1.1 million and reduced gross margin by \$863,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2017, respectively. The following table summarizes the changes in PESCO'S year-over-year margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018:

	 Three Months Ended June 30, 2018	 Six Months Ended June 30, 2018
(in thousands)		
Three and Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 Reported Results	\$ 921	\$ 4,389
Incremental Margin from Growth and ARM Acquisition in 2017	592	255
Nonrecurring Margin factors - non-renewal of Supply Agreement, MTM and Other Adjustments	1,092	(863)
2018 Margin	\$ 2,605	\$ 3,781

A more detailed discussion of PESCO's results is provided in the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018.

The following table compares the margin, operating expenses and operating income from PESCO for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018 and 2017:

	Three Months	Ended	Six Months Ended						
	 June 30	,	J	une 30,					
in thousands	2018	2017	2018	2017					
Total Gross Margin	\$ 2,606 \$	921 \$	3,781	\$ 4,389					
Operating Expense	(1,918)	(1,154)	(3,857)	(2,143)					
Operating Income	\$ 688 \$	(233) \$	(76)	\$ 2,246					

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Operating income for PESCO improved to \$688,000 for the three months ended June 30, 2018, from a loss of \$233,000 during the prior year period. The improvement reflects the benefit of several nonrecurring margin adjustments in the business, growth in margins from existing operations as well as the addition of margin from the business purchased from ARM during the third quarter of 2017. This was partially offset by a \$764,000 increase in operating expenses, including \$262,000 associated with the ARM margins previously mentioned, as well as \$501,000 in increased staffing, infrastructure and risk management system costs to ensure the profitable future growth of this business.

For the six months ended June 30, 2018, PESCO reported an operating loss of \$76,000, compared to income of \$2.2 million during the prior year period. The decline primarily reflects increased expenses incurred to build out the staff, infrastructure and risk management systems necessary for the success of this business, as well as the impact of several nonrecurring margin adjustments, largely during the first quarter of 2018.

Xeron

Xeron's operations were wound down during the second quarter of 2017. Operating income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2018, improved by \$173,000 and \$870,000, respectively, due to the absence of wind-down expenses and the absence of operating losses for Xeron in 2018.

Capital Investment Growth and Financing Plan

The Company's capital expenditures were \$134.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2018. The Company originally budgeted \$181.6 million for capital expenditures in 2018 and is currently projecting capital expenditures of approximately \$216.4 million in 2018. The Company's current forecast by segment and by business line is shown below:

	 2018
(dollars in thousands)	
Regulated Energy:	
Natural gas distribution	\$ 65,594
Natural gas transmission	110,813
Electric distribution	 8,930
Total Regulated Energy	185,337
Unregulated Energy:	
Propane distribution	13,359
Other unregulated energy	 7,413
Total Unregulated Energy	20,772
Other:	
Corporate and other businesses	 10,289
Total Other	10,289
Total 2018 Forecasted Capital Expenditures	\$ 216,398

Chesapeake Utilities' target ratio of equity to total capitalization, including short-term borrowings, is between 50 and 60 percent. This target capital structure ensures that the Company maintains a strong balance sheet to support continued growth. Over the past several years, the Company has been deploying increased amounts of capital on new projects, many of which have longer construction periods. The Company seeks to align the permanent financing of these capital projects with the in-service dates to the extent feasible.

In 2017, the Company refinanced \$70.0 million of short-term debt as 3.25 percent senior notes. The refinancing will result in increased annual interest expense of \$2.3 million during 2018, a portion of which impacted the second quarter and year-to-date results; however, the Company locked in a low interest rate for 15 years. The Company previously executed a shelf agreement with New York Life and subsequently issued \$50.0 million of unsecured senior notes in May 2018 and will issue an additional tranche by November 2018 at an average interest rate of 3.53 percent for 20 years. The Company expects to access additional permanent capital to align the financing with new investments and to maintain a solid balance sheet to support future capital deployment.

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)

(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

		Three Mo	nths	Ended		Six Mont	hs F	Ended
		Jun	e 30	,		June	30	,
		2018		2017		2018		2017
Operating Revenues								
Regulated Energy	\$	70,504	\$	70,996	\$	179,897	\$	168,650
Unregulated Energy and other		66,160		54,088		196,123		141,594
Total Operating Revenues		136,664		125,084		376,020		310,244
Operating Expenses								
Regulated Energy cost of sales		20,010		24,167		68,241		64,411
Unregulated Energy and other cost of sales		49,393		40,505		149,219		101,260
Operations		36,281		30,013		68,983		62,502
Maintenance		3,619		3,403		7,211		6,634
Gain from a settlement		(130)		(130)		(130)		(130)
Depreciation and amortization		9,839		9,094		19,543		17,906
Other taxes		4,404		3,971		9,299		8,501
Total operating expenses		123,416		111,023		322,366		261,084
Operating Income		13,248		14,061		53,654		49,160
Other expense, net		(262)		(1,002)		(194)		(1,703)
Interest charges		3,881		3,073		7,545		5,811
Income Before Income Taxes		9,105		9,986		45,915		41,646
Income taxes		2,718		3,940		12,674		16,456
Net Income	\$	6,387	\$	6,046	\$	33,241	\$	25,190
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:								
Basic	1	6,369,641	1	6,340,665	1	16,360,540	1	6,329,009
Diluted	1	6,417,082	1	6,382,207	1	16,410,061	1	6,373,038
Earnings Per Share of Common Stock:								
Basic	\$	0.39	\$	0.37	\$	2.03	\$	1.54
Diluted	\$	0.39	\$	0.37	\$	2.03	\$	1.54

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

Assets	 June 30, 2018	December 31, 2017		
(in thousands, except shares and per share data)				
Property, Plant and Equipment				
Regulated Energy	\$ 1,174,407	\$ 1,073,736		
Unregulated Energy	216,125	210,682		
Other businesses and eliminations	30,170	27,699		
Total property, plant and equipment	1,420,702	1,312,117		
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(287,942)	(270,599)		
Plus: Construction work in progress	101,904	84,509		
Net property, plant and equipment	1,234,664	1,126,027		
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	4,512	5,614		
Trade and other receivables (less allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$1,076 and \$936, respectively)	53,419	77,223		
Accrued revenue	12,353	22,279		
Propane inventory, at average cost	6,597	8,324		
Other inventory, at average cost	4,791	12,022		
Regulatory assets	13,330	10,930		
Storage gas prepayments	4,365	5,250		
Income taxes receivable	6,420	14,778		
Prepaid expenses	5,162	13,621		
Mark-to-market energy assets	534	1,286		
Other current assets	4,560	7,260		
Total current assets	116,043	178,587		
Deferred Charges and Other Assets				
Goodwill	19,604	19,604		
Other intangible assets, net	4,277	4,686		
Investments, at fair value	7,486	6,756		
Regulatory assets	76,427	75,575		
Other assets	 4,440	3,699		
Total deferred charges and other assets	112,234	110,320		
Total Assets	\$ 1,462,941	\$ 1,414,934		

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

Capitalization and Liabilities	J	une 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
(in thousands, except shares and per share data)			
Capitalization			
Stockholders' equity			
Preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share (authorized 2,000,000 shares), no shares issued and outstanding	\$	<u> </u>	\$
Common stock, par value \$0.4867 per share (authorized 50,000,000 shares)		7,971	7,955
Additional paid-in capital		255,356	253,470
Retained earnings		250,377	229,141
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(5,718)	(4,272)
Deferred compensation obligation		3,782	3,395
Treasury stock		(3,782)	(3,395)
Total stockholders' equity		507,986	486,294
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		241,596	197,395
Total capitalization		749,582	683,689
Current Liabilities			
Current portion of long-term debt		9,977	9,421
Short-term borrowing		235,288	250,969
Accounts payable		60,769	74,688
Customer deposits and refunds		32,018	34,751
Accrued interest		1,891	1,742
Dividends payable		6,060	5,312
Accrued compensation		7,953	13,112
Regulatory liabilities		22,194	6,485
Mark-to-market energy liabilities		886	6,247
Other accrued liabilities		11,495	10,273
Total current liabilities		388,531	413,000
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities		_	
Deferred income taxes		143,147	135,850
Regulatory liabilities		141,499	140,978
Environmental liabilities		8,090	8,263
Other pension and benefit costs		28,996	29,699
Deferred investment tax credits and other liabilities		3,096	3,455
Total deferred credits and other liabilities		324,828	318,245
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$	1,462,941	\$ 1,414,934

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Distribution Utility Statistical Data (Unaudited)

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2018

For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2017

		lmarva NG istribution	U	Chesapeake tilities Florida NG Division		FPU NG Distribution	FPU Electric Distribution		Delmarva NG Distribution		Chesapeake Utilities Florida NG Division		FPU NG Distribution		FPU Electric Distribution	
Operating Revenues (in thousands)																
Residential	\$	14,007	\$	1,459	\$	7,713	\$ 9,814	\$	11,096	9	1,365	\$	7,633	\$	10,477	
Commercial		7,752		1,524		6,809	9,709		6,424		1,395		7,449		10,075	
Industrial		1,987		2,854		5,218	371		1,849		1,577		4,775		733	
Other (1)		(3,496)		480		(1,459)	(1,532)		(3,136))	966		(1,271)		(207)	
Total Operating Revenues	\$	20,250	\$	6,317	\$	18,281	\$ 18,362	\$	16,233	5	5,303	\$	18,586	\$	21,078	
Volume (in Dts for no	ıtural g	as and MWHs	for	electric)			'									
Residential		759,202		85,526		329,284	66,682		583,108		76,365		304,669		69,298	
Commercial		711,690		1,134,555		432,192	73,276		614,311		2,710,729		459,354		74,766	
Industrial		1,308,129		7,024,154		1,245,950	3,540		1,206,698		1,501,779		1,100,430		4,750	
Other		17,759		_		463,846	1,907		20,216		_		459,201		1,874	
Total		2,796,780		8,244,235		2,471,272	145,405		2,424,333		4,288,873		2,323,654		150,688	
Average Customers																
Residential		71,038		16,391		55,580	24,714	_	68,442		15,786		54,352		24,582	
Commercial ⁽²⁾		6,994		1,517		3,932	7,493		6,836		1,430		4,072		7,429	
Industrial ⁽²⁾		155		16		2,284	2		144		78		2,055		2	
Other		4		_		11	_		7		_		_		_	
Total		78,191		17,924		61,807	32,209		75,429		17,294		60,479		32,013	

Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries Distribution Utility Statistical Data (Unaudited)

For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2018 For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 Chesapeake Utilities Florida NG Division Chesapeake Delmarva NG FPU NG FPU Electric Delmarva NG FPU NG FPU Electric Utilities Florida NG Division Distribution Distribution Distribution Distribution Distribution Operating Revenues (in thousands) Residential \$ 49,321 \$ 3,219 \$ 18,888 \$ 21,346 36,806 2,917 18,401 19,804 Commercial 23,582 3,246 15,135 18,866 17,836 2,918 17,043 19,489 Industrial 4,293 4,725 11,590 771 3,683 3,336 10,702 1,204 Other (1) (1,678) 1,866 (4,054) (1,796) (5,239) 990 (4,119) (3,880) **Total Operating** 71,957 \$ 12,180 \$ 41,494 \$ 37,103 \$ 56,647 \$ 11,037 \$ 42,092 \$ 38,701 Revenues Volume (in Dts for natural gas and MWHs for electric) Residential 2,999,757 226,285 852,346 145,210 2,391,008 199,640 775,480 130,624 Commercial 2,417,116 2,374,462 967,736 141,015 1,995,719 5,668,445 1,060,557 140,628 Industrial 2,817,168 10,089,859 2,550,480 8,060 2,580,496 3,269,209 2,289,693 7,910 Other 30,292 984,353 3,803 30,754 947,111 3,747 8,264,333 Total 12,690,606 5,354,915 298,088 6,997,977 9,137,294 5,072,841 282,909 Average Customers 15,725 Residential 71,136 55,430 24,679 68 572 54 196 24 510 16,307 Commercial(2) 1,509 6,874 7,438 7,009 3,930 7,487 1,420 4,123 1,997 Industrial(2) 143 154 16 2,268 2 77 2 Other 5 14 6 Total 78,304 17,832 61,642 32,168 75,595 17,222 60,316 31,950

⁽¹⁾ Operating Revenues from "Other" sources include unbilled revenue, under (over) recoveries of fuel cost, conservation revenue, other miscellaneous charges, fees for billing services provided to third parties, and adjustments or changes in taxes, such as the TCJA, which are passed through to customers. This amount also includes the reserve for estimated customer refunds associated with the TCJA.

⁽²⁾ Certain commercial and industrial customers have been reclassified when compared to the prior year.