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### CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION REPORTS SECOND QUARTER RESULTS

- Contributions from the Eight Flags CHP Plant and continued margin growth from natural gas transmission and distribution were offset by warmer weather and expenses incurred to support growth
- Eastern Shore Natural Gas completed the White Oak Mainline and System Reliability
  Projects
- Second quarter net income totaled \$6.0 million or \$0.37 per share
- Year-to-date net income totaled \$25.2 million or \$1.54 per share

<u>Dover, Delaware</u> — Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (NYSE: CPK) ("Chesapeake Utilities" or the "Company") today reported second quarter financial results. The Company's net income for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 was \$6.0 million, compared to \$8.0 million in the same quarter of 2016. Earnings per share ("EPS") for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 were \$0.37 per share, compared to \$0.52 for the same quarter of 2016. The decline in net income reflected expenses incurred and investments to generate and support growth as well as the impact of weather on the Delmarva Peninsula that was 41 percent warmer than the prior quarter. These factors were partially offset by higher margins from natural gas transmission and distribution operations in Florida and on the Delmarva Peninsula, the Eight Flags Energy LLC ("Eight Flags") combined heat and power ("CHP") plant and Aspire Energy of Ohio, LLC ("Aspire Energy").

For the six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company reported net income of \$25.2 million, or \$1.54 per share. This represents a decrease of \$3.2 million, or \$0.31 per share, compared to the same period in 2016. Similar to the second quarter of 2017, the decline in net income for the first six months of 2017 principally reflected higher expenses incurred and investments to generate and support growth, as well as the impact of warmer weather. These factors were partially offset by higher margins from the Eight Flags CHP plant, natural gas transmission and distribution operations in Florida and on the Delmarva Peninsula, Aspire Energy, and the Company's natural gas marketing operation, Peninsula Energy Services Company, Inc. ("PESCO"). An increase in outstanding shares as a result of the equity issuance in September 2016 lowered EPS by approximately \$0.10 per share for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

"Growth in our businesses will drive our future earnings. We have continued to expand our internal capabilities to manage and cultivate growth, while aggressively pursuing opportunities that will position the Company for future growth," stated Michael P. McMasters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "Earnings growth and costs incurred to support business growth do not always move in tandem. Our results for the second quarter and year-to-date should be viewed in the context of the major growth projects and initiatives recently completed and those currently underway, in addition to the negative impact of warmer weather. Our employees have completed several significant projects in 2017 and are laying the groundwork to commence Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company's ("Eastern Shore") largest ever expansion project in addition to several other key projects and initiatives that are also scheduled to go into service in 2018," he added.

A more detailed discussion and analysis of the Company's results for each segment is provided in the following pages.

### Comparative Results for the Quarters Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

Operating income for the second quarter decreased by \$2.1 million to \$13.7 million compared to the same period in 2016, as higher expenses to support growth exceeded increased gross margins for the quarter. Gross margin increased by \$2.6 million during the quarter, despite the negative impact of warmer weather, which reduced margin by approximately \$675,000. The \$1.3 million increase in depreciation, amortization and property taxes and \$3.4 million increase in other operating expenses largely reflect higher expenses to support growth of the Company's businesses and costs associated with pursuing additional growth initiatives. Costs such as depreciation and employee costs are recognized evenly over the four quarters of each year, while gross margin from most of the Company's businesses is driven by deliveries, which are concentrated in the first and fourth quarters.

### Regulated Energy Segment

Operating income for the Regulated Energy segment decreased by \$1.5 million, or 9.8 percent, compared to the same period in 2016, due principally to warmer weather and the level and timing of costs associated with growth. Gross margin increased by \$1.1 million during the quarter, despite the impact of warmer weather, which reduced gross margin by approximately \$354,000 for the three months. The \$1.2 million increase in depreciation, amortization and property taxes and \$1.4 million increase in other operating expenses, largely reflect costs associated with recently completed and planned growth projects. Specifically, of the total \$2.6 million increase in costs, \$1.5 million is associated with Eastern Shore's recently completed projects as well as initiatives underway.

The significant components of the \$1.1 million gross margin increase included:

- \$532,000 generated from additional GRIP investments in the Florida natural gas distribution operations;
- \$478,000 generated from recently completed natural gas transmission expansions, which are more fully discussed in the "Major Projects and Initiatives" section later in this press release; and
- \$325,000 from customer growth in natural gas distribution and transmission services over and above recent service expansions.

The foregoing increases were offset by \$354,000 from lower customer consumption of energy for the Company's regulated energy distribution operations in Florida and on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses included:

- \$1.2 million in higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs associated with recent capital investments;
- \$358,000 in higher outside services to support growth and higher facility maintenance costs to maintain system integrity;
- \$295,000 in increased regulatory expenses, due primarily to costs associated with Eastern Shore's rate case filing in 2017; and
- \$255,000 in higher benefits and employee-related costs, while payroll costs remained flat in the second quarter of 2017. As the Company is self-insured, benefits costs will fluctuate depending upon actual claims experience.

#### Unregulated Energy Segment

Operating income for the Unregulated Energy segment decreased \$450,000 compared to the same period in 2016, as increased operating income from Eight Flags and Aspire Energy were offset by lower results from PESCO and the propane distribution businesses. Gross margin increased by \$1.7 million, despite the impact of warmer weather, which reduced margin by approximately \$321,000 for the three months. The \$2.1 million

increase in other operating expenses, largely reflects operating costs for Eight Flags and higher expenses to support growth initiatives.

The significant components of the \$1.7 million gross margin increase were as follows:

- \$2.1 million of additional gross margin from Eight Flags' CHP plant, which commenced operations in June 2016; and
- \$271,000 of additional gross margin from Aspire Energy as a result of pricing amendments to longterm gas sales agreements.

The above gross margin increases were offset by the following factors:

- \$450,000 of lower margin from PESCO, due primarily to a customer supply agreement that expired on March 31, 2017; and
- \$368,000 from lower customer consumption of energy for the Company's propane distribution operations in Florida and on the Delmarva Peninsula.

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses included:

- \$1.3 million incurred by Eight Flags' CHP plant, which commenced operations in June 2016; and
- \$645,000 in higher staffing and associated costs for additional personnel to support growth. As the Company is self-insured, benefits costs will fluctuate depending upon actual claims experience.

The Company also incurred \$346,000 in non-operating expenses to complete the wind-down of Xeron's operations.

#### Comparative Results for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 and 2016

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2017 decreased by \$3.8 million to \$48.3 million compared to the same period in 2016. Gross margin increased by \$9.4 million, or 7.0 percent, net of the negative impact of warmer weather, which reduced margin by approximately \$1.4 million for the first six months. The \$2.7 million increase in depreciation, amortization and property taxes and \$10.5 million increase in other operating expenses reflects, higher expenses to support growth of the Company's businesses, costs associated with the wind-down of Xeron's operations and costs associated with pursuing additional growth initiatives.

#### Regulated Energy Segment

Operating income for the Regulated Energy segment decreased by \$2.8 million, or 7.1 percent, compared to the same period in 2016 due principally to warmer weather and the level and timing of costs associated with growth. Gross margin increased by \$4.2 million, despite the impact of warmer weather, which reduced margin by approximately \$452,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2017. The \$2.1 million increase in depreciation, amortization and taxes and \$4.9 million increase in other operating expenses largely reflects costs associated with recently completed and planned growth projects. Of the total \$7.0 million increase in other operating expenses, \$3.8 million is associated with Eastern Shore's recently completed projects as well as initiatives underway.

The significant components of the \$4.2 million gross margin increase included:

- \$1.2 million generated from recently completed natural gas transmission expansions, which are more fully discussed in the "Major Projects and Initiatives" section later in this press release;
- \$1.2 million generated by additional GRIP investments in the Florida natural gas distribution operations;
- \$1.1 million from customer growth in natural gas distribution and transmission services over and above the growth attributable to recent service expansions;

- \$535,000 from new natural gas transmission and distribution services provided to Eight Flags' CHP plant; and
- \$417,000 generated as a result of the settlement of the Company's Delaware division's rate case.

The foregoing increases were offset by \$797,000 from lower customer consumption of energy for the Company's distribution operations in Florida and on the Delmarva Peninsula, due primarily to warmer weather, particularly during the first quarter, which was the third warmest first quarter on the Delmarva Peninsula in the past fifty years.

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses included:

- \$2.1 million in higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs associated with recent capital investments;
- \$1.5 million in higher outside services to support growth and higher facility maintenance costs to maintain system integrity;
- \$1.3 million in higher payroll costs for additional personnel to support growth;
- \$1.2 million in higher benefits and employee-related costs in 2017 (as the Company is self-insured, benefits costs will fluctuate depending upon actual claims experience); and
- \$664,000 in increased regulatory expenses, due primarily to costs associated with Eastern Shore's rate case filing in 2017.

#### Unregulated Energy Segment

Operating income for the Unregulated Energy segment for the six months ended June 30, 2017 was \$11.5 million, a decrease of \$855,000 compared to the same period in 2016, as contributions from Eight Flags, Aspire Energy, and PESCO, were exceeded by the impact of warmer weather, lower retail propane margins per gallon and higher expenses associated with recent and future growth. Gross margin increased by \$5.4 million, net of the impact of warmer weather, which reduced margins by \$912,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2017.

The significant components of the \$5.4 million gross margin increase were as follows:

- \$3.9 million of additional gross margin from Eight Flags' CHP plant, which commenced operations in June 2016;
- \$1.7 million from PESCO, due to an increase in the number of contracts and customers served as well as additional revenue from providing natural gas to a customer in Ohio under a supplier agreement, which expired on March 31, 2017; and
- \$844,000 of additional gross margin from Aspire Energy as a result of pricing amendments to longterm gas sales agreements.

The above gross margin increases were offset by the following:

- \$836,000 of lower gross margin due to warmer than normal temperatures in Ohio and on the Delmarva Peninsula, resulting in less consumption of propane and lower sales of natural gas by Aspire Energy; and
- \$305,000 of lower gross margin from the Company's propane distribution operations as propane retail margins per gallon were slightly lower than 2016 levels.

The significant components of the increase in other operating expenses included:

- \$2.5 million incurred by Eight Flags' CHP plant, which commenced operations in June 2016;
- \$935,000 in higher payroll costs for additional personnel to support growth;
- \$809,000 in higher benefits and employee-related costs in 2017 (as the Company is self-insured, benefits costs will fluctuate depending upon actual claims experience);
- \$609,000 in higher depreciation expense, of which \$382,000 relates to a credit adjustment in 2016 recorded in conjunction with the final valuation for Aspire Energy;

- \$514,000 in higher outside services costs associated primarily with growth and ongoing compliance activities; and
- \$355,000 in higher operating expenses associated with the wind-down of Xeron's operations.

The Company also incurred \$346,000 in non-operating expenses to complete the wind-down of Xeron's operations.

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 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further information on the risks and uncertainties related to the Company's forward-looking statements.

The discussions of the results use the term "gross margin," a non-Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") financial measure, which management uses to evaluate the performance of the Company's business segments. For an explanation of the calculation of "gross margin," see the footnote to the Financial Summary.

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

#### **Conference Call**

Chesapeake Utilities will host a conference call on Friday, August 4, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time to discuss the Company's financial results for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2017. To participate in this call, dial 855.801.6270 and reference Chesapeake Utilities' 2017 Second Quarter Financial Results Conference Call. To access the replay recording of this call, please visit the Company's website at <a href="http://investor.chpk.com/results.cfm">http://investor.chpk.com/results.cfm</a> or download the replay on your mobile device by accessing the Audio cast section of the Company's IR App.

#### 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 Mo	nths	Ended	Six Mon	ths	Ended
	Jun	e 30,		Jun	e 30	),
	 2017		2016	2017		2016
Gross Margin <sup>(1)</sup>						
Regulated Energy segment	\$ 46,829	\$	45,760	\$ 104,239	\$	100,071
Unregulated Energy segment	13,736		12,077	40,555		35,178
Other businesses and eliminations	(154)		(64)	(221)		(109)
Total Gross Margin	\$ 60,411	\$	57,773	\$ 144,573	\$	135,140
Operating Income						
Regulated Energy segment	\$ 13,730	\$	15,226	\$ 36,747	\$	39,545
Unregulated Energy segment	(38)		412	11,492		12,347
Other businesses and eliminations	(26)		104	102		230
Total Operating Income	 13,666		15,742	 48,341		52,122
Other Expense, net	(607)		(8)	(884)		(42)
Interest Charges	3,073		2,624	5,811		5,274
Pre-tax Income	 9,986		13,110	41,646		46,806
Income Taxes	3,940		5,081	16,456		18,410
Net Income	\$ 6,046	\$	8,029	\$ 25,190	\$	28,396
Earnings Per Share of Common Stock						
Basic	\$ 0.37	\$	0.52	\$ 1.54	\$	1.86
Diluted	\$ 0.37	\$	0.52	\$ 1.54	\$	1.85

<sup>(1)</sup> "Gross margin" is determined 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. Gross margin should not be considered an alternative to operating income or net income, which are determined in accordance with GAAP. Chesapeake Utilities 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 Chesapeake Utilities under its allowed rates for regulated operations and under its competitive pricing structure for non-regulated segments. Chesapeake Utilities' management uses gross margin in measuring its business units' performance. Other companies may calculate gross margin in a different manner.

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### **Financial Summary Highlights**

Key variances between the three months ended June 30, 2016 and 2017 included:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Pre-tax Income	Net Income	Earnings Per Share
Second Quarter of 2016 Reported Results	\$ 13,110	\$ 8,029	\$ 0.52
Adjusting for unusual items:			
Weather impact	(675)	(409)	(0.03)
Wind-down of Xeron operations	(351)	(213)	(0.01)
	(1,026)	(622)	(0.04)
Increased (Decreased) Gross Margins:			
Eight Flags' CHP plant*	2,128	1,289	0.08
GRIP*	532	322	0.02
Service expansions*	478	289	0.02
Natural gas marketing	(450)	(272)	(0.02)
Natural gas growth (excluding service expansions)	325	197	0.01
Pricing amendments to Aspire Energy's long-term agreements	271	164	0.01
	3,284	1,989	0.12
Increased Other Operating Expenses:			
Higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs due to new capital investments	(1,337)	(810)	(0.05)
Eight Flags' operating expenses	(1,260)	(763)	(0.05)
Higher staffing and associated costs	(976)	(591)	(0.04)
Higher outside services and facilities maintenance costs	(335)	(203)	(0.01)
Higher regulatory expenses	(295)		
	(4,203)		
Interest charges	(449)	(272)	(0.02)
Change in other expense	(253)	(153)	(0.01)
Net other changes	(477)	× /	(0.02)
	(1,179)		(0.05)
EPS impact of increase in outstanding shares due to September 2016 offering	_		(0.02)
Second Quarter of 2017 Reported Results	\$ 9,986	\$ 6,046	
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\*See the Major Projects and Initiatives table later in this press release.

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Key variances between the six months ended June 30, 2016 and 2017 included:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Pre-tax Income	Net Income	Earnings Per Share
Six Months Ended June 30, 2016 Reported Results	\$ 46,806	\$ 28,396	\$ 1.85
Adjusting for unusual items:			
Weather impact	(1,363)	(825)	(0.05
Wind-down of Xeron operations	(886)	(536)	(0.03
	(2,249)	(1,361)	(0.08
Increased (Decreased) Gross Margins:			
Eight Flags' CHP plant*	4,424	2,676	0.17
Natural gas marketing	1,704	1,031	0.07
Service expansions*	1,237	748	0.05
GRIP*	1,213	734	0.05
Natural gas growth (excluding service expansions)	1,130	683	0.04
Pricing amendments to Aspire Energy's long-term agreements	844	510	0.03
Implementation of Delaware Division new rates*	417	252	0.02
Lower retail propane margins	(305)	(184)	(0.0)
	10,664	6,450	0.42
Increased Other Operating Expenses:			
Higher depreciation, asset removal and property tax costs due to new capital investments	(2,696)	(1,631)	(0.1
Eight Flags' operating expenses	(2,528)	(1,529)	(0.10
Higher payroll expense	(2,219)	(1,342)	(0.0)
Higher outside services and facilities maintenance costs	(2,054)	(1,243)	(0.08
Higher benefits and other employee-related expenses	(1,966)	(1,189)	(0.0)
Higher regulatory expenses	(664)	(401)	(0.0.
	(12,127)	(7,335)	(0.49
Interest charges	(537)	(325)	(0.02
Change in other expense	(476)	(288)	(0.02
Net other changes	(435)	(347)	(0.02
	(1,448)	(960)	(0.00
EPS impact of increase in outstanding shares due to September 2016 offering			(0.1
Six Months Ended June 30, 2017 Reported Results	\$ 41 646	\$ 25,190	
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\*See the Major Projects and Initiatives table later in this press release.

#### Major Projects and Initiatives

The following table summarizes gross margin for the Company's major projects and initiatives recently completed and initiatives currently underway, but which will be completed in the future. Gross margin reflects operating revenue less cost of sales, excluding depreciation, amortization and accretion (dollars in thousands):

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	Thre	e Months June 30		Six	Months H June 30		Year Ended December 31,	F	estimate f	or
	2017	2016	Variance	2017	2016	Variance	2016	2017	2018	2019
Major Projects and Initiatives Recently Completed										
Capital Investment Projects	\$ 9,601	\$ 6,463	\$ 3,138	\$ 18,922	\$ 12,049	\$ 6,873	\$ 29,819	\$ 35,393	\$ 32,125	\$ 33,035
Settled Delaware Division Rate Case	425	555	(130)	1,295	878	417	1,487	2,250	2,250	2,250
Total Major Projects and Initiatives Recently Completed	10,026	7,018	3,008	20,217	12,927	7,290	31,306	37,643	34,375	35,285
Future Major Projects and Initiatives										
<b>Capital Investment Projects</b>										
2017 Eastern Shore System Expansion	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	126	9,313	15,799
Northwest Florida Expansion	_	_	_	—		—	—	—	3,970	5,100
Eastern Shore System Reliability (1)	_	_	_	—	_	_	—	1,875	4,500	4,500
Total Future Major Projects and Initiatives			_		_	_		2,001	17,783	25,399
Total	\$ 10,026	\$ 7,018	\$ 3,008	\$ 20,217	\$ 12,927	\$ 7,290	\$ 31,306	\$ 39,644	\$ 52,158	\$ 60,684

**Gross Margin for the Period** 

<sup>(1)</sup> In January 2017, Eastern Shore, filed a rate case with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). The outcome of the rate case is not known at this time. This table assumes recovery in the rate case of the costs of the System Reliability Project only, as further discussed below.

#### Major Projects and Initiatives Recently Completed

The following table summarizes gross margin generated from the Company's major projects and initiatives recently completed (dollars in thousands):

				Gro	ss Margi	n for the	Period <sup>(1)</sup>			
	Thr	ee Months		Six	Months E	nded	Year Ended			
		June 30,			June 30,		December 31,		Estimate fo	r
	2017	2016	Variance	2017	2016	Varianc	e 2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Capital Investment Projects:</b>										
Service Expansions:										
Short-term contracts (Delaware)	\$ 1,194	\$ 2,648	\$ (1,454)	\$ 3,857	\$ 5,191	\$ (1,334	4)\$ 11,454	\$ 5,689	\$ 1,407	\$ 1,407
Long-term contracts (Delaware)	2,387	455	1,932	3,481	911	2,57	1,815	7,611	7,605	7,583
<b>Total Service Expansions</b>	3,581	3,103	478	\$ 7,338	\$ 6,102	\$ 1,23	5 13,269	13,300	9,012	8,990
Florida GRIP	3,341	2,809	532	6,609	5,396	1,21	3 11,552	13,727	14,407	15,085
Eight Flags' CHP Plant	2,679	551	2,128	4,975	551	4,424	4,998	8,366	8,706	8,960
Total Capital Investment Projects	9,601	6,463	3,138	18,922	12,049	6,87	3 29,819	35,393	32,125	33,035
Settled Delaware Division Rate Case	425	555	(130)	1,295	878	41	7 1,487	2,250	2,250	2,250
Total Major Projects and Initiatives Recently Completed	\$ 10,026	\$ 7,018	\$ 3,008	\$ 20,217	\$ 12,927	\$ 7,29	) \$ 31,306	\$ 37,643	\$ 34,375	\$ 35,285

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<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include gross margin of \$3.5 million and \$9.3 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, and \$13.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, which consists primarily of gross margin attributable to Aspire Energy for those periods. The acquisition of Aspire Energy was previously disclosed as a major project; however, the gross margin attributable to Aspire Energy is now being excluded from this table.

#### Service Expansions

In August 2014, Eastern Shore entered into a precedent agreement with an electric power generator in Kent County, Delaware, to provide, upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, a 20-year natural gas transmission service for 45,000 dekatherms per day ("Dts/d") deliverable to the lateral serving the customer's facility. In July 2016, the FERC authorized Eastern Shore to construct and operate the proposed project, which consists of 5.4 miles of 16-inch pipeline looping and new compression capability in Delaware. Eastern Shore provided interim services to this customer pending construction of facilities. Construction of the project is complete, and long-term service commenced on March 1, 2017, pursuant to a 20-year OPT 90  $\leq$  service agreement. This service generated an additional gross margin of \$106,000 during the six months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the same period in 2016. There was no incremental margin change during the second quarter as the margin generated from the permanent services equated to the margin generated from providing interim services during the second quarter of 2016. This service is expected to generate gross margin of \$7.0 million for 2017 and between \$5.8 million annually through the remaining term of the agreement.

In October 2015, Eastern Shore submitted an application to the FERC to make certain meter tube and control valve replacements and related improvements at its Texas Eastern Transmission, LP ("TETLP") interconnect facilities, which would enable Eastern Shore to increase natural gas receipts from TETLP by 53,000 Dts/d, for a total capacity of 160,000 Dts/d. In December 2015, the FERC authorized Eastern Shore to proceed with this project, which was completed and placed in service in March 2016. Approximately 35 percent of the increased capacity has been subscribed on a short-term firm service basis through October 2017. This service generated an additional gross margin of \$540,000 and \$1.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. The remaining capacity is available for firm or interruptible service.

#### <u>GRIP</u>

GRIP is a natural gas pipe replacement program approved by the Florida Public Service Commission ("PSC"), designed to expedite the replacement of qualifying distribution mains and services (any material other than coated steel or plastic) to enhance the reliability and integrity of the Company's Florida natural gas distribution systems. This program allows recovery, through regulated rates, of capital and other program-related costs, inclusive of a return on investment, associated with the replacement of the mains and services. Since the program's inception in August 2012, the Company has invested \$108.1 million to replace 240 miles of qualifying distribution mains, including \$5.2 million during the first six months of 2017. The increased investment in GRIP generated additional gross margin of \$532,000 and \$1.2 million for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016.

#### Eight Flags' CHP plant

In June 2016, Eight Flags completed construction of a CHP plant on Amelia Island, Florida. This CHP plant, which consists of a natural-gas-fired turbine and associated electric generator, produces approximately 20 megawatts of base load power and includes a heat recovery steam generator capable of providing approximately 75,000 pounds per hour of residual steam. In June 2016, Eight Flags began selling power generated from the CHP plant to Florida Public Utilities Company ("FPU"), the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, pursuant to a 20-year power purchase agreement for distribution to FPU's retail electric customers. In July 2016, it also started selling steam to the industrial customer that owns the property on which Eight Flags' CHP plant is located, pursuant to a separate 20-year contract.

The CHP plant is powered by natural gas transported by FPU through its distribution system and by Peninsula Pipeline Company, Inc. ("Peninsula Pipeline"), the Company's wholly-owned Florida intrastate pipeline subsidiary. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, Eight Flags and other affiliates of Chesapeake Utilities generated \$2.1 million and \$4.4 million, respectively, in additional gross margin as a result of these services that began in June 2016. This amount includes gross margin of \$43,000 and \$535,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, attributable to natural gas distribution and transportation services provided to the CHP plant by the Company's regulated affiliates.

#### Major Projects and Initiatives Currently Underway

Northwest Florida Expansion Project: Peninsula Pipeline and the Company's Florida natural gas division are constructing a pipeline in Escambia County, Florida that will interconnect with Florida Gas Transmission Company's ("FGT") pipeline. The project consists of 33 miles of 12-inch transmission line from the FGT interconnect that will be operated by Peninsula Pipeline and 8 miles of 8-inch lateral distribution lines that will be operated by the Company's Florida natural gas division. The Company has signed agreements to serve two industrial customers. The estimated annual gross margin associated with this project, once in service, is approximately \$5.1 million.

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2017 Expansion Project: In May 2016, Eastern Shore submitted a request to the FERC to initiate the FERC's pre-filing process for its proposed 2017 expansion project. This project, which will expand Eastern Shore's firm service capacity by 26 percent, will provide 61,162 Dts/d of additional firm natural gas transportation service on Eastern Shore's pipeline system with an additional 52,500 Dts/d of firm transportation service at certain Eastern Shore receipt facilities pursuant to precedent agreements Eastern Shore entered into with seven existing customers including three affiliates of the Company. Facilities required to provide this new service will consist of: (i) approximately 23 miles of pipeline looping in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware; (ii) upgrades to existing metering facilities in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; (iii) installation of an additional 3,750-horsepower compressor unit at Eastern Shore's existing Daleville compressor station in Chester County, Pennsylvania; and (iv) approximately 17 miles of new mainline extension and two pressure control stations in Sussex County, Delaware. The project will generate approximately \$15.8 million of gross margin in the first full year after the new transportation services go into effect. The estimated investment in this expansion project is \$98.6 million.

System Reliability Project: In July 2016, the FERC authorized Eastern Shore to construct and operate its proposed System Reliability Project, which will consist of approximately 10.1 miles of 16-inch pipeline looping and auxiliary facilities in New Castle and Kent Counties, Delaware, and a new compressor at its existing Bridgeville compressor station in Sussex County, Delaware. A 2.5 mile looping segment was completed and placed into service in December 2016. The remaining looping and the new compressor were completed and placed in service in the second quarter of 2017. This project was included in Eastern Shore's January 2017 base rate case filing with the FERC. We have assumed recovery of this project's costs beginning in August 2017, coinciding with the proposed effectiveness of new rates, subject to refund pending final resolution of the base rate case. The Company expects to generate approximately \$4.5 million in annual gross margin once new rates go into effect.

#### Other major factors influencing gross margin

#### Weather and Consumption

Warmer temperatures in 2017 had a negative impact on the Company's earnings. As compared to the prior year, warmer temperatures during 2017 reduced gross margin for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2017 by \$675,000 and \$1.4 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. Warmer than normal temperatures for the quarter and six months ended June 30, 2017, reduced gross margin by \$1.1 million and \$4.3 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016. The following table summarizes heating degree-day ("HDD") and cooling degree-day ("CDD") variances from the 10-year average HDD/CDD ("Normal") for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016.

#### HDD and CDD Information

Three Mont	hs Ended		Six months	s ended	
June	30,		June	30,	
2017	2016	Variance	2017	2016	Variance
288	485	(197)	2,246	2,579	(333)
429	452	(23)	2,783	2,854	(71)
(141)	33	-	(537)	(275)	
		-			
13	9	4	298	514	(216)
19	19	—	602	553	49
(6)	(10)	-	(304)	(39)	
		-			
508	766	(258)	2,992	3,557	(565)
637	630	7	3,774	3,762	12
(129)	136	-	(782)	(205)	
		-			
935	986	(51)	1,080	1,113	(33)
955	948	7	1,037	1,025	12
(20)	38	-	43	88	
	June 2017 288 429 (141) 13 19 (6) 508 637 (129) 935 955	288       485         429       452         (141)       33         13       9         19       19         (6)       (10)         508       766         637       630         (129)       136         935       986         955       948	June 30,         Variance           2017         2016         Variance           288         485         (197)           429         452         (23)           (141)         33         (141)           13         9         4           19         19         -           (6)         (10)         -           508         766         (258)           637         630         7           (129)         136         -           935         986         (51)           955         948         7	June 30,June 30,20172016Variance2017288485(197)2,246429452(23)2,783(141)33(537)13942981919-602(6)(10)(304)508766(258)2,99263763073,774(129)136(782)935986(51)1,08095594871,037	June 30,June 30,20172016Variance20172016288485(197)2,2462,579429452(23)2,7832,854(141)33(537)(275)13942985141919-602553(6)(10)(304)(39)508766(258)2,9923,55763763073,7743,762(129)136(51)1,0801,11395594871,0371,025

#### 12-12-12-12

#### Propane prices

Lower retail propane margins per gallon for the Company's Delmarva and Florida propane distribution operations decreased gross margin by \$23,000 and \$305,000 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, of which \$8,000 and \$204,000 is associated with the Company's Delmarva operations. The Company continues to assume normal levels of margins in its long-term financial plans and forecasts.

#### PESCO

PESCO provides natural gas supply and supply management services to residential, commercial, industrial and wholesale customers. PESCO operates primarily in Florida, on the Delmarva Peninsula, and in Ohio. PESCO competes with regulated utilities and other unregulated third-party marketers to manage natural gas supplies directly to residential, commercial and industrial customers through competitively-priced contracts. PESCO does not currently own or operate any natural gas transmission or distribution assets but sells gas that is delivered to retail or wholesale customers through affiliated and non-affiliated local distribution company systems and transmission pipelines.

In 2017, the Company's Delmarva natural gas distribution operations entered into asset management agreements with PESCO to manage a portion of their natural gas transportation and storage capacity. The asset management agreements were effective April 1, 2017, and each has a three-year term, expiring on March 31, 2020. As a result of these agreements, PESCO manages capacity on regional pipelines as well as third-party storage contracts for the Company's Delmarva natural gas distribution operations in conjunction with PESCO's asset management services.

For the three months ended June 30, 2017 PESCO's gross margin decreased by \$450,000, due primarily to the absence of a supplier agreement that expired on March 31, 2017 and was not renewed due to lower margin expectations. For the six months ended June 30, 2017, PESCO generated additional gross margin of \$1.7 million, compared to the same period in 2016 as a result of revenues from the supplier agreement as well as additional customers in Florida partially offset by lower margin in the Mid-Atlantic region. Under the supplier agreement, PESCO delivered the highest volumes during the first quarter of 2017, while fixed storage and pipeline fees were paid over the entire twelve-month period from April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

#### Xeron

As disclosed previously, the Company's management determined that there was no viable strategy to restore Xeron to profitability in the near term and, accordingly, wound down Xeron's operations shortly after the first quarter. The Company recorded \$522,000 and \$1.1 million in pre-tax losses from Xeron in the three and six months ended June 30 2017, respectively, driven primarily by non-recurring employee severance costs and costs associated with termination of leased office space in Houston, Texas. The Company does not anticipate incurring any additional costs that will have a material impact associated with winding down Xeron's operations. With the wind-down of Xeron, the operating loss generated in the latter half of 2016 will be avoided later this year.

#### **Other Natural Gas Growth - Distribution Operations**

In addition to service expansions, the Company's natural gas distribution operations on the Delmarva Peninsula generated \$128,000 and \$649,000 in additional gross margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016, due to an increase in residential, commercial and industrial customers served. The average number of residential customers on the Delmarva Peninsula increased by 3.6 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the same periods in 2016. The Company's natural gas distribution operations in Florida generated \$328,000 and \$804,000 in additional gross margin for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2016, due primarily to an increase in commercial and industrial customers in Florida.

#### **Regulatory Proceedings**

#### Delaware Division Rate Case

In December 2016, the Delaware PSC approved a settlement agreement as recommended by the Hearing Examiner's report. The settlement agreement, among other things, provided for an increase in the Company's Delaware division revenue requirement of \$2.25 million and a rate of return on common equity of 9.75 percent. The new authorized rates went into effect on January 1, 2017. Any amounts collected through 2016 interim rates in excess of the respective portion of the \$2.25 million were refunded to the ratepayers in March 2017.

#### 13-13-13-13

#### Eastern Shore Rate Case

In January 2017, Eastern Shore filed a base rate proceeding with the FERC, as required by the terms of its 2012 rate case settlement agreement. Eastern Shore's proposed rates were based on a cost of service of approximately \$60 million, resulting in an overall requested revenue increase of approximately \$18.9 million and a requested rate of return on common equity of 13.75 percent. The FERC issued a notice of the filing in January 2017, and the comment period ended in February 2017. Fourteen parties intervened in the proceeding, with six of those parties filing protests of some aspect of the rate filing. The FERC issued an order suspending the effectiveness of the proposed tariff rates for the usual five-month period. A settlement conference was held on July 27, 2017, in which the parties reviewed the latest proposals and further discussed their positions. Another settlement conference is scheduled for August 30 and 31, 2017. Eastern Shore has filed the requisite notice with the FERC to implement interim rates effective August 1, 2017.

#### Investing for Future Growth

To support and continue its growth, the Company has expanded, and will continue to expand, its resources and capabilities. Eastern Shore has expanded, and has announced significant additional expansions to, its transmission system, and is therefore increasing its staffing. We requested recovery of most of Eastern Shore's increased staffing costs in its 2017 rate case. Growth in non-regulated energy businesses, including Aspire Energy, PESCO and Eight Flags, requires additional staff as well as corporate resources to support the increased level of business operations. Finally, to allow the Company to continue to identify and move growth initiatives forward and to assist in developing additional initiatives, resources have been added in the Company's corporate shared services departments. In the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, the Company's staffing and associated costs increased by \$976,000 and \$4.2 million, or five percent and 12 percent, respectively, compared to the same period in 2016. The Company is prudently managing the pace and magnitude of the investments being made while ensuring that it appropriately expands its human resources and systems capabilities to capitalize on future growth opportunities.

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

(in thousands, except shares and per share data)

Three Mor	nths	Ended		Six Mont	hs I	Ended
Jun	e 30	),		Jun	e 30	,
2017		2016	_	2017		2016
\$ 70,996	\$	67,395	\$	168,650	\$	156,611
54,088		34,947	_	141,594		92,027
125,084		102,342		310,244		248,638
24,167		21,635		64,411		56,540
40,505		22,934		101,260		56,958
30,408		28,087		63,321		55,246
3,403		2,904		6,634		5,383
(130)		(130)		(130)		(130)
9,094		7,780		17,906		15,283
3,971		3,390		8,501		7,236
111,418		86,600		261,903		196,516
13,666		15,742		48,341		52,122
(607)		(8)		(884)		(42)
3,073		2,624		5,811		5,274
 9,986		13,110		41,646		46,806
3,940		5,081		16,456		18,410
\$ 6,046	\$	8,029	\$	25,190	\$	28,396
			_			
16,340,665	1	5,315,020	1	6,329,009	1	5,300,931
16,382,207	1	5,352,702	1	6,373,038	1	5,342,287
\$ 0.37	\$	0.52	\$	1.54	\$	1.86
\$ 0.37	\$	0.52	\$	1.54	\$	1.85
	Jun           2017           \$ 70,996           54,088           125,084           24,167           40,505           30,408           3,403           (130)           9,094           3,971           111,418           13,666           (607)           3,973           9,986           3,940           \$ 6,046           16,340,665           16,382,207           \$ 0.37	June 30           2017         2017           \$ 70,996         \$           54,088         125,084           125,084         125,084           24,167         40,505           30,408         3,403           (130)         9,094           3,971         111,418           13,666         (607)           3,073         9,986           3,940         \$           46,340,665         1           16,340,665         1           16,382,207         1           \$         0.37	\$ 70,996       \$ 67,395         54,088       34,947         125,084       102,342         24,167       21,635         40,505       22,934         30,408       28,087         3,403       2,904         (130)       (130)         9,094       7,780         3,971       3,390         111,418       86,600         13,666       15,742         (607)       (8)         3,073       2,624         9,986       13,110         3,940       5,081         \$ 6,046       \$,029         16,340,665       15,315,020         16,382,207       15,352,702         \$ 0.37       0.52	June 30,         2017         2016           \$ 70,996         \$ 67,395         \$           54,088         34,947         125,084         102,342           24,167         21,635         40,505         22,934           30,408         28,087         3,403         2,904           (130)         (130)         9,094         7,780           3,971         3,390         111,418         86,600           13,666         15,742         (607)         (8)           3,073         2,624         9,986         13,110           3,940         5,081         \$         6,046         \$ 8,029         \$           16,340,665         15,315,020         1         1         1         6,382,207         15,352,702         1           \$         0.37         \$ 0.52         \$         \$         1         \$	June 30,June201720162017\$ 70,996\$ 67,395\$ 168,650 $54,088$ $34,947$ 141,594125,084102,342310,24424,16721,63564,41140,50522,934101,26030,40828,08763,3213,4032,9046,634(130)(130)(130)9,0947,78017,9063,9713,3908,501111,41886,600261,90313,66615,74248,341(607)(8)(884)3,0732,6245,8119,98613,11041,6463,9405,08116,456\$ 6,046\$,029\$ 25,19016,340,66515,315,02016,329,00916,382,20715,352,70216,373,038\$ 0.370.52\$ 1.54	June 30,June 30201720162017\$70,996\$ $67,395$ \$ $168,650$ \$\$54,088 $34,947$ $141,594$ 125,084 $102,342$ $310,244$ 24,167 $21,635$ $64,411$ 40,505 $22,934$ $101,260$ 30,408 $28,087$ $63,321$ 3,403 $2,904$ $6,634$ (130)(130)(130)9,094 $7,780$ $17,906$ 3,971 $3,390$ $8,501$ 111,418 $86,600$ $261,903$ 13,666 $15,742$ $48,341$ (607)(8)(884) $3,073$ $2,624$ $5,811$ 9,986 $13,110$ $41,646$ $3,940$ $5,081$ $16,456$ \$ $6,046$ $8,029$ \$25,190\$16,340,665 $15,315,020$ $16,329,009$ 1 $16,382,207$ $15,352,702$ $16,373,038$ 1\$ $0.37$ $0.52$ \$ $1.54$

### Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries

#### Assets June 30, 2017 December 31, 2016 (in thousands, except shares and per share data) **Property, Plant and Equipment** Regulated Energy \$ 1,038,929 \$ 957,681 Unregulated Energy 202,707 196,800 Other businesses and eliminations 25,623 21,114 1,267,259 1,175,595 Total property, plant and equipment Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization (260, 428)(245, 207)Plus: Construction work in progress 44,556 56,276 1,051,387 986,664 Net property, plant and equipment **Current Assets** Cash and cash equivalents 4,178 2,419 Accounts receivable (less allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$862 and \$909, 62,803 41,113 respectively) 16,986 Accrued revenue 11,812 Propane inventory, at average cost 4,649 6,457 9,996 4,576 Other inventory, at average cost 7,694 Regulatory assets 7,167 Storage gas prepayments 5,484 4,415 Income taxes receivable 14,409 22,888 6,792 Prepaid expenses 3,939 Mark-to-market energy assets 229 823 Other current assets 2.287 2,470 102,435 141,151 Total current assets **Deferred Charges and Other Assets** Goodwill 15,070 15,070 1,843 Other intangible assets, net 1,664 4,902 Investments, at fair value 5,952 Regulatory assets 76,128 76,803 Receivables and other deferred charges 4,352 2,786 Total deferred charges and other assets 103,166 101,404 \$ 1,256,988 \$ 1,229,219 **Total Assets**

#### **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)**

# Chesapeake Utilities Corporation and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance She	ets (Una	ıdited)	
Capitalization and Liabilities	J	une 30, 2017	December 31, 2016
(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	\$	_	\$ —
Common stock, par value \$0.4867 per share (authorized 25,000,000 shares)		7,955	7,935
Additional paid-in capital		252,071	250,967
Retained earnings		206,896	192,062
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(5,244)	(4,878)
Deferred compensation obligation		3,336	2,416
Treasury stock		(3,336)	(2,416)
Total stockholders' equity		461,678	446,086
Long-term debt, net of current maturities		201,590	136,954
Total capitalization		663,268	583,040
Current Liabilities			
Current portion of long-term debt		12,124	12,099
Short-term borrowing		145,591	209,871
Accounts payable		52,101	56,935
Customer deposits and refunds		30,725	29,238
Accrued interest		1,637	1,312
Dividends payable		5,312	4,973
Accrued compensation		6,683	10,496
Regulatory liabilities		5,609	1,291
Mark-to-market energy liabilities		188	773
Other accrued liabilities		12,084	7,063
Total current liabilities		272,054	334,051
Deferred Credits and Other Liabilities			
Deferred income taxes		234,716	222,894
Regulatory liabilities		42,427	43,064
Environmental liabilities		8,457	8,592
Other pension and benefit costs		31,920	32,828
Deferred investment tax credits and other liabilities		4,146	4,750
Total deferred credits and other liabilities		321,666	312,128
Total Capitalization and Liabilities	\$	1,256,988	\$ 1,229,219

		F	or t	he Three Month	s Ei	nded June 30, 20	17		For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2016									
		Delmarva NG Distribution	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		
<b>Operating Revenues</b> ( <i>in thousands</i> )									_									
Residential	\$	11,096	\$	1,365	\$	7,633	\$	10,477	\$	10,480	\$	1,267	\$	6,294	\$	10,418		
Commercial		6,424		1,395		7,449		10,075		5,779		1,230		6,926		10,280		
Industrial		1,849		1,577		4,775		733		1,658		1,590		5,041		661		
Other <sup>(1)</sup>		(3,136)		966		(1,271)		(207)	_	(1,740)		840		(1,578)		(1,471)		
Total Operating Revenues	\$	16,233	\$	5,303	\$	18,586	\$	21,078	\$	16,177	\$	4,927	\$	16,683	\$	19,888		
Volume (in Dts/MWH	Is)								-									
Residential		583,108		76,365		304,669		69,298		612,620		74,658		290,174		67,872		
Commercial		614,311		2,710,729		459,354		74,766		670,593		1,356,421		532,434		75,071		
Industrial		1,206,698		1,501,779		1,100,430		4,750		1,175,665		2,797,836		1,004,336		4,900		
Other		20,216		_		(23,024)		1,874		26,581		_		(16,406)		1,961		
Total		2,424,333		4,288,873		1,841,429		150,688	-	2,485,459		4,228,915		1,810,538		149,804		
Average Customers									-									
Residential		68,442		15,786		54,352		24,582		66,085		15,328		53,286		24,268		
Commercial		6,836		1,430		4,072		7,429		6,745		1,388		4,265		7,410		
Industrial		144		78		2,055		2		122		72		1,749		2		
Other		7		_		_				4		_		_				
Total		75,429		17,294		60,479		32,013		72,956		16,788		59,300		31,680		

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

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

			For	the Six Months	Ene	ded June 30, 2017	7		For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2016									
		Delmarva NG Distribution		Chesapeake Utilities Florida NG Division		FPU NG Distribution		FPU Electric Distribution		elmarva NG Distribution	Chesapeake Utilities Florida NG Division		FPU NG Distribution			FPU Electric Distribution		
<b>Operating Revenues</b> (in thousands)	3																	
Residential	\$	36,806	\$	2,917	\$	18,401	\$	19,804	\$	31,747	\$	2,838	\$	15,582	\$	21,725		
Commercial		17,836		2,918		17,043		19,489		15,440		2,646		15,160		19,822		
Industrial		3,683		3,336		10,702		1,204		3,579		3,227		10,573		1,478		
Other (1)		(1,678)		1,866		(4,054)		(1,796)		(1,088)		1,757		(3,411)		(3,604)		
Total Operating Revenues	\$	56,647	\$	11,037	\$	42,092	\$	38,701	\$	49,678	\$	10,468	\$	37,904	\$	39,421		
Volume (in Dts/MW	Hs)																	
Residential		2,391,008		199,640		775,480		130,624		2,318,217		213,130		797,086		141,795		
Commercial		1,995,719		5,668,445		1,060,557		140,628		2,069,483		2,804,168		1,224,765		143,186		
Industrial		2,580,496		3,269,209		2,289,693		7,910		2,545,306		6,091,648		2,130,091		11,580		
Other		30,754		_		(15,876)		3,747		40,085		_		23,976		4,599		
Total		6,997,977		9,137,294		4,109,854		282,909		6,973,091		9,108,946		4,175,918		301,160		
Average Customers																		
Residential		68,572		15,725		54,196		24,510		66,084		15,285		53,165		24,218		
Commercial		6,874		1,420		4,123		7,438		6,771		1,383		4,263		7,398		
Industrial		143		77		1,997		2		121		72		1,732		2		
Other		6		_		_				4		_		_				
Total		75,595		17,222		60,316		31,950		72,980		16,740		59,160		31,618		

(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 for pass-through taxes.