## CHESAPEAKE UTILITIES CORPORATION

# Acquisition of Florida City Gas

**September 27, 2023** 



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# **Transaction Terms**

Chesapeake Utilities reached definitive agreement to acquire Florida City Gas (FCG) for \$923 million.

#### Transformative Acquisition Expected To Drive Significant Benefits To Key Stakeholders, Including Shareholders And Customers

- Immediately more than doubles CPK's natural gas business in Florida, with additional future growth opportunities across
   CPK's five growth platforms
- Supports and extends EPS growth rate of 8% or greater
- Increases five-year capital investment plan ~65% driven by increased scale and investment opportunities related to transaction
- Financing expected to include a balanced mix of equity and long-term debt to maintain our strong balance sheet
- Subject to Hart-Scott-Rodino Act waiting period and securing financing orders in Delaware and Maryland
- Closing expected in the fourth quarter 2023. Following close, FCG will be wholly owned subsidiary of Chesapeake Utilities
- Meets all of CPK's acquisition criteria:

Financial Attributes	Capital Investment Opportunities	Ø
	Unlocks Opportunities Across Platforms	$\bigcirc$
	Long-term Earnings Growth	$\bigcirc$
	Efficiencies	Ø

Strategic Attributes	Aligned Values	Ø
	Consistent Business Model	Ø
	Operational Excellence	$\bigcirc$
	Constructive Regulatory Relations	Ø



# Compelling Transaction Rationale

# Expands Platform in Florida

High growth utility jurisdiction; gas system expansion opportunities

- More than doubles CPK's presence in FL a high growth service area
  - Florida is premier state for utility operations with a fast-growing population and economy, as well as a constructive and supportive regulatory environment
  - Natural gas continues to be a preferred energy source with growing market demand
  - Historically, FPU has achieved a 4%+ annual residential customer growth rate over the last 4 years
- Enhanced platform for growth: combination of natural gas systems and incremental capital investment opportunities across five growth platforms expected to drive growth and benefit all stakeholders

#### Enhances Scale and Efficiency CPK has extensive operational and regulatory expertise

- Scale benefits from expected increases in regulated utility customers and net plant by 50% and 30%, respectively
- Efficiencies expected due to complementary operations
- CPK has core expertise across all facets of natural gas operations and strong relationships with regulators, legislators, communities and customers

Financial Benefits

Builds on CPK's

track record of

successful M&A

- Expands current guidance of EPS CAGR of 8%; achieves long-term EPS CAGR of ~8.5%
- Provides approximately \$500 million of capex opportunities associated with FCG over the next five years
- Supports long-term dividend growth
- · Balanced financing plan to ensure continued balance sheet strength



# Transaction Consistent with our Drivers for Superior Performance



#### Proven track record of natural gas distribution M&A transactions

• Florida Public Utilities in 2009, Eastern Shore Gas (Sandpiper Energy) in 2013, Elkton Gas in 2020 – each facilitated additional growth opportunities

FCG will build on the successes of previous utility acquisitions



#### Leverages our core competencies, expertise, and community relationships

• Experienced management team supported by teams with expertise in M&A transactions and integration

Adding FCG's talented team members creates a stronger consolidated operation

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#### Transaction contributes to our financial objectives in support of increased shareholder value

• Long history of top-tier earnings growth driven by disciplined capital investments

FCG's profile supports and extends EPS growth rate of 8% or greater



#### Transaction provides opportunities across each of our five platforms for growth

• Opportunities associated with FCG aligned with CPK's growth priorities and proven expertise

Approx. \$500M in incremental investment opportunities across growth platforms over next five years



# Florida City Gas: Attractive Rate Base in High Growth Market

### **FCG Overview**

- Serves ~120,000 natural gas customers over 8 counties in Florida (Miami-Dade, Broward, Brevard, Palm Beach, Hendry, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River)
- 3,800 miles of distribution main and 80 miles of transmission pipe
- Recently completed LNG facility in Homestead, Florida with 270,000 gallons of storage capacity and delivery capability of 10,000 dt/d

Most recent rate case completed on March 28, 2023  Commission-approved outcome summary:		
Rate Increase	\$23.3 million	
2023E Rate Base	\$487 million	
Allowed ROE	8.5% - 10.5%	
% Common Equity	52.56%	

#### **Attractive Pro Forma Business**

- Increased presence in urbanized, densely populated southeast region of Florida, including Miami
- Florida consolidated operations following the acquisition are expected to contribute approximately 60% of CPK's:
  - Operating income;
  - Utility net plant; and
  - Future capital investment plan (five years)
- Both companies recently completed rate cases, with
   2024 as first full year permanent rates will be in effect
  - Combined rate increase of \$40.5 million, with FPU rate increase representing \$17.2 million
- Pro forma CPK regulated business mix expected to reach 87% (up from 81%), increasing our utility foundation while continuing to pursue higher returns in our nonregulated businesses



# Combined Florida Natural Gas Distribution Presence

#### The Transaction Will More Than Double CPK's Natural Gas Distribution Presence In Florida

	FLORIDA PUBLIC UTILITIES	Florida City Gas	Combined Florida Natural Gas Distribution
Approved Rate Base (in millions)	\$454	\$487	\$941
Miles of Pipe	3,043	3,880	6,923
Counties Served	26	8	31 (3 counties overlap)
Average Customers in 2022	93,402	117,752*	211,154

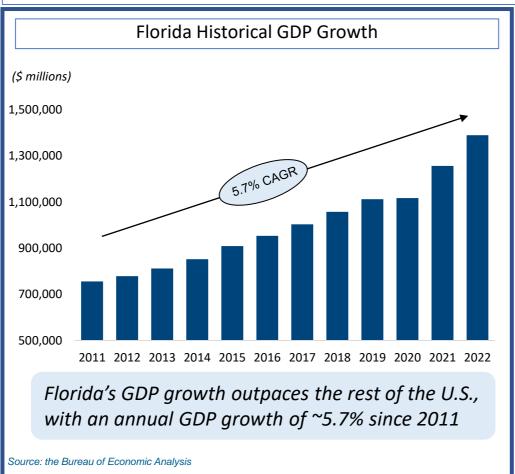


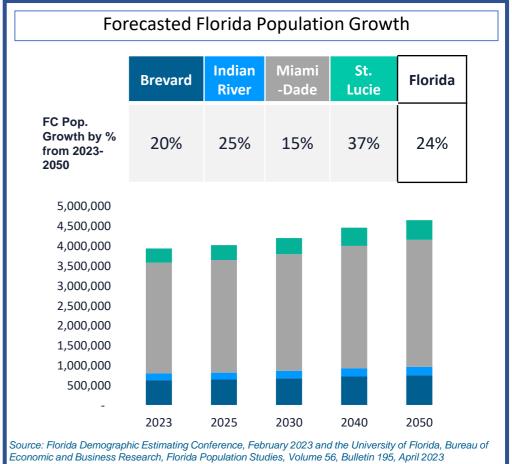
# Rapid Growth in Florida Expected to Continue

- Florida is a premier state for utility operations, with a fast-growing population and economy, as well as a constructive and supportive regulatory environment
- Natural gas continues to be a preferred energy source for homes and businesses
- Gas distribution customer growth in Florida has significantly exceeded national averages

### Florida's Strong Growth Advantage

Florida has a very strong GDP growth history and projected population growth suggests a continuation of that trend



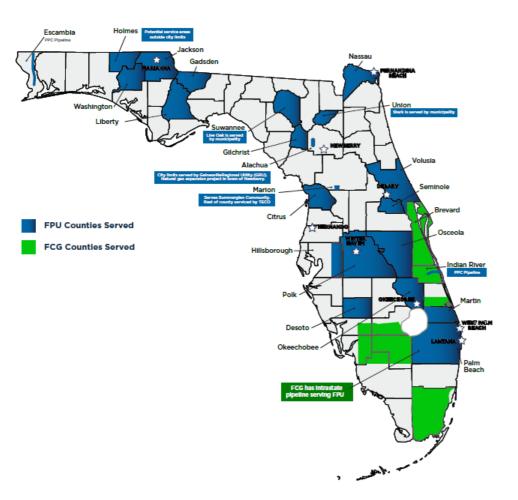


CPK will be better positioned to provide service in many areas across the state of Florida, covering half of the top 10 most populous counties in Florida.



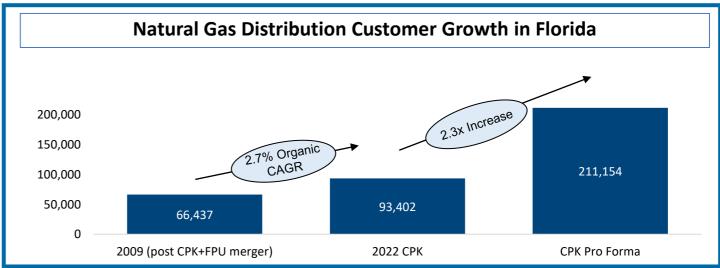
# Complementary Operations and Service Territories

Acquisition Positions CPK to Capture Additional Growth Opportunities Within Florida Beyond Existing CPK Footprint



#### **Transaction Complementary to CPK's Natural Gas Portfolio**

- CPK has core experience and expertise in all facets of natural gas operations, regulatory, supply, business development and project execution
- Expansion opportunities into unserved and underserved communities throughout a widened service territory





# Acquisition Enhances Growth Opportunities Across Platforms

	Organic Growth:	<ul> <li>FCG continued organic utility growth, with contracted residential projects representing more than 12,000 homes</li> <li>Approved cost recovery: ~\$105M SAFE program approved and in process, with ~\$205.5M proposal for continuation of the program through 2035 currently before the FL PSC</li> </ul>
	Gas Transmission:	<ul> <li>Various pipeline expansion opportunities to pursue</li> <li>Opportunities to provide the connection between LNG production and the space launch industry</li> </ul>
	Propane Distribution:	<ul> <li>Potential opportunities for community gas systems in currently unserved communities where natural gas is not available (permanent or temporary solution)</li> </ul>
	Marlin Gas Services:	<ul> <li>Opportunities to provide interim services during expansion construction or during maintenance</li> <li>Marlin CNG stations</li> </ul>
**	Sustainable Investments:	<ul> <li>LNG, RNG interconnects and storage</li> <li>Promotion of NG usage to free up by-products such as bagasse for green hydrogen production</li> <li>Evaluate opportunities for fleet conversion to CNG / RNG</li> </ul>



# Familiar Regulatory and Political Environment

Florida Has a Constructive and Supportive Regulatory Environment and is One of Four States Rated Above Average/2 or higher By S&P RRA

# Balanced State Energy Policy

- Florida recognizes importance of natural gas in energy mix
- No anti-natural gas policies

#### Public Service Commission Composition

 FL PSC comprised of five full-time Commissioners, all appointed by the Governor with confirmation from the Senate

#### **Timely Cost Recovery**

- Infrastructure modernization (GRIP investment of \$209M)
- Safety and reliability (FPUC: \$205M GUARD FCG: \$105M SAFE)
- Expanding infrastructure to underserved or unserved areas (AEP)
- Other cost recovery mechanisms for energy conservation costs and environmental remediation activity costs

#### **Other Factors**

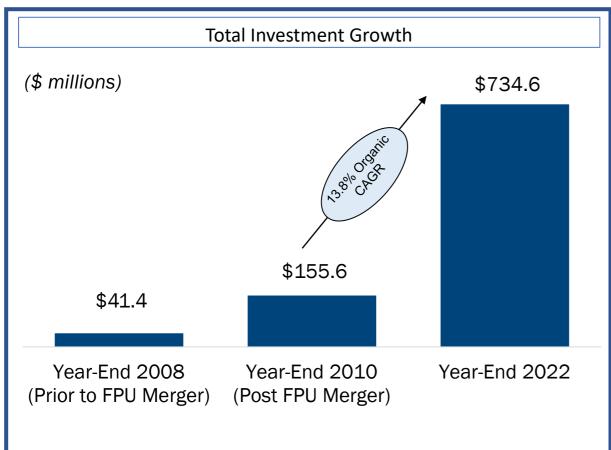
 FL PSC has approved positive acquisition adjustments when it can be shown that the acquisition is in the public interest

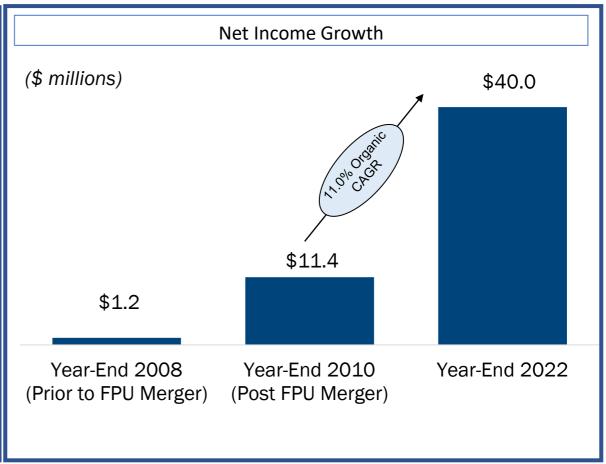
FPUC remains committed to its strong relationships throughout Florida with regulators, legislators, communities and customers



# CPK's Proven Track Record of Growth in Florida

#### **CPK Portfolio of Businesses in Florida**

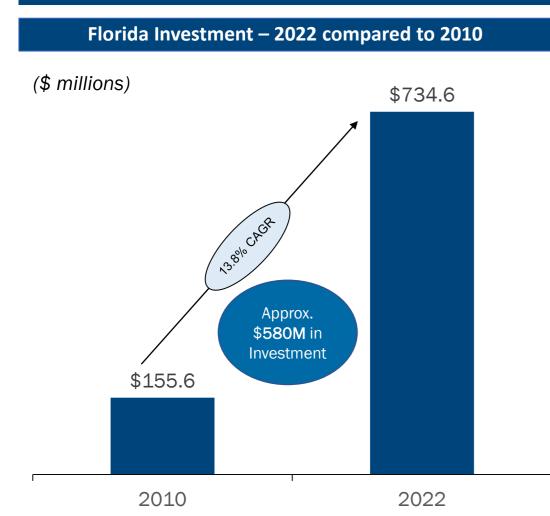






# CPK's Proven Track Record of Growth in Florida

From a \$125 million investment in 2009, the CPK-FPU merger paved the way for not only natural gas distribution expansion, but also for related new business operations in Florida



Investment Type	Commentary	Change in Investment (2010-2022)
Gas Distribution	Expansion into new areas such as Nassau County as well as reliability and infrastructure investments	+ \$279 million
Gas Transmission	Peninsula Pipeline Company links interstate pipelines to local distribution systems, industrial customers and power generation facilities	+ \$114 million
Electric Distribution	Electric distribution operations in the northeast and northwest of Florida	+ \$109 million
Virtual Pipeline Solutions	Capturing opportunities for mobile fuel and virtual pipeline solutions throughout North America	+ \$44 million
СНР	CPK's flagship CHP, Eight Flags, was built to address a customer's need, and today benefits multiple parts of our business	+ \$30 million
Propane	Smaller acquisitions; expanding to new areas through community gas systems; Autogas expansion	+ \$3 million
Sustainable Investments	Waste-to-energy production facilities and associated infrastructure	Construction underway*



<sup>\*</sup> CPK's first dairy manure RNG facility at Full Circle Dairy in Florida's Madison County is currently under construction.

# Capital Expenditure Guidance Update

### \$1.5-\$1.8 Billion 5-year Capital Investment Plan (2024-2028), a ~65% Increase from Previous Plan



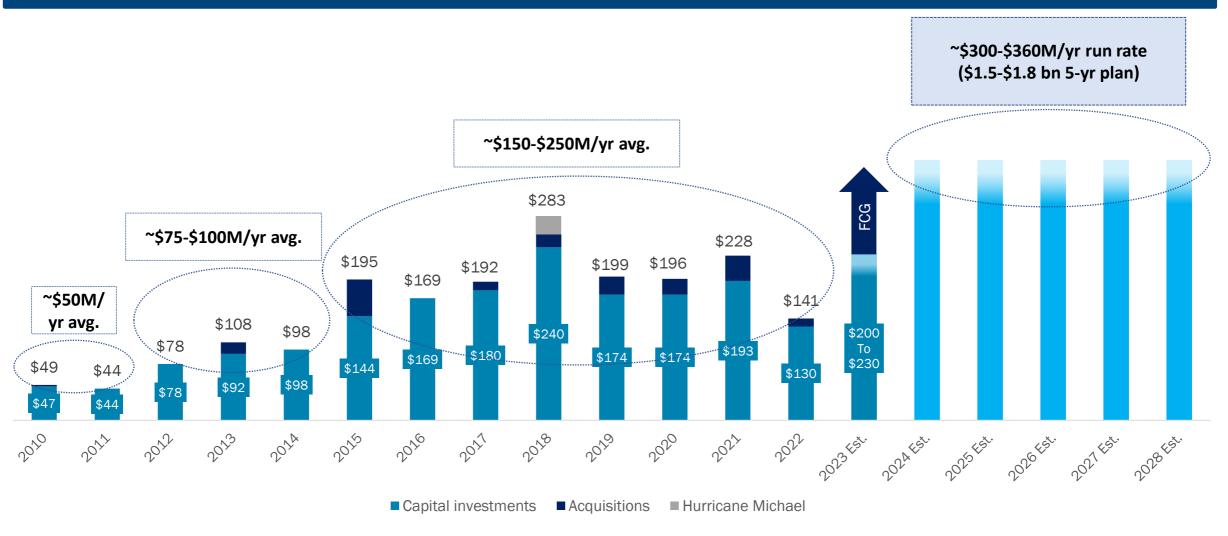
#### **Key Drivers of Increased Investment Plan**

- Investment in distribution systems to serve growing customer base and ensure reliability
- Investment in related infrastructure, including gas transmission that supports the utility systems
- Increase in capital investment projections for CPK's legacy businesses



# Track Record of Growing Capital Expenditures

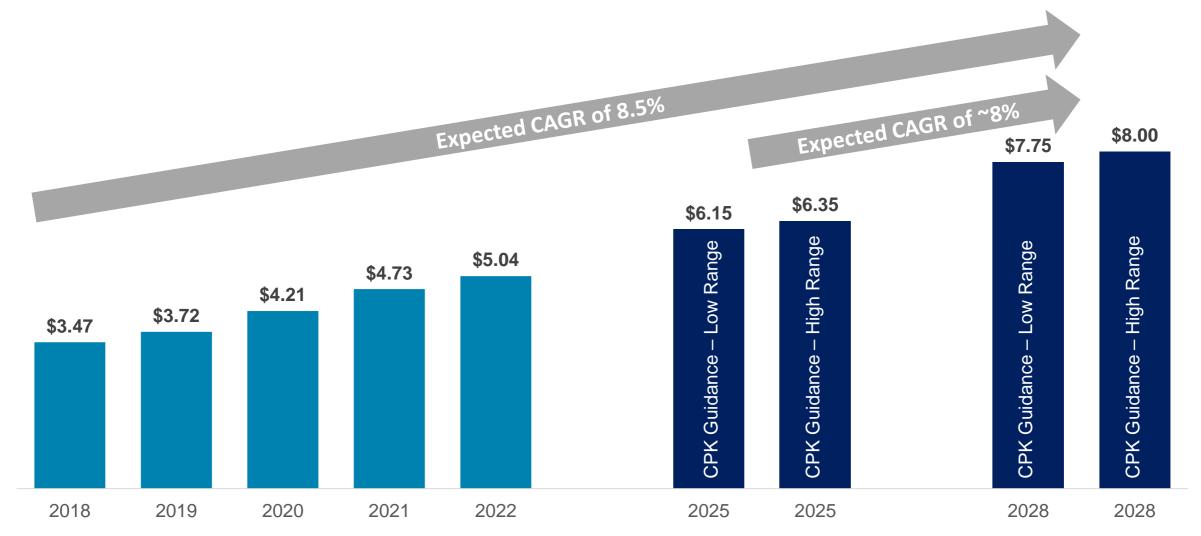
### Long Track Record of Successfully Growing Capital Investment Plan





# **Extending Earnings Growth Projections**

### **Earnings Per Share Growth Guidance Extended through 2028\***





<sup>\*</sup> Diluted Earnings Per Share Growth from Continuing Operations

# Capital Structure and Financing Plan

#### Maintaining a Strong Balance Sheet is a Priority

### **Financing Plan**

- Concurrent with signing of the purchase agreement CPK obtained committed financing from Barclays to the fund the purchase price
- Balanced financing plan<sup>1</sup> is expected to consist of equity and long-term debt to maintain our strong balance sheet:
  - ~\$400 million equity
  - ~\$550 million long-term debt
- Financing plan consistent with investment grade ratings profile

#### **CPK Capital Structure as of June 30, 2023**

(\$ thousands)

	6/30/2023
Stockholders' equity	\$ 864,228
Long-term debt, net of current maturities	645,742
Total permanent capitalization	\$ 1,509,970
Current portion of long-term debt	19,994
Short-term debt	95,807
Total capitalization and short-term financing	\$ 1,625,771
Equity to Permanent Capital	57.2%
Equity to Total Capitalization	53.2%



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# **Enhances CPK's Investment Proposition**

Transaction is a strong strategic fit; consistent with Chesapeake's historical M&A approach and demonstrated track record

More than doubles Chesapeake's operations in Florida, a premier utility jurisdiction

Enhances scale and efficiencies, with attractive investment opportunities across all five growth platforms

Expansion opportunities in unserved & underserved communities in widened service territory expected to drive shareholder value

Supports and extends EPS growth rate of 8% or greater; increases five-year capital investment plan ~65%

