

First Quarter 2013 Earnings Conference Call

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Our mission is to provide energy for life—safely, reliably, costeffectively and responsibly—to a growing number of customers with a high-performing workforce

Unitil Overview

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- Electric and natural gas utility operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts
 - 176,000 total gas and electric customers
- Regulated utility business model
- Growing operations and customers
 - Rate base growth
 - Natural gas system expansion
 - Usource
- Non-regulated energy brokering operations conducted through Usource
- Historic dividend stability
- Experienced management team

Unitil Service Areas



Q1 2013 Financial Results

First quarter 2013 net income of \$10.8 million, an increase of \$1.8 million, or 20.0% over the first quarter of 2012

- Results positively affected by colder winter weather in 2013 compared to last year, new customer growth and higher distribution base rates
- Earnings per share in 2013 reflect a higher number of average shares outstanding year-over-year from a ~\$70 million public equity offering completed in May 2012

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
(Millions except shares outstanding and EPS)	2013	2012
	(Unaudited)	(Unaudited)
Net Income to Common	\$10.8	\$9.0
Weighted-Average Shares Outstanding (000's)	13,750	10,921
Earnings Per Share	\$0.79	\$0.83

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Gas Growth Fundamentals

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Changing natural gas fundamentals are creating significant opportunities for growth in the local natural gas distribution industry

Increase in domestic natural gas production driven largely by shale gas resources

On a retail-delivered basis, natural gas is approximately 50% the cost of retail fuel oil

Typical residential customer saves on average ~\$1,500 / year with natural gas





Gas Growth Market Potential

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Serving 74,000 total gas customers currently

- Identified 55,000 potential new customers who are "on-the-main", but not currently taking gas service
 (90% residential / 10% C&I)
- Over 250,000 homes and businesses within existing service areas do not have natural gas

Growth plan target is to serve 92,000 total customers by 2016

Represents 25% total increase over current customer base



Gas Growth Customers and Rate Base



Gas customer additions significantly increasing since 2008 acquisition of Northern Utilities

- Added and converted over 2,000 customers in 2012, up approximately 50% from 2011
- In 2013, plan to target 4,000 customer additions and conversions

Gas rate base historical annual growth rate of 9%

- Driven by customer additions and pipe infrastructure replacement programs
- Expect to double 2008 gas rate base by 2016



Rate Case History



- Strong regulatory track record base rate relief to date has increased sales margins over 30%
- Continue to have favorable longer term rate plans including cost tracker mechanisms at Unitil Energy and • Granite State resulting in annual step adjustments through 2014
- New gas base rate cases for Northern Utilities were filed in the second quarter of 2013 at both Maine and ٠ **New Hampshire Divisions**
- New electric base rate case filing in Massachusetts for Fitchburg Electric Division expected early in the • third guarter of 2013



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- Manages over \$660 million annually in electric and gas energy contracts
- Serves over 1,200 customers
 - >90% customer retention rate
- Currently serves electricity and/or natural gas clients in 18 states
- Q1 2013 revenue of \$1.5 million
 - Increase of 15% over Q1 2012
- Q1 2013 forward book of revenue at an all-time high of \$9.3 million





Customers





Revenue

Gas Unit Sales and Margin



\$40

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\$10

\$0



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Electric Unit Sales and Margin S Unitil



Q1 2013 Variance Analysis

- Gas margin up \$3.2 million or 11.7%
- Electric margin up \$2.3 million or 14.3%
- O&M increase includes \$0.9 million of increased spending on vegetation management and electric reliability enhancement programs which is recovered in electric margin through cost trackers

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- D&A increase reflects normal utility plant additions and higher amortization of previously deferred major storm restoration costs of \$0.3 million which is recovered in electric margin through cost trackers
- Decrease in net interest expense reflects lower interest rates and lower borrowing balances



Q1 2013 Return on Equity

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Subsidiary LTM Q1 2013 Return on Equity

Company	Last Authorized ROE	03/13 Common Equity	03/13 LTM ROE ⁽¹⁾
Unitil Energy	9.67%	\$69.1	8.7%
Fitchburg (Electric)	9.20%	ФСБ 9	6.6%
Fitchburg (Gas)	9.20%	\$65.8	0.0%
Granite State	N/A	\$9.9	10.0%
Northern (New Hampshire)	9.50%	¢110 0	F 60/
Northern (Maine)	9.9% ⁽²⁾	\$118.9	5.6%

ROE calculated by dividing last twelve months GAAP Net Income to Common by Common Equity as of March 2013

Estimated Future Rate Adjustments

Unitil Energy

- Capital cost tracker in place to recover approximately 80% of annual change in net plant
- Estimated rate adjustments of \$1.5-\$3.0 million annually effective May 1, 2013 and 2014

Granite State

- Capital cost tracker in place to recover major transmission pipeline projects
- Estimated future rate adjustments of ~\$0.5 million annually on August 1, 2013 and 2014

Northern Utilities

 Total of \$9.8 million of rate relief requested in Maine and New Hampshire

Fitchburg (Electric Division)

• Preparing to file rate case 3Q 2013

⁽²⁾ Implied per final rate case Order

2013 Rate Case Filings



Total of \$9.8 million of rate relief requested for Northern Utilities

• Both filings include a comprehensive multi-year rate plan with cost tracker

Fitchburg Electric Division rate case to be filed early third quarter 2013



Key Investment Highlights

 Regulated local distribution utility business model

- Diversified natural gas and electric sales
- Growing operations and customer base
 - Utility rate base growth
 - Natural gas system expansion
 - Usource contribution
- Historic dividend stability
- Experienced management team

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