

### **2022 Full Year Earnings Webcast**

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# **Presenting Today**





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#### **Forward Looking Statements**

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# 2022 in Review

#### **Operational performance**

- Maintained safe and reliable service while reaching new all-time system peaks for both electric (Montana & South Dakota) and natural gas (Montana & Nebraska) systems in 2022
- EEI Emergency Response Award recipient following May derecho in South Dakota and June historic flooding in Montana and Yellowstone National Park
- One of very few utilities with <u>improved</u> JD Power Overall Customer Satisfaction scores in 2022 and most improved (<u>both</u> electric and gas) among "West Midsized" peers

#### Regulatory execution

• Filed Montana electric and natural gas rate review and received interim rates in October 2022

#### Safely completed a record level of capital investment

• \$580 million invested in 2022 and a \$510 million capital plan for 2023

#### Commitment to sustainability

Announced Net Zero by 2050 and published our TCFD / SASB aligned Sustainability Report

#### Driving reliability and affordability

- Negotiated agreement with Avista to transfer Colstrip ownership
- 222 megawatts, effective December 31, 2025 for zero purchase price



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# Why Colstrip?

#### Reliable

- Existing resource, ready to serve our Montana customers. Avoids lengthy planning, permitting and construction of a new facility that would stretch in-service beyond 2026.
- Reduces reliance on imported power and volatile markets, providing increased energy independence.
- In-state and on-system asset mitigating the transmission constraints we experience importing capacity.
- Adds critical long-duration, 24/7 on-demand generation necessary for balancing our existing portfolio.

#### Affordable

- <u>222 MW of capacity with no upfront capital costs and</u> <u>stable operating costs going forward.</u>
  - Equivalent new build would cost in excess of \$500 million.
  - Incremental operating costs are known and reasonable. Resulting variable generation costs represent a 90%+ discount to market prices incurred during December's polar vortex.
- In addition to no upfront capital, low and stably priced mine-mouth coal supply costs.

#### Sustainable

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- <u>We remain committed to our net zero goal by 2050.</u> This additional capacity, with a remaining life of up to 20 years, helps bridge the interim gap and will likely lead to less carbon post 2040.
- Yellowstone County Generating Station is potentially our last natural gas resource addition in Montana.
- Partners are committed to evaluate non-carbon long-duration alternative resources for the site.
- Keeps the existing plant open and retains its highly skilled jobs vital to the Colstrip community.
- Protects existing ownership interests with an ultimate goal of majority ownership of Unit 4.

NorthWestern Energy executed an agreement with Avista Corporation for the transfer of Avista's ownership interests in Colstrip Units 3 & 4.

- Effective date of transfer: 12/31/2025
- Generating capacity: 222 MW
- Transfer price: \$0.00

# December 2022 Polar Vortex



The chart illustrates the actual resource specific contribution of energy, the capacity deficit we faced, and the market price of power during the late December 2022 multi-day cold weather event in Montana. As a result of our capacity deficit, we were reliant upon the high and volatile power market a majority of the time to meet customer demand.

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	I	Existing 22	2 MW of Co	olstri	р	Colstrip Cost	Estimated Market Cost			
	MWh	Variable	+ Fixed	=	Total	vs. Market	Total	Avg. \$ Per Mwh		
Dec. 20-26	35,580	\$0.8	\$1.4		\$2.2	(\$9.8)	\$12.0	\$336.14		
Dec. 21-23	15,467	\$0.4	\$0.5		\$0.9	(\$5.7)	\$6.6	\$427.64		
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Colstrip costs significantly lower than market

### **2022 Financial Results**



#### Fourth Quarter EPS vs Prior Period

- GAAP: **↑** \$0.20 (or 21%)
- Non-GAAP\*: **↑** \$0.09 (or 9%)



#### **Full Year EPS vs Prior Period**

- GAAP: 🕹 \$0.35 (or 10%)
- Non-GAAP\*: **↓** \$0.33 (or 10%)



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# 2022 Comparison to Guidance

**Significant Drivers** 

The dramatic rise in interest rates, inflationary impacts to operating costs, and volatility of market supply costs presented significant headwinds in 2022. In addition, extreme weather conditions in late December drove higher supply costs (which we don't fully, or timely, recover) and higher operating costs across the system. While we adjust the favorable weather out on a non-GAAP basis, we leave the costs in. While we were able to offset significant headwinds throughout the year, results were ultimately outside our guidance range.



#### 2022 Diluted EPS

# Fourth Quarter Financial Results

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(in millions except per share amounts)	Thre	e Mo	nths End	ed De	cember	31,
	2022		2021	Va	riance	% Variance
Operating Revenues	\$ 425.2	\$	347.3	\$	77.9	22.4%
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion)	152.9		114.4		38.5	33.7%
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	272.3		232.9		39.4	16.9%
Operating Expenses						
Operating and maintenance	60.7		49.0		11.7	23.9%
Administrative and general	26.8		22.3		4.5	20.2%
Property and other taxes	52.2		35.0		17.2	49.1%
Depreciation and depletion	 49.3		46.6		2.7	5.8%
Total Operating Expenses	189.0		152.9		36.1	23.6%
Operating Income	83.3		80.0		3.3	4.1%
Interest expense	(27.1)		(23.4)		(3.7)	(15.8%)
Other income, net	7.6		(5.7)		13.3	233.3%
Income Before Taxes	 63.8		50.9		12.9	25.3%
Income tax benefit	2.9		0.4		2.5	625.0%
Net Income	\$ 66.7	\$	51.3	\$	15.4	30.0%
Effective Tax Rate	(4.5%)		(0.8%)		-3.6%	
Diluted Shares Outstanding	58.5		53.6		4.9	9.2%
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$1.16	\$	0.96	\$	0.20	20.8%
Dividends Paid per Common Share	\$ 0.63	\$	0.62	\$	0.01	1.6%
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(1) Utility Margin is a non-GAAP Measure See appendix slide titled "Explaining Utility Margin" for additional disclosure.

# Fourth Quarter EPS Bridge



Solid improvement in fourth quarter earnings per share driven by weather, customer growth and Montana interim rates offset by increased operating expense (including property taxes and depreciation), interest expense and dilution from higher average shares outstanding.

See slide 10 and *"Non-GAAP Financial Measures"* slide in the appendix for additional detail on this measure.

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(in millions)	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	Favorable Weather	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07) [1]	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	<u>Varia</u> \$	%	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021	QF Liability - adjustment associated with one-time clarification of contract term	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07)	Unfavorable Weather	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021
Revenues Fuel, supply & dir. tx	\$425.2 152.9	(2.3)			\$422.9 152.9	\$69.9 38.5	19.8% 33.7%	\$353.0 114.4	0.5			5.2	\$347.3 114.4
Utility Margin (2)	272.3	(2.3)	-	-	270.0	31.4	13.2%	238.6	0.5	-	-	5.2	232.9
Op. Expenses OG&A Expense Prop. & other taxes Depreciation Total Op. Exp.	87.5 52.2 49.3 <b>189.0</b>	-	(2.0)	(0.6)	84.9 52.2 49.3 <b>186.4</b>	3.4 17.2 2.7 <b>23.3</b>	4.2% 49.1% <u>5.8%</u> <b>14.3%</b>	81.5 35.0 46.6 <b>163.1</b>	-	0.1	10.1 <b>10.1</b>	-	71.3 35.0 46.6 <b>152.9</b>
Op. Income	83.3	(2.3)	2.0	0.6	83.6	8.1	10.7%	75.5	0.5	(0.1)	(10.1)	5.2	80.0
Interest expense Other (Exp.) Inc., net	(27.1) 7.6	(2.3)	(2.0)	(0.6)	(27.1) 5.0	(3.7) 0.5	-15.8% 11.1%	(23.4)		0.1	10.1	J.2	(23.4) (5.7)
Pretax Income	63.8	(2.3)	-	-	61.5	4.9	8.7%	56.6	0.5	-	-	5.2	50.9
Income tax (Exp) / Ben	2.9	0.6	-	-	3.5	4.5	431.8%	(1.0)	(0.1)	-	-	(1.3)	0.4
Net Income	\$66.7	(1.7)	-	-	\$65.0	\$9.4	16.9%	\$55.6	0.4	-	-	3.9	\$51.3
ETR	-4.5%	25.3%	-	-	-5.7%			1.8%	25.3%	-	-	25.3%	-0.8%
Diluted Shares	58.5				58.5	4.9	9.1%	53.6					53.6
Diluted EPS	\$1.16	(0.03)	-	-	\$1.13	\$0.09	8.7%	\$1.04	0.01	-	-	0.07	\$0.96

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# **Full Year Financial Results**

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in millions except per share amounts)	Twel	ve M	onths End	ded D	ecember	31,
	2022		2021	Va	ariance	% Variance
Operating Revenues Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission	\$ 1,477.8	\$	1,372.3	\$	105.5	7.7%
expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion)	492.0		425.5		66.5	15.6%
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	985.8		946.8		39.0	4.1%
Operating Expenses						
Operating and maintenance	221.4		208.3		13.1	6.3%
Administrative and general	113.8		101.9		11.9	11.7%
Property and other taxes	192.5		173.4		19.1	11.0%
Depreciation and depletion	 195.0		187.5		7.5	4.0%
Total Operating Expenses	722.7		671.1		51.6	7.7%
Operating Income	263.1		275.7		(12.6)	(4.6%)
Interest expense	(100.1)		(93.7)		(6.4)	(6.8%)
Other income, net	19.4		8.2		11.2	136.6%
Income Before Taxes	 182.4		190.2		(7.8)	(4%)
Income tax benefit (expense)	0.6		(3.4)		4.0	(117.6%)
Net Income	\$ 183.0	\$	186.8	\$	(3.8)	(2.0%)
Effective Tax Rate	(0.3%)		1.8%		(2.1%)	
Diluted Average Shares Outstanding	56.3		51.9		4.4	8.5%
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 3.25	\$	3.60	\$	(0.35)	(9.7%)
Dividends Paid per Common Share	\$ 2.52	\$	2.48	\$	0.04	1.6%
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After-tax Earnings Per Share

# Full Year EPS Bridge

#### \$4.50 \$0.35 9.7% \$0.36 \$4.00 \$(0.15) \$3.60 \$(0.11) \$(0.09) \$3.50 \$(0.08) \$(0.01) \$3.25 \$3.18 \$(0.27) \$(0.07) \$3.00 \$2.50 \$2.00 \$1.50 \$1.00 After-Tax Favorable / (Unfavorable) Earnings Per Share Drivers \$0.50 Impacting Net Income 25.3% Effective Tax Rate Ś-2021 All Other Dilution Non-GAAP Higher Higher Higher Higher Higher 2022 GAAP Utility (including from GAAP after tax Operating, Depreciation Interest Property Diluted & Depletion & Other Margin General Expense Flow-through Share Diluted adjustments EPS & Admin Expense Taxes Inc. Tax Ben.) Count EPS Expenses $\mathbf{T}$ $\mathbf{T}$ $\uparrow$ $\uparrow$ $\mathbf{T}$ $\mathbf{T}$ $\uparrow$ $\mathbf{T}$ Pre-Tax (\$M) \$24.9 (\$7.5) (\$10.9)(\$6.4)(\$5.5)(\$2.4) (\$6.4) After-Tax (\$M) \$18.7 (\$8.1) (\$5.6) (\$4.8)(\$4.1)(\$0.8) (\$4.1)-Diluted EPS \$0.36 (\$0.15) (\$0.11)(\$0.09) (\$0.08)(\$0.01)(\$0.27)(\$0.07)

Full year earnings per share driven by increased operating expense (including property taxes and depreciation), interest expense and dilution from higher average shares outstanding. These determents were partly offset by weather, customer growth and Montana interim rates.

See slide 14 and *"Non-GAAP Financial Measures"* slide in the appendix for additional detail on this measure.

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# Full Year Utility Margin Bridge

#### Pre-tax Millions



# \$24.9 Million or 2.6% increase in Utility Margin due to items that impact Net Income.

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(in millions)	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	Favorable Weather	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07)	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Community Renewable Energy Project Penalty (not tax deductible)	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	<u>Varia</u> \$	%	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021	QF Liability - adjustment associated with one-time clarification of contract	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07)	Unfavorable Weather	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021
Revenues	\$1,477.8	(8.9)	-	-	-	\$1,468.9	\$102.4	7.5%	\$1,366.5	(6.9)	-	-	1.1	\$1,372.3
Fuel, supply & dir. tx	492.0 985.8	(8.9)	-	-	-	492.0 976.9	66.5 35.9	<u>15.6%</u> 3.8%	425.5 941.0	- (6.9)	-	-	- 1.1	425.5 946.8
Utility Margin (2) Op. Expenses OG&A Expense Prop. & other taxes Depreciation	335.2 192.5 195.0	(0.9) - -	- (6.0) - -	- (0.1) -	- - -	329.1 192.5 195.0	13.3 19.1 7.5	4.2% 11.0% 4.0%	315.8 173.4 187.5		- (1.3) -	- 6.9 - -	-	310.2 173.4 187.5
Total Op. Exp.	722.7	-	(6.0)	(0.1)	-	716.6	39.9	5.9%	676.7	-	(1.3)	6.9	-	671.1
Op. Income	263.1	(8.9)	6.0	0.1	-	260.3	(4.0)	-1.5%	264.3	(6.9)	1.3	(6.9)	1.1	275.7
Interest expense Other Inc. (Exp.), net	(100.1) 19.4	-	- (6.0)	- (0.1)	- 2.5	(100.1) 15.8	(6.4) 2.0	-6.8% 14.5%	(93.7) 13.8	-	- (1.3)	- 6.9	-	(93.7) 8.2
Pretax Income	182.4	(8.9)	-	-	2.5	176.0	(8.4)	-4.6%	184.4	(6.9)	-	-	1.1	190.2
Income tax Ben / (Exp	0.6	2.3	-	-	-	2.9	4.9	241.1%	(2.0)	1.7	-	-	(0.3)	(3.4)
Net Income	\$183.0	(6.6)	-	-	2.5	\$178.9	(\$3.5)	-1.9%	\$182.4	(5.2)	-	-	0.8	\$186.8
ETR Diluted Shares	-0.3% 56.3	25.3%		-	0.0%	-1.6% 56.3	4.4	8.5%	1.1% 51.9	25.3%	-	-	25.3%	1.8% 51.9
Diluted EPS	\$3.25	(0.11)	-	-	0.04	\$3.18	(\$0.33)	-9.4%	\$3.51	(0.10)	-	-	0.01	\$3.60

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# **Full Year Cash Flow**

	Twelve Mor Decem	-
(dollars in millions)	2022	 2021
Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$ 183.0	\$ 186.8
Non-Cash adjustments to net income	183.1	187.5
Changes in working capital	(37.0)	(120.6)
Other non-current assets & liabilities	(21.9)	(33.7)
Cash provided by Operating Activities	307.2	220.0
Cash used in Investing Activities	(516.8)	(435.8)
Cash provided by Financing Activities	213.3	217.5
Cash provided by Operating Activities	\$ 307.2	\$ 220.0
Less: Changes in working capital	(37.0)	(120.6)
Funds from Operations	\$ 344.2	\$ 340.6
PP&E additions	515.1	434.3
Capital expenditures included in trade accounts payable	64.8	29.0
Total Capital Investment	\$ 579.9	\$ 463.3

Cash from Operating Activities increased by \$87.2 million primarily due to \$78.0 million increase in collection of energy supply costs from customers.

### Funds from Operations increased by \$3.6 million over prior period.

N		lected Supply n millions)	Costs
	Beginning (Jan. 1)	Ending (Dec. 31)	Outflow
2021	\$4.8	\$99.1	(\$94.3)
2022	\$99.1	\$115.4	(\$16.3)
2022 Ir	nprovement	(less outflow)	\$78.0

We anticipate issuing \$75 million of common stock through our At-the-Market program in 2023. Debt maturities are manageable with approximately \$144 million due in 2023.

Financing plans (targeting a FFO to Debt ratio > 14%) are expected maintain our current credit ratings and are subject to change.

# **Financial Outlook**

- 2023 earnings guidance is expected to be provided following an outcome in our pending Montana rate review.
- \$510 million capital plan for 2023 (inclusive of \$80 million of investment specific to Yellowstone County Generating Station).
- Long-term growth targets remain; 3-6% EPS and 4-5% rate base.
- ✓ 2023 annualized dividend of \$2.56 is expected to be above targeted 60-70% payout ratio. Over the longer-term, we expect to maintain a dividend payout ratio within a targeted 60-70% range.
- Financing plans are intended to maintain current credit ratings; targeting FFO to debt ratio greater than 14%.





# **Capital Investment**





#### \$2.4 billion of forecasted low-risk capital investment opportunity...

- Capital investment addresses generation and transmission capacity constraints, grid modernization and renewable energy integration. This does not include any incremental opportunities related to additional supply investment.
- This sustainable level of capex is expected to drive an annualized rate base growth of approximately 4%-5%.
- We expect to finance this capital with a combination of cash flows from operations, first mortgage bonds and equity issuances.

\* Historical Capital Investment includes property, plant and equipment additions, acquisitions and capital expenditures included in accounts payable.

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# Looking Forward

#### 175 megawatt Yellowstone County generating project in Montana

- Construction began in April 2022
- Construction costs of approximately \$275 million with \$154.9 million invested to date
- Current schedule anticipates commercial operation during 2024\*

### Electric Supply Resource Plans

South Dakota

- Filed an updated integrated resource plan in September 2022
- Plan identifies 43 megawatts as retire and replace candidates with potential for competitive solicitation during 2023-2024

#### <u>Montana</u>

Expect to submit an integrated resource plan to the MPSC by the end of March 2023.

\* On October 21, 2021, the Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC) and the Sierra Club filed a lawsuit in Montana State Court, against the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and us, alleging that the environmental analysis conducted prior to issuance of the Yellowstone County project's air quality permit was inadequate. The Montana District Court judge held oral argument on June 20, 2022. We expect a decision in 2023. This lawsuit, as well as additional legal challenges related to the Yellowstone County plant, could delay the project timing. Construction continues while we are awaiting this decision.





The recently completed 58-megawatt Bob Glanzer Generating Station in Huron, South Dakota, provides on-demand resources to support the variability of wind and solar projects coming onto our system and the grid in our region and help serve our customers during extended periods of peak demand.

### Conclusion





# Appendix Montana Rate Review Progress – Next Steps

- Requested base rate increase supports <u>over a billion dollars invested in Montana critical</u> <u>infrastructure</u>, while keeping operating costs below the rate of inflation, since our last rate reviews.
- On September 28, 2022, the MPSC approved the recommendations of the MPSC Staff for interim rates effective October 1, 2022, subject to refund. Final rates, once approved, will be retroactive back to interim effective date.

#### **Procedural Schedule**

- 03/06/2023 NorthWestern to file rebuttal testimony
- 04/03/2023 Pre-hearing memoranda due and final day for stipulations and settlement agreements

04/11/2023 - Hearing commences and continues day-to-day, as necessary







### **Regulated Utility Five-Year Capital Forecast**



2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 \$ Millions Electric 327 309 348 367 363 Natural Gas 143 123 125 115 140 \$434 \$463 \$503 **Total Capital Forecast** \$510 450

Electric Supply Resource Plans - Our energy resource plans identify portfolio resource requirements including potential investments. Included within our projections is approximately \$120.0 million of capital to complete construction of the 175 MW Yellowstone County Generating Station to be on line in 2024.

#### Distribution and Transmission

Modernization and Maintenance - The primary goals of our infrastructure investments are to reverse the trend in aging infrastructure, maintain reliability, proactively manage safety, build capacity into the system, and prepare our network for the adoption of new technologies. We are taking a proactive and pragmatic approach to replacing these assets while also evaluating the implementation of additional technologies to prepare the overall system for smart grid applications. Beginning in 2021, and continuing through 2025, we are installing automated metering infrastructure in Montana at a total cost of approximately \$112.0 million, of which, \$66.1 million remains and is reflected in the five year capital forecast.

#### **\$2.4 billion of highly-executable and low-risk capital investment**





### Montana Rate Review

Montana	Rate Revi	ew	
	Electric	Nat. Gas	Total
Current ROE	9.65%	9.55%	
Current Equity Ratio	49.38%	46.79%	
Proposed ROE	10.60%	10.60%	
Proposed Equity Ratio	48.02%	48.02%	
Forecasted 2022 Rate Base (\$Millions)	\$2,790	\$575	\$3,365
Net Rate Base Increase (\$Millions)	\$453	\$143	\$596

Requested Revenue Increase

	Electric	Nat. Gas	Total
Base Rates - owned electric generation, natural gas production / storage, transmission and distribution	\$91.8	\$20.2	\$112.0
PCCAM - Power Cost & Credit Adjustment Mechanism	\$68.1	n/a	\$68.1
Property Tax (tracker true-up)	\$11.1	\$2.8	\$13.9
Total	\$171.0	\$23.0	\$194.0

Approximately 42% of the requested total electric and natural gas revenue increase is driven by flow-through costs including market power purchases and property taxes.

		Interii	m F	Rates (sub	ject to refund)						
Interim Requested				Interim Granted (effective Oct.1 2022)							
Electric	Nat. Gas	Total		Electric	Nat. Gas	Total					
\$35.5	\$3.0	\$38.5		\$29.4	\$1.7	\$31.1					
\$68.1	n/a	\$68.1		\$61.1	n/a	<b>\$</b> 61.1					
\$11.1	\$2.8	\$13.9			recovery defer tatutory tracker						
\$114.7	\$5.8	\$120.5		\$90.5	\$1.7	\$92.2					

# Appendix Rate Base & Authorized Return Summary

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Estimate as of 12/31/2022				Y	ear-end			
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	Implementation	Ra	ate Base	Ra	ite Base	Overall Rate	Return on	Authorized
Jurisdiction and Service	Date	(r	millions)	(r	nillions)	of Return	Equity	Equity Level
Montana electric delivery and production (1)	April 2019 (4)	\$	2,030.1	\$	2,675.8	6.92%	9.65%	49.38%
Montana - Colstrip Unit 4	April 2019	\$	304.0	\$	271.3	8.25%	10.00%	50.00%
Montana natural gas delivery and production (2)	September 2017 (4)	\$	430.2	\$	643.3	6.96%	9.55%	46.79%
Total Montana		\$	2,764.3	\$	3,590.4			
South Dakota electric (3)	December 2015	\$	557.3	\$	799.6	7.24%	n/a	n/a
South Dakota natural gas (3)	December 2011	\$	65.9	\$	97.8	7.80%	n/a	n/a
Total South Dakota		\$	623.2	\$	897.4			
Nebraska natural gas (3)	December 2007	\$	24.3	\$	49.9	8.49%	10.40%	n/a
Total NorthWestern Energy		\$	3,411.8	\$	4,537.7			

(1) The revenue requirement associated with the FERC regulated portion of Montana electric transmission and ancillary services are included as revenue credits to our MPSC jurisdictional customers. Therefore, we do not separately reflect FERC authorized rate base or authorized returns.

(2) The Montana gas revenue requirement includes a step down which approximates annual depletion of our natural gas production assets included in rate base.

(3) For those items marked as "n/a," the respective settlement and/or order was not specific as to these terms.

(4) On August 8, 2022, we filed a Montana electric and natural gas rate review filing (2021 test year) requesting an increase to our authorized rate base, return on equity, and equity level in our capital structure. We expect a final order regarding this rate review in 2023.

#### **Coal Generation Rate Base as a percentage of Total Rate Base**



Revenue from coal generation is not easily identifiable due to the use of bundled rates in South Dakota and other rate design and accounting considerations. However, NorthWestern is a fully regulated utility company for which rate base is the primary driver for earnings. The data to the left illustrates that NorthWestern only derives approximately 9 -14% of earnings from its jointly owned coal generation rate base.

# **Colstrip Transaction Overview**

NorthWestern Energy executed an agreement with Avista Corporation (Exit Agreement) for the transfer of Avista's ownership interests in Colstrip Units 3 and 4.

- Effective date of transfer: December 31, 2025
- Generating capacity: 222 MW (bringing our total ownership to 444 MW)
- Transfer price: \$0.00

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- NorthWestern will be responsible for operational and capital costs beginning January 1, 2026.
  - The agreement does not require approval by the Montana Public Service Commission (MPSC). We expect to work with the MPSC in a future docket for cost recovery in 2026.
  - NorthWestern will have the right to exercise Avista's vote with respect to capital expenditures<sup>1</sup> between now and 2025 with Avista responsible for its pro rata share<sup>2</sup>.
- Avista will retain its existing environmental and decommissioning obligations through life of plant.
- Under the Colstrip Ownership & Operating Agreement, each of the owners will have a 90-day period in which to evaluate the transaction between NorthWestern and Avista to determine whether to exercise their respective right of first refusal.
- We expect to file our Montana Integrated Resource Plan during the first quarter 2023. This transaction is expected to satisfy our capacity needs in Montana for at least the next 5 years.

<sup>1.</sup> Avista retains the vote related to remediation activities.

<sup>2.</sup> Avista bears its current project share (15%) costs through 2025, other than "Enhancement Work Costs" for which it bears a time-based pro-rata share. Enhancement Work Costs are costs that are not performed on a least-costs basis or are intended to extend the life of the facility beyond 2025. See the Exit Agreement for additional detail.



# Why Colstrip?

#### **Reduces Risk**

- We are in a supply capacity crisis due to lack of resource adequacy, with approx. 40% of our customers' peak needs on the market. This transaction will reduce our need to import expensive capacity during critical times.
- Establishes clarity regarding operations past 2025 Washington state legislation deadline.
- Reduces PCCAM risk sharing for customers and shareholders.

#### **Bill Headroom**

• Stable pricing reduces impact of market volatility and high energy prices on customers.



#### Aligned with 'All of the Above' energy transition in Montana

- Supports our generating portfolio that is nearly 60% carbon-free today.
- Provides future opportunity at the site while supporting economic development in Montana.
- Agreement considers the appropriate balance of reliability, affordability and sustainability.



# Facility Ownership Overview

Mitigating today's capacity crisis while creating a sustainable glide path to the cost-effective carbon-free technologies of tomorrow

				Announced S	Sep. 12, 2022		Executed Jan. 16, 2023			
	Ownership	Current Colstrip Ownership Structure (megawatts)		185 MW of bo transfe	D26 Exit Agreement 5 MW of both Units 3 & 4 transfer from Iget Sound → Talen		1 MW of bo transfo	t Agreement both Units 3 & 4 sfer from NorthWester		
	Unit 3	Unit 4		Unit 3	<u>Unit 4</u>		Unit 3	Unit 4		
Avista	111	111		111	111 —	$\neg$				
NorthWestern		222			222	$\searrow$	▶ 111	333		
PacifiCorp	74	74		74	74		74	74		
Portland	148	148		148	148		148	148		
Puget	185	185 —								
Talen	222			→ 407	185		407	185		
Total	740	740		740	740		740	740		

NorthWestern is actively working with the other owners to resolve outstanding issues, including the associated pending legal proceedings. Additionally, the owners intend to pursue a mutually beneficial reallocation (swap) of megawatts between the two units that would ideally provide NorthWestern with a controlling (> 370 megawatts) share of Unit 4.

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# **Our Net-Zero Vision**



Over the past 100 years, NorthWestern Energy has maintained our commitment to provide customers with reliable and affordable electric and natural gas service while also being good stewards of the environment. We have responded to climate change, its implications and risks, by increasing our environmental sustainability efforts and our access to clean energy resources. But more must be done. We are committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

- Committed to achieving net-zero by 2050 for Scope 1 and 2 emissions
- Must balance Affordability, Reliability and Sustainability in this transition
- No new carbon emitting generation additions after 2035
- Pipeline modernization, enhanced leak detection and development of alternative fuels for natural gas business
- Electrify fleet and add charging infrastructure
- Carbon offsets likely needed to ultimately achieve net-zero
- Please visit <u>www.NorthWesternEnergy.com/NetZero</u> to learn more about our Net Zero Vision.





### Utility Margin (Full Year)

(dollars in millions)	12 Months Ended December 31,										
	2022	2021	Variance								
Electric	\$ 782.1	\$ 757.4	\$ 24.7	3.3%							
Natural Gas	203.7	189.4	14.3	7.6%							
Total Utility Margin (1)	\$ 985.8	\$ 946.8	\$ 39.0	4.1%							

#### Increase in utility margin due to the following factors:

- \$ 14.8 Higher electric retail volumes
  - 9.5 Montana interim rates (subject to refund)
  - 8.1 Higher natural gas retail volumes
  - (4.8) Lower transmission revenue (due primarily to \$4.7M prior year recognition of deferred transmission interim rates)
  - (2.4) Less favorable electric QF liability adjustment
  - (1.8) Higher non-recoverable Montana electric supply costs
  - (0.8) Reduction of rates from the step down of natural gas production assets 2.3 Other
- \$ 24.9 Change in Utility Margin Items <u>Impacting</u> Net Income
- \$ 13.3 Higher property taxes recovered in revenue, offset in property tax expense
  - 2.5 Higher operating expenses recovered in revenue, offset in O&M expense
  - 0.3 Higher gas production taxes recovered in revenue, offset in property & other taxes
  - (2.0) Lower revenue from higher production tax credits, offset in income tax expense
- \$ 14.1 Change in Utility Margin Offset Within Net Income
- **\$ 39.0** Increase in Utility Margin



(1) Utility Margin is a non-GAAP Measure See appendix slide titled "Explaining Utility Margin" for additional disclosure.



# Operating Expenses (Full Year)

(dollars in millio	ns)	Twelv	e Months End	ed December 3	1,
		2022	2021	Varia	nce
Operating &	k maintenance	\$ 221.4	\$ 208.3	\$ 13.1	6.3%
Administrat	ive & general	113.8	101.9 \$	<sup>25.0</sup> 11.9	11.7%
Property an	d other taxes	192.5	173.4	19.1	11.0%
Depreciatio	n and depletion	195.0	187.5	7.5	4.0%
Operating	Expenses <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 722.7	\$ 671.1	\$ 51.6	7.7%
Increase	in operating expenses	due to the follow	wing factors:		
\$ 7.5 5.5 2.2 2.0 1.9	Higher depreciation exper Higher property tax expen Higher insurance expense Increase in uncollectible a Higher cost of materials	ise due to an increas e	se in the estimate		
1.8 1.6 1.6 1.0	Higher technology implem Higher travel expenses Higher fleet fuel costs Higher advertising expense		enance expense	(1)	In order to present the and benefits, we have in the non-service cost pension and other post which is recorded with

- 0.4 Higher expenses at our electric generation facilities
- (2.1)Lower labor and benefits (1)
- (1.6)Prior year write off of preliminary construction costs
  - 2.1 Other

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- \$ 23.9 Change in Operating Expense Items Impacting Net Income
- 13.6 Higher property and other taxes recovered in trackers, offset in revenue S
  - 12.8 Higher pension and other postretirement benefits, offset in other income<sup>(1)</sup>
  - 2.5 Higher operating and maintenance expenses recovered in trackers, offset in revenue
  - (1.2)Lower non-employee directors deferred compensation, offset in other income
  - 27.7 Change in Operating Expense Items Offset Within Net Income
- \$ 51.6 Increase in Operating Expenses

- expenses. (2)transmission expense)"
  - (excluding fuel, purchased supply and direct

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Income. This change is offset within this table as it does not affect our operating



### Operating to Net Income (Full Year)

(dollars in millions)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,										
	2022	2021	Varia	ance							
Operating Income	\$ 263.1	\$ 275.7	\$ (12.6)	(4.6%)							
Interest expense	(100.1)	(93.7)	(6.4)	(6.8%)							
Other income, net	19.4	8.2	11.2	136.6%							
Income Before Taxes	182.4	190.2	(7.8)	(4.1%)							
Income tax benefit (expense)	0.6	(3.4)	4.0	117.6%							
Net Income	\$ 183.0	\$ 186.8	\$ (3.8)	(2.0%)							

**\$6.4 million increase in interest expenses** was primarily due to higher interest rates on borrowings under our revolving credit facilities, partly offset by higher capitalization of allowance for funds used during construction (AFUDC).

**\$11.2 million increase in other income** was primarily due to a decrease in the nonservice cost component of pension expense and higher capitalization of AFUDC, partly offset by a \$2.5 million CREP penalty, which relates to litigation we have been involved in associated with our past progress towards meeting obligations to acquire renewable energy projects as mandated by the recently repealed Montana CREP requirement, and a decrease in the value of deferred shares held in trust for non-employee directors deferred compensation (which is offset in operating expense)..

**\$4.0 million Income tax improvement** was primarily due to lower pre-tax income along with higher flow-through benefits.





(in millions)	Tw	elve Mont	hs Ended	December	31,
	20	22	20	21	Variance
Income Before Income Taxes	\$182.4		\$190.2		(\$7.8)
Income tax calculated at federal statutory rate	38.3	21.0%	40.0	21.0%	(1.7)
Permanent or flow through adjustments:					
State income taxes, net of federal provisions	0.6	0.3%	0.4	0.1%	0.2
Flow - through repairs deductions	(22.7)	(12.4%)	(21.9)	(11.5%)	(0.8)
Production tax credits	(13.2)	(7.2%)	(11.5)	(6.1%)	(1.7)
Amortization of excess deferred income tax (DIT)	(1.7)	(0.9%)	(0.6)	(0.3%)	(1.1)
Income tax return to accrual adjustment	(1.4)	(0.8%)	-	0.0%	(1.4)
Plant and depreciation of flow-through items	(0.2)	(0.1%)	(0.9)	(0.6%)	0.7
Other, net	(0.3)	(0.2%)	(2.1)	(0.8%)	1.8
Sub-total	(38.9)	(21.3%)	(36.6)	(19.2%)	(2.3)
Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	\$ (0.6)	(0.3%)	\$ 3.4	1.8%	\$ (4.0)





### Weather (Full Year)



#### Drought Conditions in Montana vs 30-Year Normal

Intensity	Week	Date	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	DSCI	
None	Current	2023-01-24	4.81	95.19	59.89	37.00	10.80	0.00	203	Source
D0 (Abnormally Dry) D1 (Moderate Drought)	Last Week	2023-01-17	7.84	92.16	59.89	36.33	10.80	0.00	199	<u>www.c</u> gov/sta
D2 (Severe Drought)	3 Months Ago	2022-10-25	10.43	89.57	74.32	41.97	15.61	0.00	221	monta
D3 (Extreme Drought)	Start of Calendar Year	2022-12-27	12.08	87.92	59.92	35.11	12.16	0.00	195	
D4 (Exceptional Drought)	Start of Water Year	2022-09-27	5.40	94.60	77.46	45.05	12.35	0.00	229	
No Data	One Year Ago	2022-01-25	7.50	92.50	89.22	85.89	45.54	7.64	321	

Approximately 60% of the state of Montana is in moderate and 37% in severe drought conditions. However, this is a significant improvement from a year ago where approximately 86% of the state was in severe drought conditions.



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(millions)	202	22	Pretax (F	avoral	ole)	Unfav	/oral	ble Imp	act	
Customer Class	Q1		<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	Q	1-Q3		<u>Q4</u>	2	<u>022</u>
Commercial Electric (reversed in Q4)	\$ 0.1	\$	(0.1) \$	(2.1)	\$	(2.1)	\$	2.1	S	_
Residential Electric	0.1		(0.7)	(3.2)		(3.8)		(1.8)		(5.6)
Commercial Natural Gas	0.1		(0.6)	0.3		(0.2)		(0.7)		(0.9)
Residential Natural Gas	0.3		(1.6)	0.8		(0.5)		(1.9)		(2.4)
Non-GAAP adjustment for unfavorable (favorable) weather	\$ 0.6	s	(3.0) \$	(4.2)	s	(6.6)	s	(2.3)	s	(8.9)

	202	21	Pretax (F	/ora	ble Imp	act				
Customer Class	<u>Q1</u>		<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	Q	<u>1-Q3</u>		<u>Q4</u>	2	2022
Commercial Electric	\$ 0.1	\$	(0.9) \$	(1.6)	\$	(2.4)	\$	0.5	\$	(1.9)
Residential Electric	0.3		(1.3)	(2.1)		(3.1)		1.4		(1.7)
Commercial Natural Gas	0.3		0.1	0.1		0.5		1.0		1.5
Residential Natural Gas	0.6		0.1	0.2		0.9		2.3		3.2
Non-GAAP adjustment for unfavorable (favorable) weather	\$ 1.3	\$	(2.0) \$	(3.4)	\$	(4.1)	s	5.2	s	1.1

<u>Revision to non-GAAP weather normalization method</u> - Up to, and including, Q3 2022, our weather normalizing adjustment included the estimated impact from four customer classes; commercial electric, residential electric, commercial natural gas and residential natural gas. Due to a statistically low correlation coefficient of our commercial electric customers' usage patterns, we will no longer include a weather normalizing adjustment for this customer class. As a result, the weather adjustment in the fourth quarter reflects the reversal of the first three quarters of commercial electric customer impact (eliminating the commercial electric impact for the year).



# GAAP to Non-GAAP

	presented (Excluding commercial electric impa												aci)															
	Twelve Months Ended December 31, GAAP and Non-GAAP																	Twelve	Months E GAAP and									
		Non-	GAAP A	djustme	ints					Non	-GAAP A	djustments					Non-G	AAP Ad	ljustments					Non	-GAAP A	djustmen	ts	
	GAAP					Non GAAP	Non-G Varia		Non GAAP					GAAP		GAAP				Non GAAP		GAAP iance	Non GAAP					GAAP
(in millions)	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	Favorable Weather	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07)	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Community Renewable Energy Project Penalty (not tax deductible)	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	<u>Varia</u> \$	%	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021	QF Liability - adjustment associated with one-time clarification of contract	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Move Pension Expense to 0G&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07) (1		Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021	(in millions)	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2022	rable Weather	move rension expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07)	Non-employee Deferred Compensation Community Renewable Energy Project Penalty		' <u>Var</u>	iance %	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021	QF Liability - adjustment associated with one-time clarification of contract	on-employee Deferred ompensation	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with ASU 2017-07) [1]	Unfavorable Weather	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, 2021
Revenues	\$1,477.8	(8.9)	-	-	-	\$1,468.9	\$102.4	7.5%	\$1,366.5	(6.9)	-			\$1,372.3	Revenues	\$1,477.8	(8.9)	-		\$1,468			\$1,368.4	(6.9)	-	-	3.0	\$1,372.3 425.5
Fuel, supply & dir. tx Utility Margin (2)	492.0 985.8	(8.9)	-	-	-	492.0 976.9	66.5 35.9	15.6% 3.8%	425.5 941.0	(6.9)	-		1.1	425.5 946.8	Fuel, supply & dir. tx Utility Margin (2)	492.0 985.8	(8.9)	-		492			425.5 942.9	(6.9)	-		3.0	425.5 946.8
Op. Expenses OG&A Expense Prop. & other taxes Depreciation Total Op. Exp.	335.2 192.5 195.0 722.7	-	(6.0) - - <b>(6.0)</b>	(0.1) - - (0.1)	-	329.1 192.5 195.0 <b>716.6</b>	13.3 19.1 7.5 <b>39.9</b>	4.2% 11.0% 4.0% <b>5.9%</b>	315.8 173.4 187.5 <b>676.7</b>	-	(1.3) - - (1.3)	6.9 - - 6.9		310.2 173.4 187.5 <b>671.1</b>	Op. Expenses OG&A Expense Prop. & other taxes Depreciation Total Op. Exp.	335.2 192.5 195.0 722.7	-	-		329 192 195 <b>716</b>	.5 19.1	11.0% 4.0%	315.8 173.4 187.5 <b>676.7</b>	-	(1.3) - - (1.3)	-	-	310.2 173.4 187.5 671.1
Op. Income	263.1	(8.9)	6.0	0.1	-	260.3	(4.0)	-1.5%	264.3	(6.9)	1.3	(6.9)	1.1	275.7	Op. Income	263.1	(8.9)	6.0	0.1 -	260	.3 (5.9	) -2.2%	266.2	(6.9)	1.3	(6.9)	3.0	275.7
Interest expense Other Inc. (Exp.), net	(100.1) 19.4	-	- (6.0)	- (0.1)		(100.1) 15.8	(6.4) 2.0	-6.8% 14.5%	(93.7) 13.8	-	- (1.3)			(93.7) 8.2	Interest expense Other Inc. (Exp.), net	(100.1) 19.4	-	- (6.0)			.8 2.0	14.5%	(93.7) 13.8	-	- (1.3)		-	(93.7) 8.2
Pretax Income	182.4	(8.9)	-	-	2.5	176.0	(8.4)		184.4	(6.9)	-		1.1	190.2	Pretax Income	182.4	(8.9)	-	- 2				186.3	(6.9)	-	-	3.0	190.2
Income tax Ben / (Exp	0.6	2.3	-	-	-	2.9		241.1%	(2.0)	1.7	-		0.3)	(3.4)	Income tax Ben / (Exp	0.6	2.3	-		2		216.0%	(2.5)	1.7	-		(0.8)	(3.4)
Net Income	\$183.0 -0.3%	(6.6) 25.3%	-	-	2.5 0.0%	\$178.9 -1.6%	(\$3.5)	-1.9%	\$182.4	(5.2) 25.3%	-		0.8 5.3%	\$186.8 1.8%	Net Income	\$183.0 -0.3%	(6.6) 25.3%	-	- 2		.9 (\$4.9	) -2.7%	\$183.8 11%	(5.2) 25.3%	-		2.2	\$186.8 18%
Diluted Shares	56.3	20.074			0.074	56.3	4.4	8.5%	51.9	-0.07				51.9	Diluted Shares	56.3	23.07		- 0	56		8.5%	51.9	20.074				51.9
Diluted EPS		(0.11)	-	-	0.04	\$3.18	(\$0.33)	-9.4%	\$3.51	(0.10)	-	- 0	.01	\$3.60	Diluted EPS		(0.11)	-	- 0.0				\$3.54	(0.10)	-	- 1	0.04	\$3.60
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**Revised 2021 Presentation** (Excluding commercial electric impact)

The comparison above updates 2021 non-GAAP earnings to exclude the estimated weather impacts of our commercial electric customers consistent with 2022 non-GAAP presentation.

The adjusted non-GAAP measures presented in the table are being shown to reflect significant items that are non-recurring or a variance from normal weather, however they should not be considered a substitute for financial results and measures determined or calculated in accordance with GAAP.



### Appendix

# **Quarterly PCCAM Impacts**

#### Pre-tax Millions

					:	;
		<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<b>Q4</b>	Full Year
'17/'18 Tracker	First full	year recorded	in Q3	\$3.3		\$3.3
'18/'19 Tracker				(\$5.1)	\$0.3	(4.8)
2018 (Expense)	Benefit	\$0.0	\$0.0	(\$1.8)	\$0.3 i	(\$1.5)
						Full Year
'18/'19 Tracker		(\$1.6)	\$4.6			\$3.0
'19/'20 Tracker				\$0.1	(\$0.7)	(0.6)
2019 (Expense)	Benefit	(\$1.6)	\$4.6	\$0.1	(\$0.7)	\$2.4
	_				l	Full Year
CU4 Disallowance	('18/'19 Tr	racker)			(\$9.4)	(\$9.4)
'19/'20 Tracker		(\$0.1)	\$0.2			\$0.1
Recovery of modeling of	costs	\$0.7				\$0.7
'20/'21 Tracker				(\$0.6)	(\$0.3)	(\$0.9)
2020 (Expense)	Benefit	\$0.6	\$0.2	(\$0.6)	(\$0.3)	(\$0.1)
						Full Year
'20/'21 Tracker		(\$0.8)	(\$0.5)			(\$1.3)
'21/'22 Tracker				(\$2.7)	(\$1.4)	(\$4.1)
2021 (Expense)	Benefit	(\$0.8)	(\$0.5)	(\$2.7)	(\$1.4)	(\$5.4)
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		<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	Q4	Year-to-Date
'21/'22 Tracker		(\$0.8)	(\$0.8)			(\$1.6)
'22/'23 Tracker				(\$4.0)	(\$1.6)	(\$5.6)
2022 (Expense)	Benefit	(\$0.8)	(\$0.8)	(\$4.0)	(\$1.6)	(\$7.2)
Year-over-Year \	/ariance	\$0.0	(\$0.3)	(\$1.3)	(\$0.2)	(\$1.8)
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In 2017, the Montana legislature revised the statute regarding our recovery of electric supply costs. In response, the MPSC approved a new design for our electric tracker in 2018, effective July 1, 2017. The revised electric tracker, or PCCAM established a baseline of power supply costs and tracks the differences between the actual costs and revenues. Variances in supply costs above or below the baseline are allocated 90% to customers and 10% to shareholders, with an annual adjustment. From July 2017 to May 2019, the PCCAM also included a "deadband" which required us to absorb the variances within +/- \$4.1 million from the base, with 90% of the variance above or below the deadband collected from or refunded to customers. In 2019, the Montana legislature revised the statute effective May 7, 2019, prohibiting a deadband, allowing 100% recovery of QF purchases, and maintaining the 90% / 10% sharing ratio for other purchases.
# **Qualified Facility Earnings Adjustment**

(Millions)		tual contract price scalation	Annual adjustment for actual output and pricing	Adjustment associated with the one-time clarification in contract term	Total
Nov-12	(Arbitration)	\$47.9 Non-GAAP Adj.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$47.9
Jun-13		\$0.0	1.0	0.0	\$1.0
Jun-14		\$0.0	0.0	0.0	\$0.0
Jun-15		(\$6.1) Non-GAAP Adj.	1.8	0.0	(\$4.3)
Jun-16		\$0.0	1.8	0.0	\$1.8
Jun-17		\$0.0	2.1	0.0	\$2.1
Jun-18		\$17.5 Non-GAAP Adj.	9.7	0.0	\$27.2
Jun-19		\$3.3	3.1	0.0	\$6.4
Jun-20		\$2.2	0.9	0.0	\$3.1
Jun-21		(\$2.1)	2.6	8.7 Non-GAAP Adj.	\$9.2
Sep-21		\$0.0	0.0	(1.3) Non-GAAP Adj.	(\$1.3)
Dec-21		\$0.0	0.0	(0.4) Non-GAAP Adj.	(\$0.4)
Jun-22 Year-over-	Year Better	\$3.3 (Worse)	1.8	0.0	\$5.1
2013		(\$47.9)	1.0	0.0	(\$46.9)
2014		\$0.0	(1.0)	0.0	(\$1.0)
2015		(\$6.1)	1.8	0.0	(\$4.3)
2016		\$6.1	0.0	0.0	\$6.1
2017		\$0.0	0.3	0.0	\$0.3
2018		\$17.5	7.6	0.0	\$25.1
2019		(\$14.2)	(6.6)	0.0	(\$20.8)
2020		(\$1.1)	(2.2)	0.0	(\$3.3)
2021		(\$4.3)	\$1.7	\$7.0	\$4.4
2022		\$5.4	(\$0.8)	(\$7.0)	(\$2.4)

Our electric QF liability consists of unrecoverable costs associated with contracts covered under PURPA that are part of a 2002 stipulation with the MPSC and other parties. Risks / losses associated with these contracts are born by shareholders, not customers. Therefore, any mitigation of prior losses and / or benefits of liability reduction also accrue to shareholders.



Appendix





(dollars in millions)	As of I	December 31, 2022	As of E	December 31, 2021	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	8.5	\$	2.8	
Restricted cash		14.0		15.9	
Accounts receivable, net		245.0		198.7	
Inventories		107.4		80.6	
Other current assets		164.1		139.7	
Goodwill		357.6		357.6	
PP&E and other non-current assets		6,421.4		5,985.1	
Total Assets	\$	7,317.8	\$	6,780.4	
Payables		201.5		115.2	k
Current Maturities - debt and leases		147.6		2.9	
Other current liabilities		271.7		261.5	
Long-term debt & capital leases		2,483.2		2,553.4	i
Other non-current liabilities		1,548.6		1,507.7	i
Shareholders' equity		2,665.2		2,339.7	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	7,317.8	\$	6,780.4	
Capitalization:					
Short-Term Debt & Short-Term Finance Leases		147.6		2.9	
Long-Term Debt & Long-Term Finance Leases		2,483.2		2,553.4	
Less: Basin Creek Finance Lease		(11.9)		(14.8)	
Shareholders' Equity		2,665.2		2,339.7	
Total Capitalization	\$	5,284.1	\$	4,881.2	
Ratio of Debt to Total Capitalization		49.6%		52.1%	

Debt to Total Capitalization down from last year and slightly below our targeted 50% - 55% range with the incremental equity issuance in the 4th quarter of 2022.

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#### Segment Results (Full Year)

(Unaudited) (in thousands)				
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2022	Electric	Gas	Other	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 1,106,565	\$ 371,272	\$ -	\$ 1,477,837
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission*	324,434	167,577	-	492,011
Utility margin <sup>(1)</sup>	782,131	203,695	-	985,826
Operating and maintenance	167,798	53,629	-	221,427
Administrative and general	82,405	31,002	369	113,776
Property and other taxes	149,781	42,734	9	192,524
Depreciation & depletion	162,404	32,616	-	195,020
Operating Income	219,743	43,714	(378)	263,079
Interest expense	(74,420)	(13,030)	(12,660)	(100,110)
Other income	12,491	6,399	544	19,434
Income tax (expense) benefit	798	(3,108)	2,915	605
Net income (loss)	\$ 158,612	\$ 33,975	\$ (9,579)	\$ 183,008
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2021	Electric	Gas	Other	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 1,052,182	\$ 320,134	\$ -	\$ 1,372,316
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission*	294,820	130,728	-	425,548

Twelve months Ending December 31, 2021	Electric	Gas	Other	Total
Operating revenues	\$ 1,052,182	\$ 320,134	\$ -	\$ 1,372,316
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission*	294,820	130,728	-	425,548
Utility margin <sup>(1)</sup>	757,362	189,406	-	946,768
Operating and maintenance	156,383	51,920	-	208,303
Administrative and general	72,641	27,550	1,682	101,873
Property and other taxes	134,910	38,526	8	173,444
Depreciation & depletion	154,626	32,841	-	187,467
Operating Income (loss)	238,802	38,569	(1,690)	275,681
Interest expense	(82,678)	(6,083)	(4,913)	(93,674)
Other income	3,676	3,046	1,530	8,252
Income tax (expense) benefit	(2,512)	(2,640)	1,733	(3,419)
Net income (loss)	\$ 157,288	\$ 32,892	\$ (3,340)	\$ 186,840

\* Direct Transmission expense excludes depreciation and depletion



(1) Utility Margin is a non-GAAP Measure See appendix slide titled "Explaining Utility Margin" for additional disclosure.



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# Electric Segment (Full Year)

	Reve	nues	Change		Megawatt Hours (MWH)		Average Customer Counts	
	2022	2021	\$	%	2022	2021	2022	2021
			(in thousar	nds)				
Montana	\$ 357,384	\$ 334,581	\$ 22,803	6.8 %	2,868	2,729	316,968	311,922
South Dakota	69,809	65,429	4,380	6.7 %	596	571	51,069	50,805
Residential	427,193	400,010	27,183	6.8 %	3,464	3,300	368,037	362,727
Montana	368,634	356,669	11,965	3.4 %	3,237	3,176	73,093	71,605
South Dakota	108,202	102,475	5,727	5.6 %	1,114	1,092	12,897	12,795
Commercial	476,836	459,144	17,692	3.9 %	4,351	4,268	85,990	84,400
Industrial	39,773	37,866	1,907	5.0 %	2,590	2,448	76	77
Other	31,007	32,084	(1,077)	(3.4) %	161	175	6,406	6,333
Total Retail Electric	\$ 974,809	\$ 929,104	\$ 45,705	4.9 %	10,566	10,191	460,509	453,537
Regulatory amortization	46,382	34,395	11,987	34.9 %				
Transmission	77,791	82,628	(4,837)	(5.9) %				
Wholesale and other	7,583	6,055	1,528	25.2 %				
Total Revenues	\$ 1,106,565	\$ 1,052,182	\$ 54,383	5.2 %				
Total fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission expense*	324,434	294,820	29,614	10.0 %				
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 782,131	\$ 757,362	\$ 24,769	3.3 %				

#### **Twelve Months Ended December 31,**

\* Direct transmission expense is exclusive of depreciation and depletion expense





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## Natural Gas Segment (Full Year)

	Reve	nues	Cha	nge	ge Dekatherms (Dkt)		Average Customer Counts	
	2022	2021	\$	%	2022	2021	2022	2021
			(in thous	sands)				
Montana	\$ 152,343	\$ 126,043	\$ 26,300	20.9 %	15,319	13,885	181,879	179,637
South Dakota	39,178	26,596	12,582	47.3 %	3,280	2,834	41,524	41,079
Nebraska	35,756	20,964	14,792	70.6 %	2,558	2,480	37,693	37,603
Residential	227,277	173,603	53,674	30.9 %	21,157	19,199	261,096	258,319
Montana	79,274	64,681	14,593	22.6 %	8,329	7,446	25,319	24,927
South Dakota	28,487	19,131	9,356	48.9 %	2,981	2,744	7,058	6,896
Nebraska	22,071	11,371	10,700	94.1 %	1,846	1,755	5,003	4,963
Commercial	129,832	95,183	34,649	36.4 %	13,156	11,945	37,380	36,786
Industrial	1,520	1,134	386	34.0 %	163	135	232	229
Other	1,932	1,417	515	36.3 %	232	187	178	166
Total Retail Electric	\$ 360,561	\$ 271,337	\$ 89,224	32.9 %	34,708	31,466	298,886	295,500
Regulatory amortization	(27,964)	12,048	(40,012)	(332.1) %				
Wholesale and other	38,675	36,749	1,926	5.2 %				
Total Revenues	\$ 371,272	\$ 320,134	\$ 51,138	16.0 %				
Total fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission expense*	167,577	130,728	36,849	28.2 %				
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 203,695	\$ 189,406	\$ 14,289	7.5 %				

#### Twelve Months Ended December 31,

\* Direct transmission expense is exclusive of depreciation and depletion expense

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#### Quarter Financial Results (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

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(in millions except per share amounts)	Thre	e Mo	nths End	ed De	cember	r 31,		
	2022		2021	Va	riance	% Variance		
Operating Revenues	\$ 425.2	\$	347.3	\$	77.9	22.4%		
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission								
expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion)	152.9		114.4		38.5	33.7%		
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	272.3		232.9		39.4	16.9%		
Operating Expenses								
Operating and maintenance	60.7		49.0		11.7	23.9%		
Administrative and general	26.8		22.3		4.5	20.2%		
Property and other taxes	52.2		35.0		17.2	49.1%		
Depreciation and depletion	49.3		46.6		2.7	5.8%		
Total Operating Expenses	189.0		152.9		36.1	23.6%		
Operating Income	83.3		80.0		3.3	4.1%		
Interest expense	(27.1)		(23.4)		(3.7)	(15.8%)		
Other income, net	7.6		(5.7)		13.3	233.3%		
Income Before Taxes	 63.8		50.9		12.9	25.3%		
Income tax benefit	2.9		0.4		2.5	625.0%		
Net Income	\$ 66.7	\$	51.3	\$	15.4	30.0%		
Effective Tax Rate	(4.5%)		(0.8%)		-3.6%			
Diluted Shares Outstanding	58.5		53.6		4.9	9.2%		
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$1.16	\$	0.96	\$	0.20	20.8%		
Dividends Paid per Common Share	\$ 0.63	\$	0.62	\$	0.01	1.6%		
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#### Utility Margin (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31,							
	2022	2022 2021		2022 2021 Var		nce		
Electric	\$ 205.6	\$ 177.2	\$ 28.5	16.1%				
Natural Gas	66.6	55.7	11.0	19.7%				
Total Utility Margin (1)	\$ 272.2	\$ 232.9	\$ 39.4	16.1%				

#### Increase in utility margin due to the following factors:

- \$ 9.5 Montana interim rates
  - 9.2 Electric retail volumes
  - 5.8 Natural gas retail volumes
  - 0.8 Higher transmission revenue (higher demand from market conditions)
  - 0.4 Prior year electric QF liability adjustment
  - (0.2) Higher non-recoverable Montana electric supply costs
  - <u>1.8</u> Other
- \$ 27.3 Change in Utility Margin Impacting Net Income
- \$ 11.4 Higher property taxes recovered in revenue, offset in property tax expense
  0.5 Higher operating expenses recovered in revenue, offset in O&M expense
- 0.2 Higher revenue from higher production tax credits, offset in income tax expense
- \$ 12.1 Change in Utility Margin Offset Within Net Income
- **\$ 39.4** Increase in Utility Margin





#### Operating Expenses (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31,							
	2022	2021	Var	iance				
Operating & maintenance	\$ 60.7	\$ 49.0	\$ 11.7	23.9%				
Administrative & general	26.8	22.3	\$16.2 4.5	20.2%				
Property and other taxes	52.2	35.0	17.2	49.1%				
Depreciation and depletion	49.3	46.6	2.7	5.8%				
Operating Expenses	\$ 189.0	\$ 152.9	\$ 36.1	23.6%				

the total change in labor and benefits, we have included the change in the nonservice cost component of our pension and other postretirement benefits, which is recorded within other income on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income. This change is offset within this table as it does not affect our

operating expenses.

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#### Increase in operating expenses due to the following factors:

- \$ 5.5 Higher property and other taxes
- 2.7 Higher depreciation due to plant additions
- 0.8 Higher expenses at our electric generation facilities
- 0.5 Higher travel expense
- 0.4 Higher insurance expense
- 0.3 Higher technology implementation and maintenance expense
- (2.3) Lower labor and benefits <sup>(1)</sup>
- (0.4) Prior year write-off of preliminary construction costs
- (0.2) Lower Uncollectible accounts expenses
- 3.8 Other miscellaneous
- **\$ 11.2** Change in Operating Expense Items Impacting Net Income
- \$ 12.0 Higher pension and other postretirement benefits, offset in other income
- 11.7 Higher property and other taxes recovered in trackers, offset in revenue
- 0.7 Higher non-employee directors deferred compensation, offset in other income <sup>(1)</sup>
- 0.5 Higher operating and maintenance expenses recovered in trackers, offset in revenue
- \$ 24.9 Change in Operating Expense Items <u>Offset Within Net Income</u>
- \$ 36.1 Increase in Operating Expenses





# Operating to Net Income

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31,						
	2022	2021	Varia	ince			
Operating Income	\$ 83.3	\$ 80.0	\$ 3.3	4.1%			
Interest expense	(27.1)	(23.4)	(3.7)	(15.8%)			
Other income, net	7.6	(5.7)	13.3	233.3%			
Income Before Taxes	63.8	50.9	12.9	25.3%			
Income tax benefit	2.9	0.4	2.5	625.0%			
Net Income	\$ 66.7	\$ 51.3	\$ 15.3	30.0%			

**\$3.7 million increase in interest expenses** was primarily due to higher interest rates on borrowings under our revolving credit facilities, partly offset by higher capitalization of AFUDC.

**\$13.3 million increase in other income** was primarily due to a decrease in the nonservice cost component of pension expense, higher capitalization of AFUDC, and a increase in the value of deferred shares held in trust for non-employee directors deferred compensation (which is offset in operating expense).

**\$2.5 million increase in income tax benefits** was primarily due higher flow-through benefits partially offset by higher pre-tax income.





#### Tax Reconciliation (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

(in millions)	Th	31,			
	20	22	202	21	Variance
Income Before Income Taxes	\$63.8		\$50.9		\$12.9
Income tax calculated at federal statutory rate	13.4	21.0%	10.7	21.0%	2.7
Permanent or flow through adjustments:					
State income taxes, net of federal provisions	(0.4)	(0.6%)	(0.3)	(0.6%)	(0.1)
Flow - through repairs deductions	(9.2)	(14.4%)	(6.3)	(12.4%)	(2.9)
Production tax credits	(5.1)	(8%)	(3.1)	(6.1%)	(2.0)
Income tax return to accrual adjustment	(0.5)	(0.8%)	(0.4)	(0.8%)	(0.1)
Amortization of excess deferred income taxes	(0.9)	(1.4%)	-	-	(0.9)
Share-based compensation	0.3	0.5%	0.3	0.6%	-
Plant and depreciation of flow-through items	(0.6)	(0.9%)	(0.1)	(0.2%)	(0.5)
Other, net	0.1	0.20%	(1.2)	(2.4%)	1.3
Sub-total	(16.3)	(25.4%)	(11.1)	(21.9%)	(5.2)
Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	\$ (2.9)	(4.5%)	\$ (0.4)	(0.9%)	\$ (2.5)





#### Segment Results (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

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(Unaudited) (in thousands)						
Three Months Ending December 31, 2022	Electric		Gas	Other		Total
Operating revenues	\$	299,150	\$ 126,133	\$	-	\$ 425,283
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission*		93,562	59,455	_	-	153,017
Utility margin		205,588	66,678		-	272,266
Operating and maintenance		46,561	14,081		-	60,642
Administrative and general		18,814	7,245		707	26,766
Property and other taxes		40,577	11,736		2	52,315
Depreciation & depletion		41,148	8,167			49,315
Operating income		58,488	25,449		(709)	83,228
Interest expense		(18,389)	(3,079)		(5,561)	(27,029)
Other income		5,246	1,730		667	7,643
Income tax (expense) benefit		3,588	(1,845)		1,159	2,902
Net income (loss)	\$	48,933	\$ 22,255	\$	(4,444)	\$ 66,744

Three Months Ending December 31, 2021	I	Electric		Gas	 Other	Total	
Operating revenues	\$	253,198	\$	94,143	\$ -	\$ 347,341	
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission*		76,018		38,393	-	114,411	
Utility margin		177,180		55,750	-	232,930	
Operating and maintenance		34,370		14,616	-	48,986	
Administrative and general		18,243		3,981	53	22,277	
Property and other taxes		26,860		8,245	2	35,107	
Depreciation & depletion		38,768		7,803	-	46,571	
Operating income		58,939		21,105	(55)	79,989	
Interest expense		(20,671)		(1,533)	(1,204)	(23,408)	
Other income (expense)		(4,716)		(989)	25	(5,680)	
Income tax (expense) benefit		(143)		(1,135)	 1,713	435	
Net income	\$	33,409	\$	17,448	\$ 479	\$ 51,336	1
* Direct Transmission expense excludes den	rocia	tion and don	lotion				

\* Direct Transmission expense excludes depreciation and depletion

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### Weather / Hydro Conditions (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)



We estimated a \$2.3 million pre-tax benefit as compared to normal and a \$7.5 million benefit as compared to Q4 2021.

Snow water equivalents generally in line with the 30-year medians.

Appendix

(Missouri, Madison & Clark Fork Rivers and West Rosebud Creek basins)





Snow Water Equivalent Percent to 30-Year Normal



Montana South Dakota Residential Montana South Dakota Commercial

									(4 <sup>th</sup> C	Quarter)
т	hree	e Months	En	ded Dece	mber 31	ι,				
Revenues Change							(MWI	H)	Cou	nts
 2022		2021		\$%			2022	2021	2022	2021
				(in thousan	ds)					
\$ 104,491	\$	83,138	\$	21,353	25.7	%	751	662	318,975	313,923
14,831		14,398		433	3.0	%	126	118	51,291	50,925
 119,322		97,536		21,786	22.3	%	877	780	370,266	364,848
105,210		90,025		15,185	16.9	%	817	778	73,650	72,109
25,030		25,506		(476)	(1.9)	%	265	266	12,942	12,795
130,240		115,531		14,709	12.7	%	1,082	1,044	86,592	84,904
 11,347		9,780		1,567	16.0	%	679	606	77	76
5,642		5,286		356	6.7	%	19	20	6,159	5,981

2,657

2,450

463,094

455,809

Regulatory amortization		10,295		4,482		5,813	129.7	
Transmission		19,656		18,866		790	4.2	
Wholesale and other	-	2,648		1,717		931	54.2	
Total Revenues Total fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission expense*	\$	<b>299,150</b> 93,562	\$	<b>253,198</b> 76,018	\$	<b>45,952</b> 17,544	<b>18.1</b> 23.1	
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	_	205,588	_	177,180	_	28,408		%

\* Direct transmission expense is exclusive of depreciation and depletion expense



Electric Segment



#### Natural Gas Segment (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter)

	Reve	nues	Char	nge	Dekather	ms (Dkt)	Cou	ints
	2022	2021	\$	%	2022	2021	2022	2021
			(in thous	ands)				
Montana	\$ 60,674	\$ 43,619	\$ 17,055	39.1 %	5,850	4,766	182,630	180,525
South Dakota	7,492	7,942	(450)	(5.7) %	714	586	41,948	41,390
Nebraska	9,728	6,365	3,363	52.8 %	598	493	37,868	37,732
Residential	77,894	57,926	19,968	34.5 %	7,162	5,845	262,446	259,647
Montana	30,461	21,791	8,670	39.8 %	3,038	2,469	25,437	25,080
South Dakota	5,457	6,569	(1,112)	(16.9) %	667	684	7,151	6,966
Nebraska	6,067	3,631	2,436	67.1 %	435	358	5,049	4,994
Commercial	41,985	31,991	9,994	31.2 %	4,140	3,511	37,637	37,040
Industrial	630	408	222	54.4 %	63	47	233	228
Other	551	410	141	34.4 %	61	51	182	174
Total Retail Electric	\$ 121,060	\$ 90,735	\$ 30,325	33.4 %	11,426	9,454	300,498	297,089
Regulatory amortization	(5,776)	(5,903)	127	(2.2) %				
Wholesale and other	10,849	9,311	1,538	16.5 %				
Total Revenues	\$ 126,133	\$ 94,143	\$ 31,990	34.0 %				
Total fuel, purchased supply &								
direct transmission expense*	59,455	38,393	21,062	54.9 <mark>%</mark>				
Utility Margin (1)	\$ 66,678	\$ 55,750	\$ 10,928	<u>19.6</u> %				

Three Months Ended December 31,

\* Direct transmission expense is exclusive of depreciation and depletion expense



# **Explaining Utility Margin**

Reconciliation of Gross Margin to Utility Margin for quarter ending December 31,

	Ele	ctric	Natura	al Gas	То	otal
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
(in millions)						
Reconciliation of gross margin to utility margin						
Operating Revenues	\$ 299.1	\$ 253.2	\$ 126.1	\$ 94.1	\$ 425.2	\$ 347.3
Less: Fuel, purchased supply and direct transmission expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion shown separately below)	<mark>9</mark> 3.5	76.0	59.5	38.4	153.0	114.4
Less: Operating & maintenance expense	46.6	34.4	14.0	14.6	60.6	49.0
Less: Property and other tax expense	40.6	26.8	11.7	8.3	52.3	35.1
Less: Depreciation and depletion expense	41.1	38.7	8.2	7.8	49.3	46.5
Gross Margin	77.3	77.3	32.7	25.0	110.0	102.3
Plus: Operating & maintenance expense	46.6	34.4	14.0	14.6	60.6	49.0
Plus: Property and other tax expense	40.6	26.8	11.7	8.3	52.3	35.1
Plus: Depreciation and depletion	41.1	38.7	8.2	7.8	49.3	46.5
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 205.6	\$ 177.2	\$ 66.6	\$ 55.7	\$ 272.2	\$ 232.9

#### Reconciliation of Gross Margin to Utility Margin Twelve Months Ending December 31,

	Elec	ctric	Natura	al Gas	То	tal
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
(in millions)						
Reconciliation of gross margin to utility margin						
Operating Revenues	\$1,106.5	\$1,052.2	\$ 371.3	\$ 320.1	\$1,477.8	\$1,372.3
Less: Fuel, purchased supply and direct transmission expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion shown separately below)	324.4	294.8	167.6	130.7	492.0	425.5
Less: Operating & maintenance expense	167.8	156.4	53.6	51.9	221.4	208.3
Less: Property and other tax expense	149.8	134.9	42.7	38.5	192.5	173.4
Less: Depreciation and depletion expense	162.4	154.6	32.6	32.8	195.0	187.4
Gross Margin	302.1	311.5	74.8	66.2	376.9	377.7
Plus: Operating & maintenance expense	167.8	156.4	53.6	51.9	221.4	208.3
Plus: Property and other tax expense	149.8	134.9	42.7	38.5	192.5	173.4
Plus: Depreciation and depletion	162.4	154.6	32.6	32.8	195.0	187.4
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 782.1	\$ 757.4	\$ 203.7	\$ 189.4	\$ 985.8	\$ 946.8

Management believes that Utility Margin provides a useful measure for investors and other financial statement users to analyze our financial performance in that it excludes the effect on total revenues caused by volatility in energy costs and associated regulatory mechanisms. This information is intended to enhance an investor's overall understanding of results. Under our various state regulatory mechanisms, as detailed below, our supply costs are generally collected from customers. In addition, Utility Margin is used by us to determine whether we are collecting the appropriate amount of energy costs from customers to allow recovery of operating costs, as well as to analyze how changes in loads (due to weather, economic or other conditions), rates and other factors impact our results of operations. Our Utility Margin measure may not be comparable to that of other companies' presentations or more useful than the GAAP information provided elsewhere in this report.



## **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

#### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures - Reconcile to Non-GAAP diluted EPS

Pre-Tax Adjustments (\$ Millions)		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		2021		2022
Reported GAAP Pre-Tax Income	\$	108.3	\$	110.4	\$	181.2	\$	156.5	\$	176.1	\$	178.3	\$	182.2	\$	144.2	\$	190.2	\$	182.4
Non-GAAP Adjustments to Pre-Tax Income:																				
Weather		(3.7)		(1.3)		13.2		15.2		(3.4)		(1.3)		(7.3)		9.8		1.1		(8.9)
Lost revenue recovery related to prior periods		(1.0)		-		-		(14.2)		-		-		-		-		-		-
Remove hydro acquisition transaction costs		6.3		15.4		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Exclude unplanned hydro earnings		-		(8.7)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Remove benefit of insurance settlement		-		-		(20.8)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
QF liability adjustment		-		-		6.1		-		-		(17.5)		-		-		(6.9)		-
Electric tracker disallowance of prior period costs		-		-		-		12.2		-				-		9.9		-		-
Income tax adjustment		-		-		-		-		-		9.4		-		-		-		-
Community Renewable Energy Project Penalty		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		2.5
Unplanned Equity Dilution from Hydro transaction												-		-		-		-		-
Adjusted Non-GAAP Pre-Tax Income	\$	109.8	\$	115.8	\$	179.7	\$	169.7	\$	172.7	\$	168.9	\$	174.9	\$	163.9	\$	184.4	\$	176.0
Tax Adjustments to Non-GAAP Items (\$ Mill	io	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022
GAAP Net Income	\$	94.0	\$	120.7	\$	151.2	\$	164.2	\$		\$	197.0	\$	202.1	\$	155.2	\$	186.8	\$	183.0
Non-GAAP Adjustments Taxed at 38.5% ('12-'17) and 25.3% (	'18-curr	rent):																		
Weather		(2.3)		(0.8)		8.1		9.3		(2.1)		(1.0)		(5.5)		7.3		0.8		(6.6)
Lost revenue recovery related to prior periods		(0.6)		-		-		(8.7)		-		-		-		-		-		-
Remove hydro acquisition transaction costs		3.9		9.5		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Exclude unplanned hydro earnings		-		(5.4)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Remove benefit of insurance settlement		-		-		(12.8)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
QF liability adjustment		-		-		3.8		-		-		(13.1)		-		-		(5.2)		-
Electric tracker disallowance of prior period costs		-		-		-		7.5		-		-		-		7.4		-		-
Income tax adjustment		-		(18.5)		-		(12.5)		-		(12.8)		(22.8)		-		-		-
Community Renewable Energy Project Penalty				(10.0)				(12.0)				(12.0)		(22.0)						2.5
Unplanned Equity Dilution from Hydro transaction																				2.0
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$	94.9	\$	105.5	\$	150.3	\$	159.8	\$	160.6	\$	170.1	\$	173.8	\$	169.9	\$	182.4	\$	178.9
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Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings Per Share		<u>2013</u>		<u>2014</u>		<u>2015</u>		<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>		<u>2018</u>		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>		2021		2022
Diluted Average Shares (Millions)	_	38.2		40.4		47.6		48.5		48.7		50.2		50.8		50.7		51.9		56.3
Reported GAAP Diluted earnings per share	\$	2.46	\$	2.99	\$	3.17	\$	3.39	\$	3.34	\$	3.92	\$	3.98	\$	3.06	\$	3.60	\$	3.25
Non-GAAP Adjustments:																				
Weather		(0.05)		(0.02)		0.17		0.19		(0.04)		(0.02)		(0.11)		0.14		0.01		(0.11)
Lost revenue recovery related to prior periods		(0.02)		-		-		(0.18)		-		-		-		-		-		-
Remove hydro acquisition transaction costs		0.11		0.24		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Exclude unplanned hydro earnings		-		(0.14)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Remove benefit of insurance settlements & recoveries		-		-		(0.27)		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
QF liability adjustment		-		-		0.08		-		-		(0.26)		-		-		(0.10)		0.04
Electric tracker disallowance of prior period costs		-		-		-		0.16		-		-		-		0.15		-		-
Income tax adjustment		-		(0.47)		-		(0.26)		-		(0.25)		(0.45)		-		-		-
Community Renewable Energy Project Penalty		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Unplanned Equity Dilution from Hydro transaction		-		0.08		-		-		-		-		-		-		-		-
Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	2.50	\$	2.68	\$	3.15	\$	3.30	\$	3.30	\$	3.39	\$	3.42	\$	3.35	\$	3.51	\$	3.18
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# **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

This presentation includes financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP, as well as other financial measures, such as Utility Margin, Adjusted Non-GAAP pretax income, Adjusted Non-GAAP net income and Adjusted Non-GAAP Diluted EPS that are considered "non-GAAP financial measures." Generally, a non-GAAP financial measure is a numerical measure of a company's financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes (or includes) amounts that are included in (or excluded from) the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP.

We define Utility Margin as Operating Revenues less fuel, purchased supply and direct transmission expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion) as presented in our Consolidated Statements of Income. This measure differs from the GAAP definition of Gross Margin due to the exclusion of Operating and maintenance, Property and other taxes, and Depreciation and depletion expenses, which are presented separately in our Consolidated Statements of Income. A reconciliation of Utility Margin to Gross Margin, the most directly comparable GAAP measure, is included in this presentation.

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Management also believes the presentation of Adjusted Non-GAAP pre-tax income, Adjusted Non-GAAP net income and Adjusted Non-GAAP Diluted EPS is more representative of normal earnings than GAAP pre-tax income, net income and EPS due to the exclusion (or inclusion) of certain impacts that are not reflective of ongoing earnings. The presentation of these non-GAAP measures is intended to supplement investors' understanding of our financial performance and not to replace other GAAP measures as an indicator of actual operating performance. Our measures may not be comparable to other companies' similarly titled measures.

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