

## **2021 - Full Year Earnings Webcast**

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## **Presenting Today**





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## 2021 and Recent Highlights

#### Solid Financial Results...

- Net income of \$186.8 million or \$3.60 diluted earnings per share.
  - Non-GAAP EPS of \$3.51 is within guidance range and a 4.8% increase over non-GAAP results in 2020.
- Expected long-term EPS growth rate of 3% 6%

#### **Record Capital Investment...**

- 2021 capital investment of nearly \$435 million
- 12% CAGR in capital investment over last 5 years (2017-2021)
  - We anticipate making a Montana electric rate filing in 2022 to recover significant investment since last test year (2017).
- Expected long-term rate base growth rate of 4% 5%

#### Balance Sheet Strength...

- Committed to maintaining investment grade ratings
- November 2021 forward addresses equity needs into 2023

#### **Ongoing Dividend Commitment...**

• Quarterly dividend increased 1.6% to \$0.63 per share marking the 17th consecutive year of increases (a 5.6% CAGR since 2004).





## Summary Financial Results (Full Year)

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(in millions except per share amounts)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,						
	2021			2020		ariance	% Variance
Operating Revenues	\$	1,372.3	\$	1,198.7	\$	173.6	14.5%
Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission							
expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion)		425.5		306.2		119.3	39.0%
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>		946.8		892.5		54.3	6.1%
Operating Expenses							
Operating and maintenance		208.3		203.0		5.3	2.6%
Administrative and general		101.9		94.1		7.8	8.3%
Property and other taxes		173.4		179.5		(6.1)	(3.4%)
Depreciation and depletion		187.5		179.7		7.8	4.3%
Total Operating Expenses		671.1		656.3		14.8	2.3%
Operating Income		275.7		236.2		39.5	16.7%
Interest expense		(93.7)		(96.8)		3.1	3.2%
Other income, net		8.2		4.8		3.4	70.8%
Income Before Taxes		190.2		144.2		46.0	31.9%
Income tax (expense) benefit		(3.4)		11.0		(14.4)	(130.9%)
Net Income	\$	186.8	\$	155.2	\$	31.6	20.4%
Effective Tax Rate		1.8%		(7.6%)		9.4%	
Diluted Average Shares Outstanding		51.9		50.7		1.2	2.3%
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$	3.60	\$	3.06	\$	0.54	17.6%
Dividends Paid per Common Share	\$	2.48	\$	2.40	\$	0.08	3.3%
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(1) Utility Margin is a non-GAAP Measure See appendix slide titled "Explaining Utility Margin" for additional disclosure.



(dollars in millions)	Twelve	Months Ended	December 3 <sup>°</sup>	31,					
	2021	2020	Varia	ince					
Electric	\$ 757.4	\$ 704.2	\$ 53.2	7.6%					
Natural Gas	189.4	188.3	1.1	0.6%					
Total Utility Margin (1)	\$ 946.8	\$ 892.5	\$ 54.3	6.1%					

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

- \$ 25.1 Electric transmission (rates, demand and deferred revenue recognition)
  - 17.1 Electric retail volumes
  - 9.4 Prior period MPSC disallowance of supply costs
  - 4.4 Electric QF liability adjustment
  - 1.3 Natural gas retail volumes
  - (5.3) Montana electric supply
  - (1.2) Montana natural gas production rates (annual step down)
  - 5.1 Other
- **\$ 55.9** Change in Utility Margin Impacting Net Income
- \$ (1.6) Change in Utility Margin Offset Within Net Income
- **\$ 54.3** Increase in Utility Margin<sup>(1)</sup>



## Weather (Full Year)

Heating Degree - Days	YTD thru	u 12/31 Degre	ee Days	YTD thru 12/31 as	YTD thru 12/31 as compared with:			
-			Historic		Historic			
	2021	2020	Average	2020	Average			
Montana	7,390	7,505	7,775	2% warmer	5% warmer			
South Dakota	6,758	7,445	7,696	9% warmer	12% warmer			
Nebraska	5,632	5,676	6,354	1% warmer	11% warmer			
Cooling Degree-Days	YTD thru	u 12/31 Degre	ee Days	YTD thru 12/31 as compared with:				
-			Historic		Historic			
	2021	2020	Average	2020	Average			
Montana	635	398	417	60% warmer	52% warmer			
South Dakota	1,034	879	733	18% warmer	41% warmer			

We estimate overall unfavorable weather in 2021 resulted in a \$1.1 million pretax detriment as compared to normal and a \$8.7 million benefit as compared to 2020.

#### Difference from Average Temperatures



## Operating Expenses (Full Year)

(dollars in millions)	Twel	Twelve Months Ended December 31,						
	2021	2020	Variance					
Operating & maintenance	\$ 208.3	\$ 203.0	\$ 5.3	2.6%				
Administrative & general	101.9	94.1	\$13.1 7.8	8.3%				
Property and other taxes	173.4	179.5	(6.1)	(3.4%)				
Depreciation and depletion	187.5	179.7	7.8	4.3%				
Operating Expenses	\$ 671.1	\$ 656.3	\$ 14.8	2.3%				

#### Increase in operating, general & administrative expense due to the following factors:

- \$ 5.7 Labor and benefits
  - 4.6 Generation maintenance
  - 2.4 Technology implementation and maintenance
  - 2.0 Litigation expense
  - 1.6 Write off of preliminary construction costs
  - 1.5 Insurance expenses
  - (4.5) Uncollectible Accounts
  - <u>1.7</u> Other miscellaneous
- \$ 15.0 Change in OG&A Items Impacting Net Income
- \$ (1.9) Change in OG&A Items Offset Within Net Income
- **\$** 13.1 Increase in Operating, General & Administrative Expenses



## **Operating to Net Income** (Full Year)

	Twelve Month's Linded December 51,								
	2021	2020	Varia	ance					
Operating Income	\$ 275.7	\$ 236.2	\$ 39.5	16.7%					
Interest expense	(93.7)	(96.8)	3.1	3.2%					
Other income, net	8.2	4.8	3.4	70.8%					
Income Before Taxes	190.2	144.2	46.0	31.9%					
Income tax (expense) / benefit	(3.4)	11.0	(14.4)	(130.9%)					
Net Income	\$ 186.8	\$ 155.2	\$ 31.6	20.4%					

Twolvo Months Ended December 31

**\$3.1 million decrease in interest expenses** was primarily due to higher capitalization of AFUDC and lower FERC deferrals, partly offset by higher borrowings.

\$3.4 million increase in other income was primarily due to higher capitalization of AFUDC and higher interest income, partly offset by \$2.1 million in item's offset in operating expenses. Items offset in operating expenses include a \$6.3 million increase in pension expenses and a \$4.2 million increase in the value of deferred shares held in trust for non-employee directors compensation.

**\$14.4 million increase in income tax expense** was primarily due higher pre-tax income and lower flow-through repairs deductions in 2021.



(dollars in millions)

#### Cash Flow (Full Year)

		Twelve Months Ending December 31,			
(dollars in millions)		2021	2020		
Operating Activities					
Net Income	\$	186.8	\$	155.2	
Non-Cash adjustments to net income		187.5		174.3	
Changes in working capital		(120.6)		48.1	
Other non-current assets & liabilities		(33.7)		(25.4)	
Cash provided by Operating Activities		220.0		352.1	
Investing Activities					
PP&E additions		(434.3)		(405.8)	
Investment in equity securities		(1.5)		(0.0)	
Cash used in Investing Activities		(435.8)		(405.8)	
Financing Activities					
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net		196.2		-	
Issuance of long-term debt, net		99.9		150.0	
(Repayments) issuance of short-term borrowings		(100.0)		100.0	
Line of credit borrowings (repayments), net		151.0		(67.0)	
Dividends on common stock		(128.5)		(120.4)	
Financing costs		(0.9)		(2.6)	
Other		(0.2)		(1.3)	
Cash Provided by Financing Activities		217.5		58.7	
Increase in Cash, Cash Equiv. & Restricted Cash		1.7		5.0	
Beginning Cash, Cash Equiv. & Restricted Cash		17.1		12.1	
Ending Cash, Cash Equiv. & Restricted Cash	\$	18.8	\$	17.1	
Cash provided by Operating Activities	\$	220.0	\$	352.1	
Less: Changes in working capital	•	(120.6)	•	48.1	
Equals: Funds from Operations	\$	340.6	\$	304.1	
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Cash from Operating Activities decreased by \$132 million primarily due to:

- \$122M net increase in under collection of energy supply costs, which includes costs related to the February 2021 prolonged cold weather event (\$80M electric and \$42M natural gas);
- A refund of approximately \$20.5 million to our FERC regulated customers and approximately \$6.1 to our Montana electric retail customers; and

These reductions were offset in part by an improvement in net income.

Funds from Operations increased by \$36.5 million.



## Non-GAAP Earnings (Full Year)

	GAAP					Non GAAP	Non-G Varia		Non GAAP					GAAP	
(in millions)	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2021</b>	Unfavorable Weather	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with [] ASU 2017-07)	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	QF Liability - adjustment associated with one-time clarification of contract term	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2021</b>	<u>Varia</u> \$	<u>nce</u> %	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2020</b>	Disallowance of prior period supply costs	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with (1) ASU 2017-07)	Unfavorable Weather	Twelve Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2020</b>	The adjusted non-GAAP measures presented in the table are being shown to reflect significant
Revenues	\$1,372.3	1.1	-	-	(6.9)	\$1,366.5	\$148.6	12.2%	\$1,217.9	9.4	-	-	9.8	\$1,198.7	items that are
Fuel, supply & dir. tx	425.5	-	-	-	-	425.5	119.3	39.0%	306.2	-	-	-	-	306.2	
Utility Margin <sup>(2)</sup>	946.8	1.1	-	-	(6.9)	941.0	29.3	3.2%	911.7	9.4	-	-	9.8	892.5	or variance
Op. Expenses Op. & maintenance Admin. & general Prop. & other taxes Depreciation Total Op. Exp.	208.3 101.9 173.4 187.5 <b>671.1</b>	-	6.9 - - - 6.9	- (1.3) - - (1.3)	- - -	215.2 100.6 173.4 187.5 676.7	11.6 3.6 (6.1) <u>7.8</u> <b>16.9</b>	5.7% 3.7% -3.4% <u>4.3%</u> <b>2.6%</b>	203.6 97.0 179.5 179.7 659.8	- - -	- 2.9 - - <b>2.9</b>	0.6 - - - 0.6	-	203.0 94.1 179.5 179.7 <b>656.3</b>	from normal weather, however they should not be considered a
										-			-		substitute for
Op. Income Interest expense Other Inc. (Exp.), net	275.7 (93.7) 8.2	1.1 - -	- - 6.9	- (1.3)	(6.9) - -	264.3 (93.7) 13.8	<b>12.4</b> 2.6 5.5	4.9% 2.7% 66.3%	251.9 (96.3) 8.3	9.4 0.5 -	- 2.9	(0.6) - 0.6	9.8 - -	236.2 (96.8) 4.8	financial results and measures
Pretax Income	190.2	1.1	-	-	(6.9)	184.4	20.5	12.5%	163.9	9.9	-	-	9.8	144.2	determined or
Income tax Ben / (Exp)	(3.4)	(0.3)	-	-	1.7	(2.0)	(8.0)	-133.3%	6.0	(2.5)	-	-	(2.5)	11.0	calculated in
Net Income	\$186.8	0.8	-	-	(5.2)	\$182.4	\$12.5	7.4%	\$169.9	7.4	-	-	7.3	\$155.2	accordance
ETR Diluted Shares	1.8% 51.9	25.3%		-	25.3%	1.1% 51.9	1.2	2.4%	-3.7% 50.7	-	-	-	25.3%	-7.6% 50.7	with GAAP.
Diluted EPS	\$3.60	0.01	-	-	(0.10)	\$3.51	\$0.16	4.8%	\$3.35	0.15	-	-	0.14	\$3.06	

(1) As a result of the adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2017-07 in March 2018, pension and other employee benefit expense is now disaggregated on the GAAP income statement with portions now recorded in both OG&A expense and Other (Expense) Income lines. To facilitate better understanding of trends in year-over-year comparisons, the non-GAAP adjustment above re-aggregates the expense in OG&A - as it was historically presented prior to the ASU 2017-07 (with no impact to net income or earnings per share).

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



## 2022 Earnings Bridge

#### Guiding down to \$3.20 to \$3.40 primarily due to equity needed to support increased capital investment.



 An increased, yet more sustainable, level of operating expenses, along with dilution from equity financing of capital investment, is expected to be partially offset by organic growth and rate recovery\*.

- Dividend payout ratio is expected to exceed 60%-70% targeted range for 2022.
- We continue to target a <u>long-term</u> earnings per share growth rate of 3%-6% off a 2020 base year.

\* Rate recovery primarily a result of FERC formula rates and property tax trackers.

Note: See "Detailed 2022 Earnings Bridge" slide in the Appendix for additional information.

NorthWestern affirms 2022 earnings guidance range of \$3.20 to \$3.40 per diluted share based upon, but not limited to, the following major assumptions and expectations:

- Normal weather in our electric and natural gas service territories;
- · Continued delay, or elimination, of fixed cost recovery mechanism for Montana electric;
- A consolidated income tax rate of approximately 0% to 3% of pre-tax income; and
- Diluted shares outstanding of approximately 55.6 million to 56.2 million.

## Capital Investment Forecast and Funding



**\$2.4 billion** of low-risk capital investment forecasted over the next five years to address grid modernization and renewable energy integration. This sustainable level of capex is **expected to drive 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 under existing forward contracts. Financing plans are subject to change and balance our intention to protect our current credit ratings. (targeting a 14%-15% FFO to Debt ratio)



## De-risking the Montana Capacity Deficit



NorthWestern has made significant progress to de-risk the capacity deficit between now and 2025.

These near term capacity solutions allow time for clarity on Colstrip arbitration, further development in the western markets, and ongoing technological advances.

We expect to submit an updated integrated resource plan by the end of 2022 or early 2023\*, followed by <u>an all-source</u> <u>competitive solicitation request</u> for capacity available in 2026.

\* Due to the significant impact of our ownership in Colstrip Unit 4 to the capacity available in our portfolio, the outcome in the arbitration amongst the co-owners may affect the timing of the submission of this plan.



## Conclusion





## Appendix



	Low		High	
2021 Non-GAAP Diluted EPS	\$3.51		\$3.51	NorthWestern affirms its 2022 earnings
2022 Earnings Drivers (after-tax and per share)				guidance range of
Utility Margin	0.24	-	0.38	\$3.20 - \$3.40 per diluted share.
OG&A expense	(0.06)	-	(0.04)	
Property & other tax expense	(0.11)	-	(0.10)	
Depreciation expense	(0.15)	-	(0.13)	Cash Tax Outlook
Interest expense	(0.02)	-	-	We anticipate production tax and other credits to
Other income	0.03	-	0.06	largely offset federal cash tax obligations into 2023.
Incremental tax impact*	(0.01)	-	-	Effective Tax Rate Outlook
Subtotal of anticipated changes	(0.08)	-	0.17	Assuming no significant change in current tax
2022 EPS guidance prior to equity dilution	\$3.43		\$3.68	legislation, we anticipate our effective tax rate to gradually increase to approximately 15% by 2026.
Dilution from higher outstanding shares	(0.23)	-	(0.28)	
EPS guidance <u>after</u> potential equity dilution	\$3.20		\$3.40	

\* 2022 earnings drivers shown above are calculated using a 25.3% effective tax rate. The incremental tax impact line included above reflects anticipated changes in discrete tax items (such as tax repairs and meter deductions, production tax credits, and other permanent or flow-through items) from 2021 earnings to 2022 guidance.

#### Assumptions included in the 2022 Guidance includes, but not limited to, the following major assumptions:

- Normal weather in our electric and natural gas service territories;
- Continued delay, or elimination, of the electric fixed cost recovery mechanism in Montana;
- A consolidated income tax rate of approximately 0 to +3.0% of pre-tax income; and
- Diluted average shares outstanding of approximately 55.6 million to 56.2 million.



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## Appendix Rate Base & Authorized Return Summary

As of 12/31/2021	Implementation		thorized ate Base		stimated ate Base	Authorized Overall Rate	Authorized Return on	Authorized
Jurisdiction and Service	Date	(r	millions)	()	millions)	of Return	Equity	Equity Level
Montana electric delivery and production (1)	April 2019	\$	2,030.1	\$	2,596.5	6.92%	9.65%	49.38%
Montana - Colstrip Unit 4	April 2019	\$	304.0	\$	270.1	8.25%	10.00%	50.00%
Montana natural gas delivery and production (2)	September 2017	\$	430.2	\$	536.7	6.96%	9.55%	46.79%
Total Montana		\$	2,764.3	\$	3,403.3			
South Dakota electric (3)	December 2015	\$	557.3	\$	635.8	7.24%	n/a	n/a
South Dakota natural gas (3)	December 2011	\$	65.9	\$	80.8	7.80%	n/a	n/a
Total South Dakota		\$	623.2	\$	716.6			
Nebraska natural gas (3)	December 2007	\$	24.3	\$	39.5	8.49%	10.40%	n/a
Total NorthWestern Energy		\$	3,411.8	\$	4,159.4			

(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.

#### **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 10 -14% of earnings from its jointly owned coal generation rate base.



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		<u>Q1</u>	<u>Q2</u>	<u>Q3</u>	<u>Q4</u>	Full Year
'17/'18 Tracker	First ful	l 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	(\$1.5)
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						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
	-					Full Year
CU4 Disallowance	('18/'19 T	racker)			(\$9.4)	
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'19/'20 Tracker		(\$0.1)	\$0.2			\$0.1
Recovery of modeling of	costs	\$0.7			į	\$0.7
'20/'21 Tracker				(\$0.6)	(\$0.3)	(\$0.9)
2020 (Expense)	) Benefit	\$0.6	\$0.2	(\$0.6)	(\$0.3)	(\$0.1)
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						Full Year
'20/'21 Tracker	-	(\$0.8)	(\$0.6)			(\$1.4)
'21/'22 Tracker				(\$2.7)	(\$1.3)	(\$4.0)
2021 (Expense)	Benefit	(\$0.8)	(\$0.6)	(\$2.7)	(\$1.3)	(\$5.4)
	-					
Year-over-Year V	/ariance	(\$1.4)	(\$0.8)	(\$2.1)	<b>(\$1.0)</b>	(\$5.3)

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.

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## **Qualified Facility Earnings Adjustment**

		tual contract price escalation	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) <sub>Non-GAAP Adj</sub> .	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	(0.5) Non-GAAP Adj.	(\$0.5)

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.

#### Year-over-Year Better (Worse)

Jun-13	(\$47.9)	1.0	0.0	(\$46.9)
Jun-14	\$0.0	(1.0)	0.0	(\$1.0)
Jun-15	(\$6.1)	1.8	0.0	(\$4.3)
Jun-16	\$6.1	0.0	0.0	\$6.1
Jun-17	\$0.0	0.3	0.0	\$0.3
Jun-18	\$17.5	7.6	0.0	\$25.1
Jun-19	(\$14.2)	(6.6)	0.0	(\$20.8)
Jun-20	(\$1.1)	(2.2)	0.0	(\$3.3)
Jun-21	(\$4.3)	1.7	8.7	\$6.1
Sep-21	\$0.0	0.0	(1.3)	(\$1.3)
Dec-21	\$0.0	0.0	0.8	\$0.8





# Additional materials for twelve month results





## Income Tax Reconciliation (Full Year)

(in millions)	Twelve Months Ended December 31,						
	20	21	20	Variance			
Income Before Income Taxes	\$190.2		\$144.2		\$46.0		
Income tax calculated at federal statutory rate	40.0	21.0%	30.3	21.0%	9.7		
Permanent or flow through adjustments:							
State income, net of federal provisions	0.4	0.1%	(1.5)	(1.1%)	1.9		
Flow - through repairs deductions	(21.9)	(11.5%)	(23.8)	(16.5%)	1.9		
Production tax credits	(11.5)	(6.1%)	(13.1)	(9.1%)	1.6		
Plant and depreciation of flow-through items	(0.9)	(0.6%)	0.1	0.1%	(1.0)		
Amortization of excess deferred income tax (DIT)	(0.6)	(0.3%)	(1.0)	(0.7%)	0.4		
Prior year permanent return to accrual adjustments	-	(0%)	(1.7)	(1.2%)	1.7		
Other, net	(2.1)	(0.8%)	(0.3)	(0.1%)	(1.8)		
Sub-total	(36.6)	(19.2%)	(41.3)	(28.6%)	4.7		
Income Tax Expense / (Benefit)	\$ 3.4	1.8%	\$ (11.0)	(7.6%)	\$ 14.4		



## **Balance Sheet**

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(dollars in millions)	As of I	December 31, 2021	As of Decembe 2020			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2.8	\$	5.8		
Restricted cash		15.9		11.3		
Accounts receivable, net		198.7		168.2		
Inventories		80.6		61.0		
Other current assets		139.7		62.3		
Goodwill		357.6		357.6		
PP&E and other non-current assets		5,985.1		5,723.2		
Total Assets	\$	6,780.4	\$	6,389.4		
Payables		115.2		100.4		
Current Maturities - debt and leases		2.9		102.7		
Other current liabilities		261.5		263.4		
Long-term debt & capital leases		2,553.4		2,330.0		
Other non-current liabilities		1,507.7		1,513.9		
Shareholders' equity		2,339.7		2,079.1		
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	6,780.4	\$	6,389.4		
Capitalization:						
Short-Term Debt & Short-Term Finance Leases		2.9		102.7		
Long-Term Debt & Long-Term Finance Leases		2,553.4		2,330.0		
Less: Basin Creek Finance Lease		(14.8)		(17.4)		
Less: New Market Tax Credit Financing Debt		-		(27.0)		
Shareholders' Equity		2,339.7		2,079.1		
Total Capitalization	\$	4,881.2	\$	4,467.4		
Ratio of Debt to Total Capitalization		<b>52.1%</b>		53.5%		

Debt to Total Capitalization down from last year and remains within our targeted 50% - 55% range.





## Segment Results (Full Year)

(Unaudited) (in thousands)						
Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2021	Ele	ctric	Gas	 Other		Total
Operating revenues	\$ 1,0	52,182	\$ 320,134	\$ -	\$ 1	1,372,316
Fuel, purchased, supply & direct transmission*	2	94,820	 130,728	-	_	425,548
Utility margin	7	57,362	189,406	-		946,768
Operating and maintenance	1	56,383	51,920	-		208,303
Administrative and general		72,641	27,550	1,682		101,873
Property and other taxes	1	34,910	38,526	8		173,444
Depreciation & depletion	1	54,626	32,841	-		187,467
Operating Income (loss)	2	38,802	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)	\$ 1	57,288	\$ 32,892	\$ (3,340)	\$	186,840

Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2020	1	Electric	Gas	Other	Total
Operating revenues	\$	940,815	\$ 257,855	\$ -	\$ 1,198,670
Fuel, purchased Supply & direct transmission*		236,581	69,609	-	306,190
Utility margin		704,234	188,246	-	892,480
Operating and maintenance		149,220	53,771	-	202,991
Administrative and general		69,602	26,311	(1,789)	94,124
Property and other taxes		140,621	38,887	9	179,517
Depreciation & depletion		147,968	31,676	-	179,644
Operating income		196,823	37,601	1,780	236,204
Interest expense		(85,487)	(6,341)	(4,984)	(96,812)
Other income (expense)		4,867	2,704	(2,718)	4,853
Income tax benefit (expense)		11,282	(2,426)	2,114	10,970
Net income (loss)	\$	127,485	\$ 31,538	\$ (3,808)	\$ 155,215

\* 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.



## Electric Segment (Full Year)

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

	Reve	nue	s	Cha	nge		Megawati (MW		Average C Cou	
	2021		2020	\$	%		2021	2020	2021	2020
				(in thousa	nds)					
Montana	\$ 334,581	\$	320,792	\$ 13,789	4.3	%	2,729	2,635	311,922	307,390
South Dakota	65,429		66,603	(1,174)	(1.8)	%	571	583	50,805	50,646
Residential	400,010		387,395	12,615	3.3	%	3,300	3,218	362,727	358,036
Montana	356,669		338,269	18,400	5.4	%	3,176	3,036	71,605	70,145
South Dakota	102,475		101,095	1,380	1.4	%	1,092	1,073	12,795	12,802
Commercial	459,144		439,364	19,780	4.5	%	4,268	4,109	84,400	82,947
Industrial	37,866		36,819	1,047	2.8	%	2,448	2,615	77	78
Other	32,084		31,833	251	0.8	%	175	173	6,333	6,333
Total Retail Electric	\$ 929,104	\$	895,411	\$ 33,693	3.8	%	10,191	10,115	453,537	447,394
Regulatory amortization	34,395		(11,455)	45,850	(400.3)	%				
Transmission	82,628		51,539	31,089	60.3	%				
Wholesale and other	6,055		5,320	735	13.8	%				
Total Revenues	\$ 1,052,182	\$	940,815	\$ 111,367	11.8	%				
Total fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission expense*	294,820		236,581	58,239	24.6	%				
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 757,362	\$	704,234	\$ 53,128	7.5	%				

\* Direct transmission expense excludes depreciation and depletion





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## Natural Gas Segment (Full Year)

	Reve	enues		Cha	inge		Dekather	ms (Dkt)	Average ( Cou	
	2021	2020		\$	%		2021	2020	2021	2020
				(in thou	sands)					
Montana	\$ 126,043	\$ 103,457	\$ 2	22,586	21.8	%	13,885	13,893	179,637	177,335
South Dakota	26,596	21,547		5,049	23.4	%	2,834	2,993	41,079	40,612
Nebraska	20,964	16,861		4,103	24.3	%	2,480	2,561	37,603	37,576
Residential	173,603	141,865	;	31,738	22.4	%	19,199	19,447	258,319	255,523
Montana	64,681	51,349		13,332	26.0	%	7,446	7,166	24,927	24,497
South Dakota	19,131	14,316		4,815	33.6	%	2,744	3,003	6,896	6,895
Nebraska	11,371	8,066		3,305	41.0	%	1,755	1,784	4,963	4,974
Commercial	95,183	73,731		21,452	29.1	%	11,945	11,953	36,786	36,366
Industrial	1,134	840		294	35.0	%	135	122	229	231
Other	1,417	923		494	53.5	%	187	152	166	153
Total Retail Electric	\$ 271,337	\$ 217,359	\$	53,978	24.8	%	31,466	31,674	295,500	292,273
Regulatory amortization	12,048	5,043		7,005	138.9	%				
Wholesale and other	36,749	35,453		1,296	3.7	%				
Total Revenues	\$ 320,134	\$ 257,855	\$ (	62,279	24.2	%				
Total fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission expense*	130,728	69,609	(	61,119	87.8	%				
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 189,406	\$ 188,246	\$	1,160	0.6	%				

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

\* Direct transmission expense excludes depreciation and depletion

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# Additional materials for three month results





## Summary Financial Results (Three Months Ended December 31)

(in millions except per share amounts)	Thre	Three Months Ended December 31,						
	2021		2020		riance	% Variance		
Operating Revenues Fuel, purchased supply & direct transmission	\$ 347.3	\$	313.6	\$	33.7	10.7%		
expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion)	114.4		86.0		28.4	33.0%		
Utility Margin	232.9		227.6		5.3	2.3%		
Operating Expenses								
Operating and maintenance	49.0		55.6		(6.6)	(11.9%)		
Administrative and general	22.3		17.5		4.8	27.4%		
Property and other taxes	35.0		42.7		(7.7)	(18.0%)		
Depreciation and depletion	46.6		45.3		1.3	2.9%		
Total Operating Expenses	152.9		161.1		(8.2)	(5.1%)		
Operating Income	80.0		66.5		13.5	20.3%		
Interest expense	(23.4)		(24.5)		1.1	4.5%		
Other (loss) income, net	(5.7)		5.8		(11.5)	198.3%		
Income Before Taxes	 50.9		47.8		3.1	6.5%		
Income tax expense	0.4		5.8		(5.4)	<b>(</b> 93.1%)		
Net Income	\$ 51.3	\$	53.6	\$	(2.3)	(4.3%)		
Effective Tax Rate	(0.8%)		(12.1%)		11.3%			
Diluted Shares Outstanding	53.6		50.7		2.9	5.7%		
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$0.96	\$	1.06	\$	(0.10)	(9.4%)		
Dividends Paid per Common Share	\$ 0.62	\$	0.60	\$	0.02	3.3%		





## Utility Margin (Three Months Ended December 31)

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31,								
	2021	2020	Variar	1Ce <sup>(1)</sup>					
Electric	\$ 177.2	\$ 170.8	\$ 6.4	3.7%					
Natural Gas	55.7	56.8	(1.1)	(1.9)%					
Total Utility Margin	\$ 232.9	\$ 227.6	\$ 5.3	2.3%					

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

- \$ 9.4 Disallowance of prior period supply costs
  - 3.8 Electric transmission
  - (1.0) Electric retail volumes
  - (1.0) Montana electric supply cost recovery
  - (0.4) Electric QF liability adjustment
  - (0.4) Natural gas retail volumes
  - 0.8 Other
- **\$ 10.8** Change in Utility Margin Impacting Net Income
- \$ (5.5) Change in Utility Margin Offset Within Net Income
- <u>\$ 5.3</u> Increase in Utility Margin





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Heating Degree -	Qtr	4 Degree Da	iys	Q4 2021 as compared with			
Days		Historic			Historic		
	2021	2020	Average	2020	Average		
Montana	2,623	2,798	2,918	6% warmer	10% warmer		
South Dakota	1,570	1,881	2,048	17% warmer	23% warmer		
Nebraska	1,200	1,426	1,708	16% warmer	30% warmer		

We estimate unfavorable weather for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2021 has contributed approximately \$5.2M pretax detriment as compared to normal and \$0.5M pretax benefit as compared to the same period in 2020.



Degrees Fahrenheit from Average



## Operating Expenses (Three Months Ended December 31)

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31,							
	2021	2020	Varia	ance				
Operating & maintenance	\$ 49.0	\$ 55.6	\$ (6.6)	(11.9%)				
Administrative & general	22.3	17.5 <sup>\$(1</sup>	.8) 4.8	27.4%				
Property and other taxes	35.1	42.7	(7.6)	(17.8%)				
Depreciation and depletion	46.6	45.3	1.3	2.9%				
Operating Expenses	\$ 152.9	\$ 161.1	\$ (8.2)	(5.1%)				

#### Decrease in Operating, general & admin expense due to the following factors:

- \$ 2.6 Uncollectible accounts
  - 2.0 Litigation expense
  - 1.6 Generation maintenance
  - 1.5 Insurance expense
  - 0.9 Labor & benefits
  - 0.4 Write off of preliminary construction costs
  - <u>1.4</u> Other
- \$ 10.4 Change in OG&A Items Impacting Net Income
- \$ (12.2) Change in OG&A Items Offset Within Net Income
- \$ (1.8) Decrease in Operating, General & Administrative Expenses





## Operating to Net Income (Three Months Ended December 31)

(dollars in millions)	ars in millions) Three Months											
	2021	2020	Vari	ance								
Operating Income	\$ 80.0	\$ 66.6	\$ 13.5	20.3%								
Interest Expense	(23.4)	(24.5)	1.1	4.5%								
Other (Expense) Income, net	(5.7)	5.8	(11.5)	(198.3%)								
Income Before Taxes	50.9	47.8	3.1	6.5%								
Income Tax Benefit	0.4	5.8	(5.4)	(93.1%)								
Net Income	\$ 51.3	\$ 53.6	\$ (2.3)	(4.3%)								

**\$1.1 million increase in interest expenses** was primarily due to higher borrowings.

**\$11.5 million increase in other expense** was due to a \$12.1 million decrease in items offset in general and administrative expense, with no impact to net income. This decrease was partly offset by higher capitalization of AFUDC.

**\$5.4 million increase in income tax expense** was primarily due to higher pre-tax income in 2021 as well as lower flow-through repairs deductions and lower production tax credits.





## Income Tax Reconciliation (Three Months Ended December 31)

(in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31,													
	202	21	202	Variance										
Income Before Income Taxes	\$50.9		\$47.8		\$3.1									
Income tax calculated at federal statutory rate	10.7	21.0%	10.0	21.0%	0.7									
Permanent or flow through adjustments:														
State income, net of federal provisions	(0.3)	(0.5%)	(1.6)	(3.3%)	1.3									
Flow - through repairs deductions	(6.3)	(12.5%)	(8.9)	(18.7%)	2.6									
Production tax credits	(3.1)	(6.0%)	(5.5)	(11.6%)	2.4									
Plant and depreciation of flow-through items	(0.1)	(0.2%)	(0.2)	(0.4%)	0.1									
Amortization of excess deferred income taxes	-	-	(0.3)	(0.6%)	0.3									
Share-based compensation	0.3	0.6%	0.6	1.3%	(0.3)									
Prior year permanent return to accrual adjustments	(0.4)	(0.8%)	-	-	(0.4)									
Other, net	(1.3)	(2.7%)	0.1	0.1%	(1.4)									
Sub-total	(11.1)	(22.1%)	(15.8)	(33.2%)	4.7									
Income Tax Benefit	\$ (0.4)	(0.8%)	\$ (5.8)	(12.1%)	\$ 5.4									





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	GAAP					Non	Non-	GAAP	Non					GAAP
	OAAT I					GAAP	Vari	ance	GAAP					U GAAI
(in millions)	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2021</b>	Unfavorable Weather	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with [] ASU 2017-07)	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	QF Liability - adjustment associated with one-time clarification of contract	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2021</b>	<u>Vari</u>	· ···		Disallowance of prior period supply costs	Non-employee Deferred Compensation	Move Pension Expense to OG&A (disaggregated with [] ASU 2017-07)	Unfavorable Weather	Three Months Ended Dec. 31, <b>2020</b>
Revenues	\$347.3	5.2			0.5	\$353.0	\$24.3	7.4%	\$328.7	9.4			5.7	\$313.6
Fuel, supply & dir. tx	114.4					114.4	28.4	33.0%	86.0					86.0
Utility Margin <sup>(2)</sup>	232.9	5.2	-	-	0.5	238.6	(4.1)	-1.7%	242.7	9.4	-	-	5.7	227.6
Op. Expenses Op. & maintenance Admin. & general Prop. & other taxes Depreciation Total Op. Exp.	49.0 22.3 35.0 46.6 <b>152.9</b>		10.1	0.1		59.1 22.4 35.0 <u>46.6</u> <b>163.1</b>	5.6 4.7 (7.7) <u>1.3</u> 3.9	10.5% 26.6% -18.0% 2.9% <b>2.4%</b>	53.5 17.7 42.7 45.3 <b>159.2</b>		(2.1)	0.2		55.6 17.5 42.7 45.3 <b>161.1</b>
		-			-					-	• •		-	
Op. Income	80.0	5.2	(10.1)	(0.1)	0.5	75.5	(8.0)	-9.6%	83.5	9.4	2.1	(0.2)	5.7	66.5
Interest expense Other (Exp.) Inc., net	(23.4) (5.7)		10.1	0.1		(23.4) 4.5	0.6 0.6	2.5% 15.4%	(24.0) 3.9	0.5	(2.1)	0.2		(24.5) 5.8
Pretax Income	50.9	5.2	-	-	0.5	56.6	(6.8)	-10.7%	63.4	9.9	-	-	5.7	47.8
Income tax (Exp) / Ber	0.4	(1.3)	-	-	(0.1)	(1.0)	(2.9)	-152.6%	1.9	(2.5)	-	-	(1.4)	5.8
Net Income	\$51.3	3.9	-	-	0.4	\$55.6	(\$9.7)	-14.9%	\$65.3	7.4	-	-	4.3	\$53.6
ETR	-0.8%	25.3%	-	-	25.3%	1.8%			-2.9%	25.3%	-	-	25.3%	-12.1%
Diluted Shares	53.6					53.6	2.9	5.7%	50.7					50.7
Diluted EPS	\$0.96	0.07	-	-	0.01	\$1.04	(\$0.25)	-19.4%	\$1.29	0.15	-	-	0.08	\$1.06
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The adjusted non-GAAP measures presented in the table are being shown to reflect significant items that are non-recurring or variance from normal weather. however they should not be considered a substitute for financial results and measures determined or calculated in accordance with GAAP.

(1) As a result of the adoption of Accounting Standard Update 2017-07 in March 2018, pension and other employee benefit expense is now disaggregated on the GAAP income statement with portions now recorded in both OG&A expense and Other (Expense) Income lines. To facilitate better understanding of trends in year-over-year comparisons, the non-GAAP adjustment above re-aggregates the expense in OG&A - as it was historically presented prior to the ASU 2017-07 (with no impact to net income or earnings per share).

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



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	Reve	nue	s	Cha	nge		Megawat (MW		Average Customer Counts				
	2021		2020	\$	%		2021	2020	2021	2020			
				(in thousa	nds)								
Montana	\$ 83,138	\$	83,015	\$ 123	0.1	%	662	691	313,923	308,899			
South Dakota	14,398		14,176	222	1.6	%	118	120	50,925	50,697			
Residential	97,536		97,191	345	0.4	%	780	811	364,848	359,596			
Montana	90,025		85,755	4,270	5.0	%	778	767	72,109	70,733			
South Dakota	25,506		24,038	1,468	6.1	%	266	255	12,820	12,774			
Commercial	115,531		109,793	5,738	5.2	%	1,044	1,022	84,929	83,507			
Industrial	9,780		9,657	123	1.3	%	606	589	76	77			
Other	5,286		5,433	(147)	(2.7)	%	20	16	5,981	5,932			
Total Retail Electric	\$ 228,133	\$	222,074	\$ 6,059	2.7	%	2,450	2,438	455,834	449,112			
Regulatory amortization	4,482		(2,181)	6,663	(305.5)	%							
Transmission	18,866		13,130	5,736	43.7	%							
Wholesale and other	1,717		1,074	643	59.9	%							
Total Revenues	\$ 253,198	\$	234,097	\$ 19,101	8.2	%							
Total fuel, purchased supply &													
direct transmission expense*	 76,018		63,287	12,731	20.1	-							
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 177,180	\$	170,810	\$ 6,370	3.7	%							

#### Three Months Ended December 31,

\* Direct transmission expense excludes depreciation and depletion





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#### Three Months Ended December 31,

	Re	venues		Cha	ange		Dekather	ms (Dkt)	Average Customer Counts				
	2021	2021 2020		\$	%		2021	2020	2021	2020			
				(in thou	sands)								
Montana	\$ 43,619	) \$ 37,783	\$	5,836	15.4	%	4,766	4,956	180,525	178,231			
South Dakota	7,942	4,850	1	3,092	63.8	%	586	683	41,390	40,922			
Nebraska	6,365	5 3,953		2,412	61.0	%	493	577	37,732	37,676			
Residential	57,926	6 46,586		11,340	24.3	%	5,845	6,216	259,647	256,829			
Montana	21,791	18,361		3,430	18.7	%	2,469	2,492	25,080	24,619			
South Dakota	6,569	) 3,103	1	3,466	111.7	%	684	643	6,966	6,913			
Nebraska	3,631	1,782		1,849	103.8	%	358	390	4,994	4,977			
Commercial	31,991	23,246		8,745	37.6	%	3,511	3,525	37,040	36,509			
Industrial	408	3 337		71	21.1	%	47	47	228	231			
Other	410	) 311		99	31.8	%	51	48	174	157			
Total Retail Electric	\$ 90,738	5 \$ 70,480	\$	20,255	28.7	%	9,454	9,836	297,089	293,726			
Regulatory amortization	(5,903	3) 77	,	(5,980)	(7,766.2)	) %							
Wholesale and other	9,311	8,791		520	5.9	%							
Total Revenues	\$ 94,143	\$ 79,348	\$	14,795	18.6	%							
Total fuel, purchased supply &						%							
direct transmission expense*	38,393		_	15,842	70.2	_							
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 55,750	\$ 56,797	\$	(1,047)	(1.8)	%							

\* Direct transmission expense excludes depreciation and depletion





## **Explaining Utility Margin**

	 Year Ended I	Decen	nber 31,			
(in millions)	2021	2020				
Reconciliation of gross margin to utility margin:						
Operating Revenues	\$ 1,372.3	\$	1,198.7			
Less: Fuel, purchased supply and direct transmission expense (exclusive of depreciation and depletion shown separately below)	425.5		306.2			
Less: Operating and maintenance	208.3		203.0			
Less: Property and other taxes	173.4		179.5			
Less: Depreciation and depletion	 187.4		179.7			
Gross Margin	377.7		330.3			
Plus: Operating and maintenance	208.3		203.0			
Plus: Property and other taxes	173.4		179.5			
Plus: Depreciation and depletion	187.5		179.7			
Utility Margin <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 946.8	\$	892.5			

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>		2014	<u>2015</u>		2016		2017		<u>2018</u>		9	2020		2021
Reported GAAP Pre-Tax Income	\$ 108.3	\$	110.4	\$	181.2	\$ 156.5	\$	176.1	\$	178.3	\$	182.2	\$ 144.2	\$	190.2
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
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		-	-		-
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

Tax Adjustments to Non-GAAP Items (\$ Millions)	2013	2	014	20	015	2016	<u>2017</u>	2018	<u>2019</u>	2020	<u>2021</u>
GAAP Net Income	\$ 94.0	\$	120.7	\$	151.2	\$ 164.2	\$ 162.7	\$ 197.0	\$ 202.1	\$ 155.2	\$ 186.8
Non-GAAP Adjustments Taxed at 38.5% ('13-'17) and 25.3% ('18-currr	ent):										
Weather	(2.3)		(0.8)		8.1	9.3	(2.1)	(1.0)	(5.5)	7.3	0.8
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)	-	-	-
Electric tracker disallowance of prior period costs	-		-		-	7.5	-	-	-	7.4	(5.2)
Income tax adjustment	-		(18.5)		-	(12.5)	-	(12.8)	(22.8)	-	-
Unplanned Equity Dilution from Hydro transaction							 	 	 	 	
Non-GAAP Net Income	\$ 94.9	\$	105.5	\$	150.3	\$ 159.8	\$ 160.6	\$ 170.1	\$ 173.8	\$ 169.9	\$ 182.4
Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings Per Share	<u>2013</u>	2	014	20	015	2016	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	2020	2021
Diluted Average Shares (Millions)	38.2		40.4		47.6	48.5	48.7	50.2	50.8	50.7	51.9
Reported GAAP Diluted earnings per share	\$ 2.46	\$	2.99	\$	3.17	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.06	\$ 3.60
Non-GAAP Adjustments:											
Weather	(0.05)		(0.02)		0.17	0.19	(0.04)	(0.02)	(0.11)	0.14	0.01
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)	-	-	-
Electric tracker disallowance of prior period costs	-		-		-	0.16	-	-	-	0.15	(0.10)
Income tax adjustment	-		(0.47)		-	(0.26)	-	(0.25)	(0.45)	-	-
Unplanned Equity Dilution from Hydro transaction			0.00								
Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 2.50		0.08 2.68		3.15	 3.30	 3.30	 3.39	 3.42	 3.35	 3.51



## **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.

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.

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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